

*Postponement of Preliminary Determination:*

On June 28, 2001, the Department initiated the countervailing duty investigation of individually quick frozen red raspberries from Chile. See *Notice of Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation: Individually Quick Frozen Red Raspberries From Chile*, 66 FR 34423 (June 28, 2001). The preliminary determination currently must be issued by August 24, 2001.

On August 3, 2001, the petitioners submitted a written request pursuant to 19 CFR 351.205(e) for a postponement of the preliminary determination in accordance with section 703(c)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"). The petitioners requested a 45 day postponement (*i.e.*, until October 8, 2001) in order to allow time for the petitioners to submit comments on the respondents' questionnaire response and to allow time for the Department to issue supplemental questionnaires.

The Department finds no compelling reason to deny the request. Therefore, we are postponing the preliminary determination until no later than October 8, 2001.

This notice of postponement is published pursuant to section 703(c)(2) of the Act.

Dated: August 9, 2001.

**Richard W. Moreland,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 081301B]

**Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Southeast Region Bycatch Reduction Device Certification Family of Forms**

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506 (c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before October 15, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington DC 20230 (or via Internet at MClayton@doc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to James R. Nance, Ph.D., F/SEC5, National Marine Fisheries Service, 4700 Avenue U, Galveston, TX 77551 (phone 409-766-3507).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

Bycatch Reduction Devices (BRDs) are used in shrimp trawls in the Exclusive Economic Zone to reduce the bycatch of other species. Only BRDs certified by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) can be used. Persons seeking to get certification from NOAA for BRDs must submit information showing that testing proves the effectiveness of the equipment.

**II. Method of Collection**

The information is submitted by paper form.

**III. Data**

*OMB Number:* 0648-0345.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations, individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 45.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 140 minutes for an application for pre-certification testing or for certification testing, 20 minutes for a Station Sheet (Gulf of Mexico), 50 minutes for a station sheet bycatch reduction device evaluation form (South Atlantic), 20 minutes for a Condition and Fate form, 30 minutes for a gear form (South Atlantic), 20 minutes for a gear specification form (Gulf of Mexico), 20 minutes for a length frequency form (Gulf of Mexico), 50 minutes for a length frequency form (South Atlantic), 5 hours for a species characterization form, 20 minutes for a BRD specification form (Gulf of Mexico), 20 minutes for a vessel information form (Gulf of Mexico), and 30 minutes for a vessel information form (South Atlantic).

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 5,679.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$338,000.

**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: August 9, 2001.

**Madeleine Clayton,**

*Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 081001A]

**Endangered Species; Permits**

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

**ACTION:** Issuance of permit #1324 and modification #2 to permit 1201.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the following actions regarding permits for takes of endangered and threatened species for the purposes of scientific research and/or enhancement under the Endangered Species Act (ESA): NMFS has issued permit 1324 to Dr. Nancy Thompson, of NMFS-Southeast Fisheries Science Center (1324) and modification #2 to permit 1201 to Dr. Thane Wibbels, of University of Alabama at Birmingham.

**ADDRESSES:** The permits, applications and related documents are available for review in the indicated office, by appointment:

Endangered Species Division, F/PR3, 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (phone:301-713-1401, fax: 301-713-0376).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Terri Jordan, Silver Spring, MD (phone: 301-713-1401, fax: 301-713-0376, e-mail: Terri.Jordan@noaa.gov)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Authority**

Issuance of permits and permit modifications, as required by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) (ESA), is based on a finding that such permits/modifications: (1) are applied for in good faith; (2) would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species which are the subject of the permits; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA. Scientific research and/or enhancement permits are issued under Section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA. Authority to take listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permits. Permits and modifications are issued in accordance with and are subject to the ESA and NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 222-226).

Those individuals requesting a hearing on an application listed in this notice should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on that application would be appropriate (see **ADDRESSES**). The holding of such hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in the permit action summaries are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

**Species Covered in This Notice**

The following species are covered in this notice:

**Sea Turtles**

Threatened and endangered Green turtle (*Chelonia mydas*)  
Endangered Hawksbill turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*)  
Endangered Kemp's ridley turtle (*Lepidochelys kempii*)  
Endangered Leatherback turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*)  
Threatened Loggerhead turtle (*Caretta caretta*)

**Permits and Modified Permits Issued**

*Permit #1324*

Notice was published on June 4, 2001 (66 FR 29934) that Dr. Nancy Thompson, of Southeast Fisheries Science Center applied for a scientific research permit (1324). The applicant requested a two-year permit that would authorize the take of threatened and endangered species of sea turtles in the

northeast distant statistical sampling area (NED) for the U.S. longline fishery. The purpose of the research is to develop and test methods to reduce bycatch of research that occurs incidental to commercial, pelagic longline fishing. The researchers propose to work cooperatively with U.S. pelagic longline fishermen in the NED area to conduct this fishery-dependent testing. The fishery dependent use of commercial fishing boats for this research is necessary because (1) a large level of fishing effort is necessary for the statistical power to complete this testing and fishery independent work would be cost-prohibitive and (2) testing should be conducted aboard a mix of representative platforms so that the testing results are clearly applicable to the fleets that would ultimately adopt bycatch reduction measures through this research. Permit 1324 was issued on August 9, 2001, authorizing take of listed species. Permit 1324 expires December 31, 2002.

*Permit #1201*

The requestor currently possesses a two-year scientific research permit to take up to 50 green (*Chelonia mydas*), 100 Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*) and 100 loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*) turtles annually in large mesh tangle nets. The purpose of the research is to evaluate the abundance, movements, and location of sea turtles in the estuaries of Alabama, and to potentially identify specific foraging areas. The presence of juvenile sea turtles in estuaries represents a potential conflict for fisheries and coastal development. However, there is little information about this issue for the estuaries of Alabama. The proposed research is a prerequisite to determining if the estuaries of Alabama represent a developmental habitat for sea turtles, and will benefit the species by providing information critical to developing a prudent management strategy which protects sea turtles while sustaining the productivity of the fisheries.

For modification #2, the applicant requests authorization to use two satellite transmitters in lieu of two previously authorized radio transmitters. Modification #2 to Permit 1201 was issued on August 6, 2001, authorizing take of listed species. Permit 1201 expires February 28, 2003.

Dated: August 10, 2001.

**Therese Conant,**

Acting Chief, Endangered Species Division,  
Office of Protected Resources, National  
Marine Fisheries Service.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 080801B]

**Permits; Foreign Fishing**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of foreign fishing application.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS publishes for public review and comment a summary of an application submitted by the Government of the Russian Federation requesting authorization to conduct fishing operations in the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) in 2001 under provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act).

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted to NMFS, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, International Fisheries Division, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, or to any of the following Regional Fishery Management Councils:

Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01905; Phone (978) 465-0492; Fax (978) 465-3116;

Daniel T. Furlong, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, Federal Building, Room 2115, 300 South New Street, Dover, DE 19904; Phone (302) 674-2331; Fax (302) 674-4136.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert A. Dickinson, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, (301) 713-2276.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with a Memorandum of Understanding with the Secretary of State, NMFS publishes, for public review and comment, summaries of applications received by the Secretary of State requesting permits for foreign fishing vessels to fish in the U.S. EEZ under provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*).

This notice concerns the receipt of an application from the Government of the Russian Federation. The application