

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Diana Evans or Sarah Melton, (907) 271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: HAPC designations provide an opportunity for Councils to highlight especially valuable and/or vulnerable areas within EFH that warrant priority consideration for conservation and management. The regulatory guidelines for implementing the EFH provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Act encourage Fishery Management Councils to identify specific types or areas of habitat within EFH as HAPCs based on the following considerations: (1) the importance of the ecological function provided by the habitat, (2) the extent to which the habitat is sensitive to human-induced environmental degradation, (3) whether, and to what extent, development activities are, or will be, stressing the habitat type, and (4) the rarity of the habitat type (50 CFR 600.815(a)(8)). In the North Pacific, specific sites will be considered for HAPC if they (a) meet the rarity consideration above, and (b) meet at least one other of the HAPC considerations.

The Council and NMFS are soliciting proposals for specific candidate sites to be considered as HAPCs. Proposals must meet the Council's identified priority for this proposal cycle, which is skate nurseries. Proposal applications are available on the Council website, www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/npfmc. The review process for proposals is identified in the proposal package, available on the website, and will involve screening to determine how responsive proposals are to the Council's priority and HAPC consideration. Following review, the Council will decide whether to proceed with a fishery management plan amendment to identify HAPCs and any associated management measures. NMFS will promulgate any resulting regulations, supported by appropriate analyses.

Proposals should include the following information:

1. Proposer information (name, address, affiliation)
2. Title of proposal
3. Summary of proposal (single, brief paragraph describing the proposed action)
4. Identification of what habitat and FMP species the proposed area is intended to protect
5. Geographic delineation of the proposed HAPC (including latitude and longitude reference points and delineation on an appropriately-scaled NOAA chart)
6. Responsiveness to HAPC considerations and Council priorities

(identify how the proposed HAPC addresses the four considerations set out in the EFH guidelines, and the Council's priority habitat type for the 2010 proposal process)

7. Purpose and need for proposal
8. Specific objectives for proposal, and methods to measure progress toward those objectives
9. Proposed management measures, if appropriate, to meet objectives
10. Expected benefits of the proposed HAPC to FMP species
11. Identification of fisheries, sectors, stakeholders, and communities who would be affected by the establishment of the proposed HAPC
12. Supporting information (please provide the best available information and/or sources of information to support the objectives of the proposed HAPC and discussion of the expected effects of implementing the proposal, including socioeconomic costs if possible.)

Dated: April 21, 2010.

Tracey Thompson,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Endangered Species; File No. 14604

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Harold Brundage, Environmental Research and Consulting, Inc, 126 Bancroft Road, Kennett Square, PA 19348, has been issued a permit to take shortnose sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*) 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) 713-0376; and
- Northeast Region, NMFS, Protected Resources Division, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930; phone (978) 281-9328; fax (978) 281-9394.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Malcolm Mohead or Kate Swails, (301) 713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 19, 2009, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (74 FR 59961) that a request for a scientific research permit to take shortnose sturgeon had been submitted by the above-named organization. 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 applicant is authorized to conduct a five-year scientific study of shortnose sturgeon in the Delaware River where primary study objectives are to characterize habitat use, relative abundance, reproduction, juvenile recruitment, temporal and spatial distributions, and reproductive health of the shortnose sturgeon population in the Delaware River and Estuary. The permit authorizes non-lethal sampling methods on up to 1,000 adult and juvenile shortnose sturgeon annually. Research activities will include: capturing via gill net, trammel net, and trawl net; measuring and weighing; tagging with external identifier PIT and Floy T-bar tags; and sampling tissue for genetic analysis. A subset of 30 adults and 30 juveniles per year will be tagged with acoustic transmitters and tracked. Another subset of 24 adults will be annually examined internally using laparoscopic techniques, with each potentially having gonad biopsy and blood samples taken for analyses. Another subset of 20 adults per year will be included in hydroacoustic gear testing. Additionally, lethal takes of up to 300 eggs or larvae each year will be collected during seasonal spawning activity with gear such as artificial substrate, D-frame ichthyoplankton net, and/or epibenthic sled. Finally, up to one unintentional mortality or serious injury is permitted annually, with no more than three mortalities over the five year permit. 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 such endangered or threatened species, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: April 20, 2010.

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 Telecommunications and Information Administration

Online Safety and Technology Working Group Meeting

AGENCY: National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public meeting of the Online Safety and Technology Working Group (OSTWG).

DATES: The meeting will be held on May 19, 2010, from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the United States Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Ave., NW., Room 4830, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joe Gattuso at (202) 482-0977 or jgattuso@ntia.doc.gov; and/or visit NTIA's Web site at <http://www.ntia.doc.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) established the OSTWG pursuant to Section 214 of the Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act (Act). The OSTWG is composed of representatives of relevant sectors of the business community, public interest groups, and other appropriate groups and Federal agencies. The members were selected for their expertise and experience in online safety issues, as well as their ability to represent the views of the various industry stakeholders.

According to the Act, the OSTWG is tasked with evaluating industry efforts to promote a safe online environment for children. The Act requires the OSTWG to report its findings and recommendations to the Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information and to Congress within one (1) year after its first meeting.

Matters to Be Considered: The OSTWG will review proposed recommendations to be included in its report and the status of the drafting of that report.

Time and Date: The meeting will be held on May 19, 2010, from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time. The times and the agenda topics are subject to change. The meeting may be webcast. Please refer to NTIA's Web site, <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/ostwg>, for the most up-to-date meeting agenda and webcast information.

Place: The meeting will be held at the United States Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Ave., NW., Room 4830, Washington, DC 20230. The meeting will be open to the public and press on a first-come, first-served basis. Space is limited. Attendees should bring a photo ID and arrive early to clear security. The public meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals requiring accommodations, such as sign language interpretation or other ancillary aids, are asked to notify Mr. Gattuso at (202) 482-0977 or jgattuso@ntia.doc.gov, at least five (5) business days before the meeting.

Dated: April 21, 2010.

Kathy D. Smith,

Chief Counsel, National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Commerce Spectrum Management Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public meeting of the Commerce Spectrum Management Advisory Committee (Committee). The Committee provides advice to the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information on spectrum management matters.

DATES: The meeting will be held on May 19, 2010, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 4830, Washington, DC 20230. Public comments may be mailed to Commerce Spectrum Management Advisory Committee, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 4725, Washington,

DC 20230 or e-mailed to spectrumadvisory@ntia.doc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joe Gattuso, Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 482-0977 or jgattuso@ntia.doc.gov; and/or visit NTIA's Web site at www.ntia.doc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The Committee provides advice to the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information on needed reforms to domestic spectrum policies and management to enable the introduction of new spectrum-dependent technologies and services, including long-range spectrum planning and policy reforms for expediting the American public's access to broadband services, public safety, and digital television. This Committee is subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2, and is consistent with the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act, 47 U.S.C. 904(b). The Committee functions solely as an advisory body in compliance with the FACA. For more information about the Committee, visit: <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/advisory/spectrum>.

Matters to be Considered: The Committee will consider draft reports from one or more of its subcommittees and will review work plans of two new subcommittees. NTIA will post a detailed agenda on its Web site, <http://www.ntia.doc.gov>, prior to the meeting. There also will be an opportunity for public comment at the meeting.

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Status: Interested parties are invited to attend and to submit written comments with the Committee at any