

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review by selecting “Records Open for Public Comment” from the “Features” box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 28294 from the list of available applications. These documents are also available upon written request via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov.

Written comments on this application should be submitted via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Please include File No. 28294 in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Erin Markin, Ph.D. or Malcolm Mohead, (301) 427-8401.

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 parts 222-226).

The applicant requests to conduct research on Atlantic and shortnose sturgeon in freshwater and estuary areas of the Delaware River. Research objectives would include assessing and quantifying the presence of Atlantic and shortnose sturgeon at the egg, larval, juvenile and sub-adult/adult life stages. Other studies would also include assessing sturgeon home range, individual movement patterns, seasonal movements, habitat use, nursery areas, over-wintering habitat use, population dynamics, and habitat assessment.

Up to 265 juvenile and 25 adult/sub-adult shortnose sturgeon and 265 juvenile and 5 adult/sub-adult Atlantic sturgeon would be captured by gill net or trawl, measured, weighed, biologically sampled (tissue), marked (passive integrated transponder), and photographed/videoed, annually, prior to release. Sub-sets of Atlantic and shortnose sturgeon may be anesthetized and implanted with acoustic transmitters, gastric lavaged, and fin ray sampled. The applicant requests one unintentional mortality of juvenile and adult/subadult shortnose sturgeon and one juvenile Atlantic sturgeon annually, but no more than two of each species life stage over the life of the permit.

A total 300 shortnose and 100 Atlantic sturgeon of early life stages would be taken in directed lethal

research annually. The permit would be valid for up to 10 years from the date of issuance.

Dated: October 21, 2024.

Julia M. Harrison,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XE413]

Endangered Species; File No. 21467

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application for a permit modification.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Karen Holloway-Adkins, Ph.D., East Coast Biologists, Inc., P.O. Box 33715, Indialantic, FL 32903, has requested a modification to scientific research Permit No. 21467-02.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before November 27, 2024.

ADDRESSES: The modification request and related documents are available for review by selecting “Records Open for Public Comment” from the Features box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 21467 Mod 6 from the list of available applications. These documents are also available upon written request via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov.

Written comments on this application should be submitted via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Please include File No. 21467 in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Erin Markin, Ph.D., or Amy Hapeman, (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject modification to Permit No. 21467-02, issued on July 2, 2021 (86 FR 43630, August 10, 2021), is requested under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (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).

Permit No. 21467-02 authorizes the permit holder to determine (1) spatial and temporal distribution, (2) mean size, (3) foraging habitats and diet composition, (4) body conditions and fibropapillomatosis ratios, (5) genetic origin, and (6) home-range, site fidelity, and residency times of green (*Chelonia mydas*) and loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*) sea turtles in Brevard County, Florida. Researchers may capture by tangle, cast, or dip net or hand, measure, mark, biologically sample, tag, weigh, and photograph sea turtles prior to release. The permit holder requests authorization to (1) increase the annual number of juvenile green sea turtles from 25 to 95 for the authorized methods listed above and (2) add 10 adult green turtles annually for capture by tangle net, measure, and photograph/video, prior to release. The permit is valid through September 30, 2027.

Dated: October 21, 2024.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council) and its advisory bodies will meet November 13-18, 2024, in Costa Mesa, CA and via webinar. The Council meeting will be live streamed with the opportunity to provide public comment remotely.

DATES: The Pacific Council meeting will begin on Thursday, November 14, 2024, at 10 a.m., Pacific Time (PT), reconvening at 8 a.m. on Friday, November 15 through Monday, November 18, 2024. All meetings are open to the public, except for a Closed Session held from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., Thursday, November 14, 2024, to