DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Endangered Species; File No. 13330

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permit modification.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS Southeast Fisheries Center (SEFSC) (hereinafter “Permit Holder”); 75 Virginia Beach Drive, Miami, FL 33149 [Responsible Party: Bonnie Ponwith, Ph.D.], has been issued a modification to scientific research Permit No. 13330–01.

ADDRESSES: The modification 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; and
- Southeast Region, NMFS, 263 13th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701; phone (727) 824–5312; fax (727) 824–5309.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Colette Cairns or Malcolm Mohed, (301) 427–8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 2, 2012, notice was published in the Federal Register (77 FR 19648) that a modification of Permit No. 13330–01, issued March 17, 2011, (76 FR 14650), had been requested by the above-named organization. The requested modification has been granted 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 222–226).

Permission to: Capture 45 smalltooth sawfish (15 from each of three life stages) annually by longline, gillnet, seine net, drum (set) lines, or rod and reel throughout Florida’s coastal waters, primarily from Naples to Key West. Sawfish are measured, tagged, sampled, and released. Current tagging methods include fin tags, dart tags, umbrella dart tags, Passive Integrated Transponder tags, acoustic transmitters, and Pop-Up Archival Transmitting tags. Tissue and blood samples are also taken. The permit holder is now authorized for an increase in take numbers to 50 individuals from the neonate life stage, and 20 each from the juvenile and adult life stages for a total of 90 smalltooth sawfish annually. All research objectives, capture methods, action areas, and activities remain unchanged. The modification is valid until the permit expires on October 31, 2013.

Issuance of this modification, 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: September 12, 2012.

Tammy C. Adams,
Acting Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Technical Information Service

National Technical Information Service Advisory Board

AGENCY: National Technical Information Service, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the next meeting of the National Technical Information Service Advisory Board (the Advisory Board), which advises the Secretary of Commerce and the Director of the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) on policies and operations of the Service.

DATES: The Advisory Board will meet on Friday, October 26, 2012 from 9 a.m. to approximately 4:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The Advisory Board will be held in Room 115 of the NTIS Facility at 5301 Shawnee Road, Alexandria, Virginia 22312. Please note admittance instructions under the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Bruce Borzino, (703) 605–6405, bborzino@ntis.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NTIS Advisory Board is established by Section 3704(b)(c) of Title 15 of the United States Code. The charter has been filed in accordance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.).

The meeting session will focus on a review of NTIS performance in Fiscal Year 2012 and strategic direction in Fiscal Year 2012–2013. The afternoon session is expected to focus on project plans in Fiscal Year 2013. A final agenda and summary of the proceedings will be posted at NTIS Web site as soon as they are available (http://www.ntis.gov/about/advisorybd.aspx).

The NTIS Facility is a secure one. Accordingly persons wishing to attend should call the NTIS Visitors Center, (703) 605–6404, to arrange for admission. If there are sufficient expressions of interest, up to one-half hour will be reserved for public comments during the afternoon session. Questions from the public will not be considered by the Board but any person who wishes to submit a written question for the Board’s consideration should mail or email it to the NTIS Visitor Center, bookstore@ntis.gov, not later than October 10, 2012.

Dated: September 12, 2012.

Bruce Borzino,
Director.