

Dated: February 17, 2012.

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National Sea Grant Advisory Board (NSGAB) Spring Meeting

March 5–6, 2012

Agenda

The Melrose Hotel, Potomac II, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20037.

Monday, March 5

8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.—Open to Public

- 8:00 Introductions, review agenda, approval of minutes, etc. (Nancy Rabalais, Chair, NSGAB)
- 8:15 Chair's update (N. Rabalais, NSGAB)
- 8:30 NSGO report (Leon Cammen, National Sea Grant Office—NSGO)
- 9:15 SGA report (Jonathan Pennock, President, Sea Grant Association)
- 9:45 Break—15 minutes
- 10:00 Sea Grant Reauthorization Planning (Rollie Schmitten, NSGAB)
- 10:45 Sea Grant Charter Renewal (N. Rabalais, NSGAB)
- 11:15 Discussion of morning topics and review of Board Assignments
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Biennial Report Discussion (Dick West, NSGAB)
- 2:30 Break—15 minutes
- 2:45 SAB Meeting notes (D. West, NSGAB)
- 3:00 Focus Team liaison reports —Hazard Resilience in Coastal Communities (Mike Liffman, NSGO)
—Healthy Coastal Ecosystems (Dorn Carlson, NSGO)
—Safe and Sustainable Seafood Supply (Amy Scaroni, NSGO)
—Sustainable Coastal Development (Joshua Brown, NSGAB)
- 3:30 Sea Grant Week update (Harry Simmons, NSGAB)
- 4:00 Discussion of afternoon topics
- 4:30 Public Comment Period (15 minutes)
- 4:45 Wrap-up (N. Rabalais, NSGAB)
- 5:00 Adjourn

6:00 *Sea Grant Knauss Fellowship Reception Rayburn House Office Building Rooms B338/B339*

Tuesday, March 6

- 8:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.—Open to Public
- 8:30 Call to Order, review agenda and previous day's discussions (N. Rabalais, NSGAB)
- 8:45 NOAA, Department of Commerce and Department of the Interior (N.

- Rabalais, NSGAB and L. Cammen, NSGO)
- 9:30 NOAA Research Portfolio (N. Rabalais, NSGAB)
- 10:00 Break—15 minutes
- 10:15 Performance Review Panel (PRP) (Sami Grimes, NSGO)
- 10:45 Strategic Plan update (D. Vortmann, NSGAB, Kola Garber, NSGO)
- 11:00 Dr. Robert Detrick, Assistant Administrator for NOAA Research and Craig McLean, Deputy Assistant Administrator for NOAA Research (Joint Session with SGA in Potomac III)
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Stuart Levenbach, Office of Management and Budget, NOAA Program Examiner (Joint Session with SGA in Potomac III)
- 2:00 Virginia Tippie, Coastal America (Joint Session with SGA in Potomac III)
- 2:30 Sea Grant and the Draft Implementation Action Plan of the National Ocean Policy follow-up (N. Rabalais, NSGAB)
- 2:45 Discussion of meeting topics and next steps
- 3:00 Adjourn

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648—XB009

Western Pacific Pelagic Fisheries; American Samoa Longline Limited Entry Program

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; availability of permits.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces the availability of at least six permits for the American Samoa pelagic longline fishery.

DATES: NMFS must receive completed permit applications by June 22, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Request a blank application form from NMFS Pacific Islands Region (PIR), 1601 Kapiolani Blvd. Suite 1110, Honolulu, HI 96814–4733, or the PIR Web site www.fpir.noaa.gov. Mail your completed application and payment to NMFS PIR, ATTN: ASLE Permits, 1601 Kapiolani Blvd. Suite 1110, Honolulu, HI 96814–4733.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Walter Ikehara, Sustainable Fisheries,

NMFS PIR, tel 808–944–2275, fax 808–973–2940, or email PIRO-permits@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NMFS may issue new permits for the American Samoa pelagic longline limited entry program if the number of permits in a vessel size class falls below the maximum allowed. Six permits are available, as follows:

- Four in Class A (vessels less than or equal to 40 ft in overall length); and
- Two in Class D (over 70 ft in overall length).

The number of available permits may increase before the application period closes.

NMFS will assign the highest priority to the applicant (for any vessel size class) with the earliest documented participation in the fishery on a Class A vessel. Applicants with earliest documented participation in Classes B, C, and D, in that order, will get lower priority. If there is a tie in priority, the person with the documented earliest following participation will receive higher priority.

NMFS (see **ADDRESSES**) will not accept applications received after June 22, 2012. You must provide a completed and signed application form, legible copies of documents supporting historical participation in the American Samoa pelagic longline fishery, and payment (non-refundable) for the application-processing fee.

You may find the regulations governing the American Samoa pelagic longline limited entry program at Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 665.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: February 17, 2012.

Carrie Selberg,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648—XB027

Endangered Species; File No. 16253

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the NMFS Southeast Fisheries Science Center (SEFSC; Responsible Party:

Bonnie Ponwith, Ph.D.), has been issued a permit to take green (*Chelonia mydas*), Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*), hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*), olive ridley (*L. olivacea*), and loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*) sea turtles for scientific research.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 427-8401; fax (301) 713-0376;

Northeast Region, NMFS, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930; phone (978) 281-9328; fax (978) 281-9394; and Southeast Region, NMFS, 263 13th Ave South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701; phone (727) 824-5312; fax (727) 824-5309.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy Hapeman or Kristy Beard, (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 27, 2011, notice was published in the *Federal Register* (76 FR 37327) that a request for a scientific research permit to take loggerhead, green, Kemp's ridley, olive ridley, leatherback, and hawksbill sea turtles had been submitted by the above-named organization. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226).

The SEFSC is authorized to conduct research on leatherback, loggerhead, green, hawksbill, olive ridley, and Kemp's ridley sea turtles in the Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of Mexico, Caribbean Sea and their estuarine and coastal environments. The purpose of the research is to evaluate modifications to commercial fishing gear to mitigate sea turtle interactions and capture. The permit authorizes animals to be captured during trawl surveys and to handle and sample turtles captured within fisheries managed by another Federal authority. All animals would be handled, measured, weighed, photographed, flipper tagged, passive integrated transponder tagged, and skin biopsied prior to release. A limited number of mortalities may occur due to trawling. The permit is valid for five years.

Issuance of this permit, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permit (1) was applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the

disadvantage of such endangered or threatened species, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: February 17, 2012.

P. Michael Payne,

Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

United States Patent and Trademark Office

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 35).

Agency: United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

Title: National Medal of Technology and Innovation Nomination Application.

Form Number(s): None.

Agency Approval Number: 0651-0060.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 1,600 hours annually.

Number of Respondents: 40 responses per year.

Avg. Hours per Response: The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately 40 hours to download the information from the USPTO Web site, prepare the nomination form, complete the contact information for the letters of recommendation or support, and submit the information to the USPTO via electronic mail or, alternatively, by fax or overnight delivery.

Needs and Uses: The public uses the National Medal of Technology and Innovation Nomination Application to recognize through nomination an individual's or company's extraordinary leadership and innovation in technological achievement. The application must be accompanied by six letters of recommendation or support from individuals who have first-hand knowledge of the cited achievement(s).

The USPTO uses the information to assist in the administration of the nomination process.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, businesses or other for-profits.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Nicholas A. Fraser, email:

Nicholas_A_Fraser@omb.eop.gov.

Once submitted, the request will be publicly available in electronic format through the Information Collection Review page at www.reginfo.gov.

Paper copies can be obtained by:

• *Email:*

InformationCollection@uspto.gov.

Include "0651-0060 copy request" in the subject line of the message.

• *Mail:* Susan K. Fawcett, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before March 26, 2012 to Nicholas A. Fraser, OMB Desk Officer, via email to *Nicholas_A_Fraser@omb.eop.gov*, or by fax to 202-395-5167, marked to the attention of Nicholas A. Fraser.

Dated: February 16, 2012.

Susan K. Fawcett,

Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION

Establishment of the Consumer Advisory Board and Solicitation of Nominations for Membership

AGENCY: Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection (the "Bureau") announces the establishment of the Consumer Advisory Board (the "Board"), which will advise and consult with the Bureau in the exercise of the Bureau's functions under the Federal consumer financial protection laws, and which will provide information to the Bureau concerning emerging trends and practices in the financial services and products industry. This Notice seeks nominations for members to serve on the Board.

DATES: Nominations received on or before March 30, 2012 will be given consideration for membership on the Board.

ADDRESSES: All nominations for membership on the Board should be sent: