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Documenting the Use of a CE

Some activities, such as routine personnel actions or purchases of small amounts of supplies, may carry no risk of significant environmental effects, such that there is no benefit from preparing additional documentation when applying a CE to those activities. NIST must, however, prepare a separate document to evaluate the applicability of a CE in each of the following cases:

1. For any application of a CE designated by NIST as requiring documentation, as indicated by an asterisk in the list of proposed new CEs;
2. For any application of a CE adopted from another Federal agency under Section 109 of NEPA; and
3. For any case in which NIST determines that a CE is appropriate notwithstanding the existence of an extraordinary circumstance.

Such documentation must include the following:

- (a) a description of the proposed action;
- (b) the CE category number, title, and CE text that applies to the action;
- (c) a brief summary of the agency's rationale for determining that the proposed action is consistent with the terms of the CE, including a description of how the action complies with any limitations in the CE (e.g., surface disturbance limitations);
- (d) a brief summary of the agency's review of the extraordinary circumstances (or, where applicable, the extraordinary circumstances identified by the agency that developed a CE adopted by NIST under Section 109 of NEPA); and
- (e) where the agency has determined that one or more extraordinary circumstance exists, the rationale for the agency's determination that the proposed action does not in fact have the potential to result in significant effects notwithstanding the extraordinary circumstance, or a description of the modifications that NIST has made to the action to avoid the potential to result in significant effects.

The document may take the form of a memorandum, a completed form, or other similar document, so long as the above components are included. Before the action is implemented, NIST must sign and date the document to indicate that use of the CE is appropriate. NIST must keep the original, signed document as part of the record for the action.

Request for Comments

NIST requests comments from the public on its draft NEPA Procedures and its proposal to establish new CEs. The agency will consider input from the public and consult with CEQ for a conformity determination before finalizing its proposal.

Alicia Chambers,

NIST Executive Secretariat.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Endangered Species; File No. 28262

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

ACTION: Notice; withdrawal of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Kori Johnsen, 1792 Harrison Avenue, Melbourne, FL 32935, has withdrawn their application for a permit to conduct research on green (*Chelonia mydas*), hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), and Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*) sea turtles.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review upon written request via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 9, 2024, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (89 FR 73069) that a request for a permit to conduct research on green, hawksbill, and Kemp's ridley sea turtles had been submitted by the above-named applicant. The applicant has withdrawn the application from further consideration.

Dated: December 5, 2024.

Julia M. Harrison,

Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the Gulf of Mexico; Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR); Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of SEDAR 88 Red Tide Topical Working Group Webinar IV for Gulf of Mexico Red Grouper.

SUMMARY: The SEDAR 88 assessment of Gulf of Mexico red grouper will consist of a series of webinars. See

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

DATES: The SEDAR 88 Red Tide Topical Working Group Webinar IV will be held January 15, 2025, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Eastern.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via webinar. The webinar is open to members of the public. Those interested in participating should contact Julie A. Neer at SEDAR (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) to request an invitation providing webinar access information. Please request webinar invitations at least 24 hours in advance of each webinar.

SEDAR address: 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julie A. Neer, SEDAR Coordinator; phone: (843) 571-4366; email: Julie.neer@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils, in conjunction with NOAA Fisheries and the Atlantic and Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commissions have implemented the Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) process, a multi-step method for determining the status of fish stocks in the Southeast Region. SEDAR is a multi-step process including: (1) Data Workshop; (2) Assessment Process utilizing webinars; and (3) Review Workshop. The product of the Data Workshop is a data report that compiles and evaluates potential datasets and recommends which datasets are appropriate for assessment analyses. The product of the Assessment Process is a stock assessment report that describes the fisheries, evaluates the status of the stock, estimates biological benchmarks, projects future population conditions, and recommends research