

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[XRIN: 0648-XA53]

**Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Model Evaluation Workgroup (MEW) will hold a work session to finalize documentation for the Chinook and Coho Fishery Regulation Assessments Models (FRAM), and to plan work projects for 2007 and beyond. The meeting is open to the public.

**DATES:** The work session will be held Wednesday, June 13, 2007, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The work session will be held at the Pacific Fishery Management Council Office, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Chuck Tracy, Salmon Management Staff Officer, Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (503) 820-2280.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the work session is to finalize documentation for the Chinook and Coho FRAM, plan work activities associated with the Council's 2007 salmon methodology review process, and to consider a strategic work plan for the MEW.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agendas may come before the MEW 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 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 Ms. Carolyn Porter at (503) 820-2280 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: May 21, 2007.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**RIN 0648-XA42**

**Endangered Species; File No. 1604**

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

**ACTION:** Issuance of permit.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Dr. Chester Fiegel, Principal Investigator), 5308 Spring Street, Warm Springs, GA 31830, has been issued a permit to take captive shortnose sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*) for purposes of enhancement and scientific research.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Malcolm Mohead, or Jennifer Skidmore (301)713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On April 13, 2007, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (72 FR 18636) that a request for an enhancement and scientific research permit to take captive shortnose sturgeon 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 primary objective is to utilize the available captive brood stock population to provide information needed for implementation of recovery efforts, as described in the "Final Recovery Plan for the Shortnose Sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*)" (NMFS, 1998). Captive

shortnose sturgeon will be maintained, conditioned, spawned and the gametes and progeny used for scientific studies, such as cryo-preservation, genetics, culture techniques, behavioral studies, nutrition, and tagging techniques. An additional study characterizing the genetic strains of sturgeon in rivers of the Southeast Atlantic coast will be accomplished using tissues samples archived at the NOAA/NOS Laboratory in Charleston, South Carolina. This project will not require any further takes from the wild or any release of captive sturgeon into the wild. The permit is authorized for five years.

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: May 18, 2007.

**P. Michael Payne,**

*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**

**RIN 0648-XA41**

**Endangered Species; File No. 1526**

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

**ACTION:** Notice; receipt of application for modification

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Andre Landry, Sea Turtle and Fisheries Ecology Research Lab, Texas A&M University at Galveston, 5007 Avenue U, Galveston, TX 77553, has requested a modification to scientific research Permit No. 1526.

**DATES:** Written, telefaxed, or e-mail comments must be received on or before June 25, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** The modification request 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, 263 13th Ave South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701;