

interest which conflicts with the service of the individual because it could: (1) Significantly impair the individual's objectivity; or (2) create an unfair competitive advantage for any person or organization.

NOAA has adapted the NAS policy and developed two confidential conflict disclosure forms which the agency will use to examine prospective reviewers' potential financial conflicts and other interests that could impair objectivity or create an unfair advantage. One form is for peer reviewers of studies related to government regulation and the other form is for all other influential scientific information subject to the Peer Review Bulletin. In addition, the latter form has been adapted by NOAA's Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research for potential reviewers of scientific laboratories.

The forms include questions about employment as well as investment and property interests and research funding. Both forms also require the submission of curriculum vitae. NOAA is seeking to collect this information from potential peer reviewers who are not government employees when conducting a peer review pursuant to the PRB. The information collected in the conflict of interest disclosure is essential to NOAA's compliance with the OMB PRB, and helps to ensure that government studies are reviewed by independent, impartial peer reviewers.

II. Method of Collection

Forms may be downloaded from the Internet and are fillable and signable electronically or manually. They may be submitted, along with the Curriculum Vitae, via email or regular mail.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0567.

Form Number: None.
Type of Review: Regular submission (extension of a currently approved collection).

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 321.

Estimated Time per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 161.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0 in recordkeeping/reporting costs.

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: September 11, 2013.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Membership of the NOAA Performance Review Board

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice of Membership of the NOAA Performance Review Board (PRB).

SUMMARY: In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4), NOAA announces the appointment of members who will serve on the NOAA's PRB. The NOAA PRB is responsible for reviewing performance appraisals and ratings of Senior Executive Service (SES) Senior Level, Scientific and Professional members and making written recommendations to the appointing authority on retention and compensation matters, including performance-based pay adjustments and awarding of bonuses. The appointment of new members to the NOAA PRB will be for a period of two years.

DATES: The effective date of service of the appointees to the NOAA PRB is September 30, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christine Nalli, Director, Executive Resources, Workforce Management Office, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, (301) 713-6301.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The names and positions of the primary and alternate members for the Fiscal Year 2013 NOAA PRB are set forth below:

Holly A. Bamford, Chair	Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management, National Ocean Service.
Mark S. Paese, Co-Chair	Deputy Assistant Administrator, National Environmental Satellite, Data and Information Service.
Jon P. Alexander	Director, Finance Office/Comptroller, Office of the Chief Financial Officer.
Russell F. Smith III	Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Fisheries, Office of the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere.
Tyra D. Smith	Deputy Director, Office of Human Resources Management, U.S. Department of Commerce.
Alternates:	
Ciaran M. Clayton	Director of Communications, Office of the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere.
Steven S. Fine, Ph.D	Deputy Assistant Administrator for Laboratories and Cooperative Institutes and Director, Air Resources Laboratory, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research.
Edward C. Cyr, Ph.D	Director, Office of Science and Technology, National Marine Fisheries Service.

Dated: September 4, 2013.

Kathryn D. Sullivan,

Acting Under Secretary of Commerce for
Oceans and Atmosphere.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Endangered Species; File No. 16230

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

ACTION: Notice of permit issuance.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that
NMFS has issued a permit to the North
Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries
(NCDMF) for the incidental take of sea
turtles associated with the otherwise
lawful commercial gillnet fishery in
North Carolina inshore state waters.

ADDRESSES: The incidental take permit,
final environmental assessment, and
other related documents are available on
the NMFS Office of Protected Resources
Web site at [http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/
pr/permits/esa_review.htm](http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/esa_review.htm).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Kristy.Long@noaa.gov or Sara McNulty
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Sara.McNulty@noaa.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August
18, 2011, NCDMF submitted a revised
application to NMFS for Permit No.
16230, requesting authorization for
incidental take of sea turtles listed
under the Endangered Species Act
(ESA) associated with commercial and
recreational gillnet fisheries in inshore
state waters for three years. The
application requests incidental take
authorization for endangered Kemp's
ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*),
leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*), and
hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) sea
turtles and threatened green (*Chelonia
mydas*) and loggerhead sea turtles
(*Caretta caretta*). NMFS published a
notice of receipt of the August 2011
application and a request for public
comments on October 5, 2011 (76 FR
61670). Based on comments received
from the public, independent reviewers,
and NMFS, NCDMF subsequently
submitted a second revised application
on September 6, 2012. NMFS has issued
the requested permit 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).

This permit authorizes the incidental
take of specified numbers of sea turtles
incidental to the continued commercial
harvest of target fish species in gillnets
subject to monitor, minimize, and
mitigate incidental take in North
Carolina inshore state waters as set forth
in the conservation plan and the permit
for a 10-year period.

The conservation plan includes
managing inshore gill net fisheries by
dividing estuarine waters into six
management units (i.e., A, B, C, D1, D2,
E). Each of the management units will
be monitored seasonally and by fishery.
Management Unit A encompasses all
estuarine waters north of 35° 46.30' N. to
the North Carolina/Virginia state line.
This includes all of Albemarle,
Currituck, Croatan, and Roanoke sounds
as well as the contributing river systems
in this area. Management Unit B
encompasses all estuarine waters south
of 35° 46.30' N., east of 76° 30.00' W.,
and north of 34° 48.27' N. This
Management Unit will include all of
Pamlico Sound and the Northern
portion of Core Sound. Management
Unit C will include the Pamlico, Pungo
and Neuse river drainages west of 76°
30.00' W. Management Unit D1
encompasses all estuarine waters south
of 34° 48.27' N. and east of a line
running from 34° 40.70' N.-76° 22.50'
W. to 34° 42.48' N.-76° 36.70' W.
Management Unit D1 includes Southern
Core Sound, Back Sound and North
River. Management Unit D2
encompasses all estuarine waters west
of a line running from 34° 40.70' N.-76°
22.50' W. to 34° 42.48' N.-76° 36.70' W.
to the Highway 58 bridge. Management
Unit D2 includes Newport River and
Bogue Sound. Management Unit E
encompasses all estuarine waters south
and west of the Highway 58 bridge to
the North Carolina/South Carolina state
line. This includes the Atlantic
Intercoastal Waterway and adjacent
sounds, and the New, Cape Fear,
Lockwood Folly, White Oak, and
Shalotte rivers.

Required management measures
include: (1) Restricted soak times for
large mesh gillnets from one hour before
sunset on Monday through Thursday
and one hour after sunrise from Tuesday
through Friday (i.e., fishing is
prohibited from one hour after sunrise
on Friday through one hour before
sunset on Monday); (2) restrictions on
the maximum net length per large mesh
fishing operation (i.e., 2,000 yards (1.83
km, 6,000 ft) per operation except south
of the NC Highway 58 bridge and

Management Area D2 where 1,000 yards
(0.91 km, 3,000 ft) is maximum; (3)
restrictions on large mesh net-shot
lengths to 100 yards (91.44 m, 300 ft)
with a 25 yard (22.86 m, 75 ft)
separation between each net-shot; (4)
requirement for large mesh nets to be
low profile (e.g., maximum of 15 meshes
in depth, tie-downs prohibited, floats or
corks prohibited along float lines north
of the NC Highway 58 bridge); (5)
closure of Management Area D1 to
unattended large mesh gillnets from
May 8-October 14 annually; (6)
prohibition on large mesh gillnets in the
deep water portions of the Pamlico
Sound Gillnet Restricted Area
(PSGNRA) and Oregon, Hatteras, and
Ocracoke inlets from September 1-
December 15; (7) adaptive fishery
management measures and restrictions
through state proclamation authority
(e.g., gear and/or area restrictions,
attendance requirements, increased
observer coverage and/or enforcement);
and (8) continuation of North Carolina's
regulations for small mesh gillnet
attendance requirements.

NCDMF will maintain a monitoring
program that consists of a combination
of onboard and alternate platform
observers, trip ticket program, and
marine patrol officer activities (when
needed). NCDMF will monitor six
primary management units in inshore
waters as described in the conservation
plan. NCDMF will monitor at least 7%
(with a goal of 10%) of large mesh (≥4.0
ISM) gillnet trips in each area during
each of 3 seasons (i.e., spring, summer,
and fall) as defined in the conservation
plan. NCDMF will monitor at least 1%
(with a goal of 2%) of small mesh (<4.0
ISM) gillnet trips in each area during
each of three seasons (i.e., spring,
summer, fall) as defined in the
conservation plan.

The amount of annual incidental take
of sea turtles authorized is expressed as
either estimated or observed takes
depending on the amount of data
available for modeling predicted takes.
Because reaching the estimated or
observed level for any category of take
for any species would end the
incidental take authorization for all
species, it is highly unlikely that all five
species would be impacted at these
levels. For areas B, D1, D2, and E, the
annual incidental take authorized by
species is 49 estimated dead, 98
estimated live, and 12 observed (live or
dead) Kemp's ridley turtles; 165
estimated dead, 330 estimated live, and
18 observed (live or dead) green turtles;
24 observed (live or dead) loggerhead
turtles; eight observed (live or dead)
leatherback turtles; and eight observed
(live or dead) hawksbill turtles.