

13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular request would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301)427-2521, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period.

Comments may also be submitted by e-mail. The mailbox address for providing e-mail comments is *NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov*. Include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following document identifier: File No. 1581.

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

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 222-226).

The applicant proposes to continue long-term monitoring of the status of green and hawksbill turtles in the Hawaiian Islands to determine their abundance, size ranges, health/disease status, diving behavior, habitat use, foraging ecology, local movements, and migration routes. Researchers would annually capture up to 600 green and 10 hawksbill sea turtles by hand, scoop net, entanglement net, and bullpen net. All green sea turtles would be measured, weighed, passive integrated transponder tagged, and flipper tagged. A subset of green sea turtles would have their shell etched with an identification mark, be blood sampled, tissue sampled, lavaged, and have an electronic tag attached to them. Hawksbill sea turtles would be measured, weighed, passive integrated transponder tagged, flipper tagged, blood sampled, and tissue sampled. All animals would be released. Research would take place in the Hawaiian Islands and the permit would be issued for 5 years.

Dated: September 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

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

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Marine Mammals; National Marine Fisheries Service File No. 31-1741; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service File No. MA081663

AGENCIES: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), 2300 Southern Blvd., Bronx, New York 10460 [Dr. Howard C. Rosenbaum, Principal Investigator], has been issued an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 31-1741/MA081663.

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

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, VA 22203; phone (800) 358-2104; fax (703) 358-2281; and

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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Monica Farris, Division of Management Authority, US Fish and Wildlife Service, (703) 358-2104.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 13, 2006, notice was published in the *Federal Register* (71 FR 34064) that a request for an amendment to a joint NMFS/USFWS scientific research permit had been submitted by the above-named organization. This amendment revises the current permit to include the acquisition, importation and exportation/re-exportation of specimens and materials from polar bears (*Ursus maritimus*), including shed hair, feces, and DNA and tissue samples from the wild, tissue banks, and collaborators. The permit has been granted under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the

taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 18).

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), a final determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Dated: September 21, 2006.

Charlie R. Chandler,

Chief, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Dated: September 21, 2006.

P. Michael Payne,

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

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Special Procedures for Considering Requests from the Public for Textile and Apparel Safeguard Actions on Imports from Bahrain

September 21, 2006.

AGENCY: The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (the Committee).

ACTION: Notice of Procedures

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the procedures the Committee will follow in considering requests from the public for textile and apparel safeguard actions as provided for in Title III, Subtitle B, Section 321 through Section 328 of the United States-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 27, 2006

ADDRESSES: Requests must be submitted to: the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, Room H3100, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maria D'Andrea, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4058.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background:

Title III, Subtitle B, Section 321 through Section 328 of the United States-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (the "Act") implements the textile and apparel safeguard provisions, provided for in