

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before March 28, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at DHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Bob Dickinson, F/SF4, Room 13304, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3282 (phone 301-713-2276, ext. 154).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

U.S. vessels that fish on the high seas (waters beyond the U.S. exclusive economic zone) are required to possess a permit issued under the High Seas Fishing Compliance Act. Applicants must submit information to identify their vessels and intended fishing areas. The application information is used to process applications and to maintain a register of vessels authorized to fish on the high seas.

II. Method of Collection

Paper forms must be mailed to NOAA.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0304.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 200.

Estimated Time Per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 100.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$10,000.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: January 14, 2005.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 011805E]

New England Fishery Management Council; Habitat Oversight Committee; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council's Habitat Oversight Committee will meet in February 2005. Recommendations from the Committee will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate. Agenda topics can be found in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 16, 2005, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor, 180 Water Street, Plymouth, MA 02360; phone: (508) 747-4900.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; phone: (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Habitat Oversight Committee (Committee) will continue work on elements of the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Omnibus Amendment 2 including, but not limited to: progress on improved gear descriptions; a strategy for the prioritization of habitat protection; the Habitat Evaluation Working Group; Habitat Areas of Particular Concern (HAPC) candidate proposals (received to date); and the evaluation of non-fishing impacts on EFH. The Committee will be updated on

the planning for Marine Protected Area (MPA) education and outreach workshop(s) to assist the Council develop its MPA policy. Final preparation of a public comment letter on the Cape Wind Draft Environmental Impact Statement is also on the agenda. Other topics will be discussed at the Committee's discretion.

The Committee will meet jointly with the Habitat Plan Development Team and the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Habitat Advisory Panel in the afternoon to continue work on a strategy for the prioritization of habitat protection.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard (see **ADDRESSES**) at least five days prior to the meeting dates.

Dated: January 19, 2005.

Emily Menashes,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 011405B]

Endangered Species; File No. 1475

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

ACTION: Receipt of permit application addendum.

SUMMARY: The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FFWCC), Florida Marine Research Institute (Richard E. Matheson, Principal Investigator), 1481 Market Circle, Unit 1, Port Charlotte, FL 33953, has submitted a request to modify their permit application (File No. 1475). The original application requested

authorization to conduct scientific research on smalltooth sawfish (*Pristis pectinata*).

DATES: Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before February 25, 2005.

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

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; and Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432; phone (727)570-5301; fax (727)570-5320.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this modification 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 the 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. 1475.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Jefferies or Patrick Opay, (301)713-2289.

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 222-226).

A notice of receipt of an application from the FFWCC to conduct scientific research on smalltooth sawfish was published on May 21, 2004 (69 FR 29274). The FFWCC sought authorization to sample and track smalltooth sawfish throughout Florida coastal waters. Annually, up to 200 fish were to be captured via seines, hook and line, and gill nets, measured, weighed, PIT and rototagged, tissue sampled, and the fish subsequently released. Additionally, a subset of 50 fish annually were to also receive acoustic

transmitters and a subset of 25 fish annually were to also receive satellite transmitters. The permit has not been issued yet but the FFWCC has amended its application to include an annual take of sea turtles. Specifically, the FFWCC is seeking authorization to capture, measure, and release three loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*), three Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*), three green (*Chelonia mydas*), two hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) and two leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*) turtles annually.

Dated: January 18, 2005.

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 Telecommunications and Information Administration

[Docket No. 050118012-5012-01]

Public Telecommunications Facilities Program: Closing Date

AGENCY: National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of availability of funds.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), U.S. Department of Commerce, announces the solicitation of applications for planning and construction grants for public telecommunications facilities under the Public Telecommunications Facilities Program (PTFP). The PTFP assists, through matching grants, in the planning and construction of public telecommunications facilities in order to: (1) Extend delivery of services to as many citizens as possible by the most cost-effective means, including use of broadcast and non-broadcast technologies; (2) increase public telecommunications services and facilities available to, operated by, and controlled by minorities and women; (3) strengthen the capability of existing public television and radio stations to provide public telecommunications services to the public.

DATES: Applications must be received prior to 6 p.m. eastern standard time (Closing Time), Tuesday, March 1, 2005 (Closing Date). Applications submitted by facsimile or electronic means are not acceptable. If an application is received

after the Closing Date due to (1) carrier error, when the carrier accepted the package with a guarantee for delivery by the Closing Date and Closing Time, (2) significant weather delays or natural disasters, or (3) delays due to national security issues, NTIA will, upon receipt of proper documentation, consider the application as having been received by the deadline. NTIA will not accept applications posted on the Closing Date or later and received after this deadline.

ADDRESSES: To obtain a printed application package, submit completed applications, or send any other correspondence, write to: NTIA/PTFP, Room H-4625, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230. Application materials may be obtained electronically via the Internet (<http://www.ntia.doc.gov/ptfp>).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Cooperman, Director, Public Broadcasting Division, telephone: (202) 482-5802; fax: (202) 482-2156. Information about the PTFP can also be obtained electronically via the Internet (<http://www.ntia.doc.gov/ptfp>).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access

The full funding opportunity announcement for the PTFP FY 2005 grant cycle is available through <http://www.Grants.gov> or by contacting the PTFP office at the address noted above.

Funding Availability

The Congress has appropriated \$19.8 million for FY 2005 PTFP awards. For FY 2004, NTIA awarded \$20.8 million in funds to 143 projects, including 74 radio awards, 52 television awards and 17 nonbroadcast awards. The radio awards ranged from \$4,900 to \$258,026. The television awards ranged from \$22,000 to \$1,853,701. The nonbroadcast awards ranged from \$15,617 to \$493,130.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

The Public Telecommunications Facilities Program is authorized by the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 390-393, 397-399(b). The PTFP operates pursuant to rules (1996 Rules) which were published on November 8, 1996 (61 FR 57966). Copies of the 1996 Rules (15 CFR part 2301) are posted on the NTIA Internet site at <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/Rules/currentrules.htm> and NTIA will make printed copies available to applicants upon request.

Supplemental Policies

The following supplemental policies will also be in effect: