

and import, receive or export parts. The permit has been amended (No. 04) to increase the number of humpback whales that may be taken by Level B harassment during surveys from 1,000 to 2,000 animals annually. The permit expires December 31, 2018.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) (NEPA), a final determination has been made that the activity proposed for Permit No. 14809-02 is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) or environmental impact statement.

A supplemental EA analyzing the effects of the permitted activities on the human environment was prepared for Permit No. 14856-04 in compliance with NEPA. Based on the analyses in the EA, NMFS determined that issuance of the permit would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment and that preparation of an environmental impact statement was not required. That determination is documented in a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), signed on October 27, 2015.

As required by the ESA, issuance of the permits was based on a finding that each permit: (1) Was applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of such endangered species; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: January 6, 2016.

Julia Harrison,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XE384

Endangered Species; File No. 19496

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Mariana Fuentes, Florida State University, 532 Hart Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301, has applied in due form for a permit to take loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*), Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*), green (*Chelonia mydas*), and hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) sea

turtles for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before February 12, 2016.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review by selecting "Records Open for Public Comment" from the "Features" box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species (APPS) home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 19496 from the list of available applications.

These documents are also available upon written request or by appointment in the 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.

Written comments on this application should be submitted to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, at the address listed above. Comments may also be submitted by facsimile to (301) 713-0376, or by email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Please include the File No. in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division at the address listed above. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested 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 applicant requests a five-year permit to conduct year-round field activities in the Florida Big Bend Region to take, by capture or disturbance during vessel surveys, sea turtles to identify important foraging and developmental habitats. Vessel transect surveys would occur separately from capture efforts. Up to 1,225 sea turtles would be disturbed annually during vessel surveys for counts and observation to identify relative presence, abundance, and habitat use of turtles. Up to 480 sea turtles annually captured by hand, dip net or strike net would have the following procedures performed before release: Measure; weigh; blood, scute, and biopsy sampling; temporary carapace marking; satellite tagging; flipper passive integrated transponder

tagging and/or photography/videography.

Dated: January 7, 2016.

Julia Harrison,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Notice of Intent To Grant an Exclusive Patent License

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of part 404 of title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, which implements Public Law 96-517, as amended; the Department of the Air Force announces its intention to grant The Regents of the University of Michigan, a land-grant educational institution of the State of Michigan, having a place of business at 503 S. State St., Ann Arbor, MI 48109.

DATES: The Air Force intends to grant a license for the patent and pending applications unless a written objection is received within fifteen (15) calendar days from the date of publication of this Notice.

ADDRESSES: Written objection should be sent to: Air Force Materiel Command Law Office, AFMCLO/JAZ, 2240 B Street, Rm. 101, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH 45433-7109; Facsimile: (937) 255-3733.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Air Force Materiel Command Law Office, AFMCLO/JAZ, 2240 B Street, Rm. 101, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH 45433-7109; Facsimile: (937) 255-3733.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: An exclusive license in any right, title, and interest of the Air Force in: International Application No. PCT/US2014/059727, entitled, "APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENT SEPARATIONS INCLUDING REFINING OF FUEL PRODUCTS," by Reams et al., and filed on October 8, 2014.

Henry Williams,

Acting Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer, Civ, DAF.

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