

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 032795B]

Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Notice of receipt of an application for a scientific research permit (P509B), and issuance of modification 1 to permit 878 (P553).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Carlos Diez and Robert van Dam (P509B) have applied in due form for a permit to take 200 listed hawksbill and 20 listed green sea turtles (*Eretmochelys imbricata* and *Chelonia mydas*) for the purpose of scientific research, and on March 15, 1995, a modification request to Permit 878 was received from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (P553) to tag listed sea turtles.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before May 15, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Documents submitted in connection with the above application and permit modification are available for review by interested persons in the following offices by appointment:

Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1335 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401); and Southeast Region, NMFS, NOAA, 9721 Executive Center Drive, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432 (813-893-3141).

Written data or views, or requests for a public hearing on this application should be submitted to the Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Application 509B requests a permit under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) and the NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217-227). The applicant proposes to capture turtles by hand, to be examined, photographed, measured, tagged. Some of these turtles may be lavaged, have blood samples taken, or have satellite telemeters attached.

Those individuals requesting a hearing (see **ADDRESSES**) should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular application would be appropriate. The holding of such hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in this application summary

are those of the Applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Notice is hereby also given that on March 31, 1995, as authorized by the provisions of the ESA, NMFS issued Modification 1 to Permit Number 878 to tag listed sea turtles subject to certain conditions set forth therein. Issuance of this modification, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such modification: (1) Was applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species which are the subject of the permit; (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA. This modification was also issued in accordance with and is subject to parts 217-222 of Title 50 CFR, the NMFS regulations governing listed species permits.

April 10, 1995.
Robert C. Ziobro,
*Acting Chief, Endangered Species Division,
Office of Protected Resources, National
Marine Fisheries Service.*

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Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene a public meeting of its Reef Fish and Red Snapper Advisory Panels (AP) on May 1, 1995, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and May 2, 1995, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The APs will meet jointly to review Draft Amendment 11 to the Reef Fish Fishery Management Plan (FMP).

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Radisson Bay Harbor Inn, 7700 Courtney Campbell Causeway, Tampa, FL 33607; telephone: (813) 281-8900.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven M. Atran, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 5401 West Kennedy Boulevard, Suite 331, Tampa, Florida 33609; telephone: 813-228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Issues that will be addressed in the FMP include: Proposed modifications of the framework procedure for specifying total allowable catch including changes in procedures, the definition of optimum yield, and the criteria for specifying the length of a stock recovery program for overfished reef fish species;

permitting issues including dealer and vessel permit conditions, transferability of vessel permits and fish trap endorsements, implementation of a new vessel permit moratorium for the fishery, and permits for charter and head boats; allowing hook-and-line harvest of reef fish by shrimp vessels; enforcement issues including definitions of bait and of fish for personal consumption that are exempt from the head and tails attached requirement, dealer transport requirements during transfer from vessel to fish house, and allowance of recreational bag limits of red snapper on commercial vessels during commercial closures; changes to amberjack size and bag limits and a commercial seasonal amberjack closure; changes to gag/black grouper and red snapper size limits; an aggregate recreational bag limit for reef fish. A copy of the agenda can be obtained by calling 813-228-2815.

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Julie Krebs at the above address by April 24, 1995.

Dated: April 10, 1995.
Alfred J. Bilik,
*Acting Director, Office of Fisheries
Conservation and Management, National
Marine Fisheries Service.*

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Marine Mammals

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

ACTION: Request to export a nonreleasable beached and stranded marine mammal (P584).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Fort MacArthur Marine Mammal Care Center has requested authorization to export for public display purposes one nonreleasable beached and stranded Northern elephant seal from its rehabilitation facility in San Pedro, CA, to Mundo Aquatico, at Zoomarine, in Albufeira, Portugal.

ADDRESSES: The request for authorization and related documents are available for review upon written request from the Chief, Permits Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1335 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301/713-2289).