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An original and five (5) copies, plus two (2) copies of the nonconfidential version, should be submitted no later than 20 days after the date of this notice to: Export Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 7025, Washington, DC 20230.

Information submitted by any person is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552). However, nonconfidential versions of the comments will be made available to the applicant if necessary for determining whether or not to issue the Certificate. Comments should refer to this application as "Export Trade Certificate of Review, application number 84-23A12."

The Northwest Fruit Exporters' ("NWF") original Certificate was issued on June 11, 1984 (49 FR 24581, June 14, 1984), and last amended on August 12, 2011 (76 FR 55010). A summary of the current application for an amendment follows.

#### Summary of the Application

*Applicant:* Northwest Fruit Exporters, 105 South 18th Street, Suite 227, Yakima, WA 98901. Contact: James R. Archer, Manager, (509) 576-8004.

*Application No.:* 84-23A12.

*Date Deemed Submitted:* October 3, 2012.

*Proposed Amendment:* NWF seeks to amend its Certificate to:

1. Add the following companies as new Members of the Certificate within the meaning of section 325.2(l) of the Regulations (15 CFR 325.2(l)): Crown Packing, LLC (Wenatchee, WA); HoneyBear Growers, Inc. (Brewster, WA); and Jenks Bros Cold Storage & Packing (Royal City, WA); and

2. Remove the following companies as Members of NWF's Certificate: J & D Packing, LLC (Outlook, WA); Oregon Cherry Growers (Salem, OR); and Prentice Packing & Storage (Yakima, WA); and

3. Change the name of the following member: Conrad & Adams Fruit LLC of Grandview, WA is now Conrad & Adams Fruit L.L.C.

Dated: October 5, 2012.

#### Praveen Dixit,

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Industry Analysis.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XC058

#### Endangered Species; File No. 16803

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

**ACTION:** Issuance of permit.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science Center (SWFSC), 8901 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla, CA 92037, [Responsible Party: Lisa Ballance, Ph.D.] has been issued a permit to take green (*Chelonia mydas*), loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*), and olive ridley (*Lepidochelys olivacea*) sea turtles for purposes of 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; and

Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213; phone (562) 980-4001; fax (562) 980-4018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Amy Hapeman or Colette Cairns, (301) 427-8401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On June 11, 2012, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (77 FR 34349) that a request for a scientific research permit to take loggerhead, green, and olive ridley 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 SWFSC has been issued a 5-year permit to take sea turtles in San Diego Bay, California. The purpose of the work is to determine their abundance, size ranges, growth, sex ratio, health status, diving behavior, local movements, habitat use, and migration routes. Up to 50 green, five olive ridley, and five loggerhead sea turtles may be captured annually by entanglement or seine netting and have the following procedures performed before release: Photography/video; carapace marking; flipper tagging and passive integrated

transponder tagging; ultrasound; morphometrics; tetracycline injection; fecal, scute, blood and tissue sampling; cloacal and oral swabbing; lavage; and attachment of up to two transmitters. Animals with transmitters may be tracked by vessel after release.

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: October 5, 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:* Patents External Quality Survey (formerly Customer Panel Quality Survey).

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Agency Approval Number:* 0651-0057.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Burden:* 527 hours annually.

*Number of Respondents:* 3,100 responses per year, with an estimated 75 surveys submitted by small entities. Out of a sample size of 3,100 for each wave of data collection, the USPTO estimates that 1,550 completed surveys will be received, for a response rate of 50%. This estimate was based on the response rates of the previous survey waves that the USPTO has conducted. Each year of the survey will include two waves of data collection with an estimated 3,100 completed surveys received annually (1,550 completed surveys × 2 waves of the survey). Of this total, the USPTO estimates that 15% (465) of the surveys will be returned by mail and that 85% (2,635) of the surveys will be completed using the online option.