

7. The entity's size and ownership, product or service line and major markets in which the entity operates.

8. Please include all relevant contact information such as mailing address, fax, e-mail, phone number, and support staff information where relevant.

Dated: June 2, 2011

**Jennifer Pilat,**

*Executive Secretary, The Manufacturing Council.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Minority Business Development Agency

#### National Advisory Council on Minority Business Enterprises; Meeting

**AGENCY:** Minority Business Development Agency, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of an Open Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The National Advisory Council for Minority Business Enterprise (NACMBE) will hold its second meeting to discuss the work of selected subcommittees and deliverables to fulfill the NACMBE's charter mandate.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Friday, June 24, 2011, from 9 to 11 a.m., and from 2:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST).

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be held at the Intercontinental Hotel, 2222 West Loop South, Houston, Texas 77027, Chairman Boardroom.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Demetria Gallagher, National Directors Office, Minority Business Development Agency, U.S. Department of Commerce at (202) 482-1624; e-mail: [dgallagher@mbda.gov](mailto:dgallagher@mbda.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Background:* The Secretary of Commerce established the NACMBE pursuant to his discretionary authority and in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. 2) on April 28, 2010. The NACMBE is to provide the Secretary of Commerce with consensus advice from the private sector on a broad range of policy issues that affect minority businesses and their ability to successfully access the domestic and global marketplace.

#### *Topics to be considered:*

1. Discussion of Subcommittee topics.
2. Reports from Subcommittees.
3. Public comment period.

*Public Participation:* The meeting is open to the public. Public seating is

limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Members of the public wishing to attend the meeting must notify Demetria Gallagher at the contact information above by 5 p.m. EST on Thursday, June 16, 2011, to preregister. Please specify any requests for reasonable accommodation at least five (5) business days in advance of the meeting. Last minute requests will be accepted, but may be impossible to fill. A limited amount of time, from 3:30 p.m.—4 p.m. will be available for pertinent brief oral comments from members of the public attending the meeting. Any member of the public may submit pertinent written comments concerning the NACMBE's affairs at <http://www.mbd.gov/main/nacmbe-submit-comments>. To be considered during the meeting, comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. EST on Wednesday, June 15, 2011, to ensure transmission to the Council prior to the meeting. Comments received after that date will be distributed to the members but may not be considered at the meeting.

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Demetria Gallagher, at (202) 482-1624, or [dgallagher@mbda.gov](mailto:dgallagher@mbda.gov), at least five (5) days before the meeting date.

Copies of the NACMBE open meeting minutes will be available to the public upon request.

Dated: June 2, 2011.

**David A. Hinson,**

*National Director, Minority Business Development Agency.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XA466**

#### Endangered Species; File No. 15135

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

**ACTION:** Issuance of permit.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Blake Price, 132 Conch Court, Emerald Isle, NC 28594, has been issued a permit to take threatened and endangered sea turtles for purposes 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) 713-0376; and

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

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Carrie Hubard or Amy Hapeman, (301) 713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On March 12, 2010, notice was published in the *Federal Register* (75 FR 11863) that a request for a scientific research permit to take sea turtles had been submitted by the above-named individual. 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 permit authorizes tests of modified large mesh (> 5 inches) commercial gillnets targeting southern flounder (*Paralichthys lethostigma*) in shallow waters of Core Sound, North Carolina. The objective of the research is to determine if gear modifications can eliminate or reduce sea turtle bycatch. Two contracted commercial gillnet vessels will conduct a total of 60 fishing trips, setting five matched (control vs. experimental) sets of gillnets each day. Each matched set would consist of 100 yards of control net (gillnet without illuminated lights) and 100 yards of experimental net (gillnet with illuminated lights), for a total of 1,000 yards of net a day. With the exception of illuminated, green Lindgen-Pitman Electralume lights, the gillnets will be identical in all other respects (*e.g.*, twine material/size; hanging ration; stretch mesh). Turtles will be identified to species, measured, photographed, and flipper and passive integrated transponder tagged before released beyond the fishing area. Any comatose or debilitated turtles will be transported to a rehabilitation center. The permit authorizes capture of 18 Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*), 15 loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*), 31 green (*Chelonia mydas*), 2 hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), and 2 leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*) sea turtles over the life of the permit. Of the captured turtles, 5 Kemp's ridleys, 5 loggerheads, 15 greens, 2 hawksbills, and 2 leatherbacks may be mortalities. The permit is valid through December 31, 2012.

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: June 1, 2011.

**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-XA430]

#### Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Marine Geophysical Survey in the Central-Western Bering Sea, August 2011

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

**ACTION:** Notice; proposed Incidental Harassment Authorization; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS has received an application from the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) for an Incidental Harassment Authorization (IHA) to take marine mammals, by harassment, incidental to conducting a marine geophysical survey in the central-western Bering Sea, August 2011. Pursuant to the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), NMFS requests comments on its proposal to issue an IHA to USGS to incidentally harass, by Level B harassment only, 12 species of marine mammals during the specified activity.

**DATES:** Comments and information must be received no later than July 8, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on the application should be addressed to P. Michael Payne, Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. The mailbox address for providing email comments is [ITP.Hopper@noaa.gov](mailto:ITP.Hopper@noaa.gov). NMFS is not responsible for e-mail comments sent to addresses other than the one provided here. Comments sent via email, including all attachments, must not exceed a 10-megabyte file size.

All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be

posted to <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/incidental.htm#applications> without change. All Personal Identifying Information (for example, name, address, etc.) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit confidential business information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

A copy of the application containing a list of the references used in this document may be obtained by writing to the above address, telephoning the contact listed here (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) or visiting the internet at: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/incidental.htm#applications>.

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), which is providing funding for the proposed action, has prepared a draft "Environmental Assessment (EA) of a Marine Geophysical Survey by the R/V MARCUS G. LANGSETH in the Central-Western Bering Sea, August 2011," prepared by LGL Ltd., Environmental Research Associates (LGL), on behalf of USGS, which is also available at the same internet address. Documents cited in this notice may be viewed, by appointment, during regular business hours, at the aforementioned address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brian D. Hopper or Jolie Harrison, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 713-2289.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Section 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1371 (a)(5)(D)) directs the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) to authorize, upon request, the incidental, but not intentional, taking of small numbers of marine mammals of a species or population stock, by United States citizens who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) within a specified geographical region if certain findings are made and, if the taking is limited to harassment, a notice of a proposed authorization is provided to the public for review.

Authorization for the incidental taking of small numbers of marine mammals shall be granted if NMFS finds that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s), and will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for subsistence uses (where relevant). The authorization must set forth the permissible methods of taking, other means of effecting the least practicable adverse impact on the species or stock and its habitat, and requirements pertaining to the mitigation, monitoring and reporting of such takings. NMFS

has defined "negligible impact" in 50 CFR 216.103 as "an impact resulting from the specified activity that cannot be reasonably expected to, and is not reasonably likely to, adversely affect the species or stock through effects on annual rates of recruitment or survival."

Section 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA established an expedited process by which citizens of the United States can apply for an authorization to incidentally take small numbers of marine mammals by harassment. Section 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA establishes a 45-day time limit for NMFS' review of an application followed by a 30-day public notice and comment period on any proposed authorizations for the incidental harassment of small numbers of marine mammals. Within 45 days of the close of the public comment period, NMFS must either issue or deny the authorization.

Except with respect to certain activities not pertinent here, the MMPA defines "harassment" as:

any act of pursuit, torment, or annoyance which (i) Has the potential to injure a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild [Level A harassment]; or (ii) has the potential to disturb a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild by causing disruption of behavioral patterns, including, but not limited to, migration, breathing, nursing, breeding, feeding, or sheltering [Level B harassment].

##### Summary of Request

NMFS received an application on April 8, 2011, from USGS for the taking by harassment, of marine mammals, incidental to conducting a marine geophysical survey in the central-western Bering Sea within the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) and adjacent international waters in depths greater than 3,000 m (9,842 ft). USGS plans to conduct the proposed survey from approximately August 7 to September 1, 2011.

USGS plans to use one source vessel, the R/V MARCUS G. LANGSETH (LANGSETH) and a seismic airgun array to collect seismic reflection and refraction profiles to be used to delineate the U.S. Extended Continental Shelf (ECS) in the Bering Sea. In addition to the proposed operations of the seismic airgun array, USGS intends to operate a multibeam echosounder (MBES) and a sub-bottom profiler (SBP) continuously throughout the survey.

Acoustic stimuli (*i.e.*, increased underwater sound) generated during the operation of the seismic airgun array may have the potential to cause a short-term behavioral disturbance for marine mammals in the survey area. This is the