

Atlantic, from Florida to Delaware Bay. When located, right whales, humpback whales and Atlantic bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*) will be approached for photo-identification and thermal imaging. Various other species of cetaceans may be incidentally harassed as a result of the surveys. The permit has been issued for a five-year period.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an environmental assessment was prepared analyzing the effects of the permitted activities. After a Finding of No Significant Impact, the determination was made that it was not necessary to prepare an environmental impact statement.

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 species; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: May 5, 2006.

Stephen L. Leathery,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 042406D]

Endangered Species; File Nos. 1574 and 1575

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

ACTION: Receipt of applications.

SUMMARY: NMFS has received applications from the following entities for permits for scientific research on shortnose sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*):

Dr. Frank A. Chapman, Department of Fisheries & Aquatic Sciences, University of Florida, 7922 NW 71st Street, Gainesville, Florida 32653 (File No. 1574); and

Earth Tech Northeast, Inc. (Joseph Falbo, Principal Investigator), One World Financial Center, 200 Liberty Street, 25th Floor, New York, New York 10281 (File No. 1575).

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or e-mail comments must be received on or before June 9, 2006.

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

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)427-2521;

Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298; phone (978)281-9328; fax (978)281-9394; and

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

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application should be mailed to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular request would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301)427-2521, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period.

Comments may also be submitted by e-mail. The mailbox address for providing email comments is NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following document identifier: File No. 1574 or File No. 1575.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kelsey Abbott or Shane Guan, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permits are 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 222-226).

File No. 1574: Dr. Frank A. Chapman requests a 5-year permit to authorize the continued maintenance and scientific research of domestic stocks of shortnose sturgeon presently held at the University of Florida. The research would use captive shortnose sturgeon to meet the following objectives: (1) identify physical, chemical, and biological parameters required to maintain optimal survival and growth of larvae and juvenile shortnose sturgeon; (2) describe embryonic development and metamorphosis; (3) monitor gonadal development of domestically raised

shortnose sturgeon; (4) develop chemical assays to identify the sex and monitor the sexual development of shortnose sturgeon; and (5) understand the physiology of the sperm and egg to develop short and long-term storage of sperm as well as optimum fertilization techniques. This project would not require any takes from the wild or any release of domestic sturgeon into the wild.

File No. 1575: Earth Tech Northeast, Inc. requests a 5-year permit to document the usage of the existing Tappan Zee Bridge piers by shortnose sturgeon. The objectives of this research would be to document: (1) the use of the existing Tappan Zee Bridge structure as significant habitat by fisheries resources; and (2) the relative abundance and spatial and temporal patterns of shortnose sturgeon, if these fish are present. The applicants propose to use anchored gill nets and traps to capture a maximum of 120 juvenile and adult shortnose sturgeon for visual examination, measurement, and release. The proposed research would occur at six stations alongside and under the existing Tappan Zee Bridge and at three reference locations within 700 feet north of the existing bridge.

Dated: May 4, 2006.

Stephen L. Leathery,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0149]

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Submission for OMB Review; Subcontract Consent

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments regarding an extension to an existing OMB clearance (9000-0149).

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a

request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning subcontract consent. A request for public comments was published in the **Federal Register** at 71 FR 7547, on February 13, 2006. No comments were received.

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the FAR, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Submit comments on or before June 9, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments including suggestions for reducing this burden to: FAR Desk Officer, OMB, Room 10102, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, and a copy to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (VIR), Room 4035, 1800 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rhonda Cundiff, Acquisition Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-0044.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

The objective to consent to subcontract, as discussed in FAR Part 44, is to evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness with which the contractor spends Government funds, and complies with Government policy when subcontracting. The consent package provides the administrative contracting officer a basis for granting, or withholding consent to subcontract.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Number of Respondents: 4,252.

Responses Per Respondent: 3.61.

Total Responses: 15,349.

Average Burden Hours Per Response: .87.

Total Burden Hours: 13,353.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals: Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (VIR), Room 4035, 1800 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control Number 9000-0149, Subcontract Consent, in all correspondence.

Dated: May 4, 2006.

Ralph De Stefano,

Director, Contract Policy Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Information on Surplus Land at a Military Installation Designated for Disposal: Naval Support Activity "East Bank", New Orleans, LA

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice provides information on the surplus property at Naval Support Activity "East Bank", New Orleans, Louisiana.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Kimberly Kesler, Director, Base Realignment and Closure Program Management Office, 1455 Frazee Road, San Diego, CA 92108-4310, telephone 619-532-0993; or Mr. James E. Anderson, Director, Base Realignment and Closure Management Office, 2144 Eagle Drive, North Charleston, SC 29406, telephone 843-820-5809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In 2005, Naval Support Activity "East Bank", New Orleans was designated for closure under the authority of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, Public Law 101-510, as amended (the Act). Pursuant to this designation, on January 23, 2006, land and facilities at this installation were declared excess to the Department of Navy (Navy) and available to other Department of Defense components and other federal agencies. The Navy has evaluated all timely Federal requests and has made a decision on property required by the Federal Government.

Notice of Surplus Property. Pursuant to paragraph (7)(B) of Section 2905(b) of the Act, as amended by the Base Closure Community Redevelopment and Homeless Assistance Act of 1994, the following information regarding the redevelopment authority for surplus property at Naval Support Activity "East Bank", New Orleans, Louisiana is published in the **Federal Register**.

Surplus Property Description. The following is a list of the land and facilities at Naval Support Activity "East Bank", New Orleans that are surplus to the needs of the Federal Government.

a. *Land.* Naval Support Activity "East Bank", New Orleans consists of approximately 25 acres of improved fee simple land located within Orleans

parish and the City of New Orleans. In general, this area will be available when the installation closes in March 2011.

b. *Buildings.* The following is a summary of the buildings and other improvements located on the above-described land that will also be available when the installation closes. Property numbers are available on request.

(1) *Administrative/Communication facilities (7 structures).* Comments: Approximately 1,512,629 square feet.

(2) *Miscellaneous facilities (2 structures).* Comments: Includes Gas Station and Switching Building.

(3) *Paved areas (roads and surface areas).* Comments: Approximately 1,640 square yards consisting of roads, sidewalks, parking lots, etc.

(4) *Recreational facilities.* Comments: Indoor and outdoor playing courts.

(5) *Utility facilities.* Comments: Measuring systems vary; gas and water distribution.

Disposal Procedures. At such time as a Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA) is recognized in accordance with Section 2905(b)(7)(B) of the Act, the Department of Defense will publish in the Federal Register and in a newspaper of general circulation in the communities in the vicinity of the installation information on the LRA. The LRA will commence a community outreach effort with respect to the surplus property and will publish in a newspaper of general circulation in the communities within the vicinity of Naval Support Activity, New Orleans, a notice of the time period during which the LRA will receive notices of interest from State and local governments, representatives of the homeless, and other interested parties. That publication will include the name, address, telephone number, and the point of contact for the LRA who can provide information on the prescribed form and contents of the notices of interest.

Dated: May 3, 2006.

Eric McDonald,

Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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