

Diffraction and X-Ray Reflectometry analysis.

The goals of this consortium include the development of standardized terminology and modeling methods, which will facilitate parameter comparisons between different instrument software and improve customer confidence in X-ray characterization techniques. The approach will compare results from industrial X-ray modeling and refinement approaches with NIST X-ray metrology-based approaches to establish consistency in parameter determination and in uncertainty analysis. The long-term goal of this collaboration will be NIST recommendations for X-ray data measurement and analysis methods. Recommended measurement and analysis methods in conjunction with future Standard Reference Materials will establish SI traceability between X-ray measurement and structural model parameters.

NIST staff members along with at least one technical representative from each participating member company will conduct X-ray software data refinements. Membership in the Consortium is open to the X-ray instrument vendor community, particularly equipment manufacturers with commercially available X-ray analysis software applicable to the comparative study. The term of the consortium is intended to be 5 years.

DATES: The meeting will take place on Thursday, August 10, 2006 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Interested parties should contact NIST at the address, telephone number or FAX number shown below to confirm their interest in attending this meeting.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place at the Denver Marriott Tech Center Hotel, 4900 S. Syracuse Street, Denver, CO 80237, Room: Evergreen Ballroom.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donald Windover or James P. Cline, Ceramics Division, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), 100 Bureau Drive, MS 8520, Gaithersburg, MD 20899. Telephone: (301) 975-6102 or (301) 975-5793, FAX: 301 975-5334; e-mail: donald.windover@nist.gov or james.cline@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Any program undertaken will be within the scope and confines of The Federal Technology Transfer Act of 1986 (Pub. L. 99-502, 15 U.S.C. 3710a), which provides Federal laboratories including NIST, with the authority to enter into cooperative research agreements with qualified parties. Under this law, NIST may contribute personnel, equipment, and facilities but no funds to the

cooperative research program. This is not a grant program.

Dated: June 19, 2006.

Hratch G. Semerjian,

Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Endangered Species; File No. 1557

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Molly Lutcavage, Department of Zoology, 177 A Spaulding Hall, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH 03824-2617, has been issued a permit to take leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*) for purposes of scientific research.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)427-2521; and Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298; phone (978)281-9200; fax (978)281-9371.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick Opay or Kate Swails, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 6, 2006, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (71 FR 916) that a request for a scientific research permit to take leatherback sea turtles had been submitted by the above-named individual. The requested permit has been issued 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 primary purpose of the proposed research is to investigate leatherback sea turtle regional behavior and movements in near-shore waters off the northeastern United States and to identify their dispersal in relation to oceanographic conditions and fishing activities. The

research will also help establish baseline health assessments, genetic identities, sex ratios, and stable isotope composition of leatherback sea turtle tissues and prey. Researchers will conduct research on up to 12 leatherback sea turtles annually. Researchers will use animals that have been disentangled from fishing gear by the stranding network or they will capture the animals using a breakaway hoopnet. Turtles will be measured, weighed, photographed and video taped, flipper and passive integrated transponder (PIT) tagged, blood sampled, cloacal swabbed, nasal swabbed, skin sampled, tagged with electronic instruments (e.g., satellite transmitters), and released. The research permit is issued for 5 years.

Issuance of this permit, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permit (1) was applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of any endangered or threatened species, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: June 21, 2006.

P. Michael Payne,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Admittance To Practice and Roster of Registered Patent Attorneys and Agents Admitted To Practice Before the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), 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 the continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before August 28, 2006.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

E-mail: Susan.Brown@uspto.gov.

Include "0651-0012 comment" in the subject line of the message.

Fax: 571-273-0112, marked to the attention of Susan Brown.