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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements; Public Workshops

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

ACTION: Notice of workshops.

SUMMARY: NMFS, Alaska Region, and the U.S. Coast Guard, North Pacific Regional Fisheries Training Center, will present workshops on the 2003 recordkeeping and reporting requirements for the Alaska groundfish fisheries and Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) fisheries.

DATES: The workshops will be held November 12 and 14, 2002. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for the times.

ADDRESSES: The workshops will be held in Seattle, WA. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for the addresses.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patsy A. Bearden, 907-586-7008.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The workshops will include discussion of 2003 recordkeeping and reporting requirements for IFQ fisheries and Alaska groundfish fisheries along with instructions for completion and submittal of the required forms and logsheets.

The workshops are scheduled as follows:

1. November 12, 2002, 1 p.m., Pacific standard time (P.s.t.), for vessels, 3:30 p.m., P.s.t., for shoreside processors at the NOAA Western Regional Center, Building 9, Room A/B, 7600 Sandpoint Way, N.E., Seattle, WA.

2. November 14, 2002, 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., P.s.t., at FISH EXPO, Room 303, Washington State Trade and Convention Center, Seattle, WA.

Tentatively, additional workshops are being considered in Unalaska, AK, Kodiak, AK, and Sitka, AK. Suggestions and recommendations on scheduling these workshops or on holding workshops at other times and places are welcome.

Special Accommodations

These workshops will be physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Patsy Bearden, 907-586-7008, at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: October 3, 2002.

Virginia M. Fay,

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. 1361

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

ACTION: Return of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the application submitted by Robert K. Metzger, Metzger Wildlife Surveys, 1327 North Wheaton Drive, St. Charles, Missouri 63301, to take green, hawksbill, loggerhead, Kemp's ridley and leatherback sea turtles along the Atlantic seaboard and the Gulf of Mexico for purposes of scientific research and enhancement has been returned to the applicant.

ADDRESSES: The documents related to this action are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

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;

Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298; phone (978)281-9200; fax (978)281-9371; and

Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432; phone (727)570-5301; fax (727)570-5320.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lillian Becker or Ruth Johnson, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 13, 2002 a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 6691) that an application had been filed by Robert K. Metzger. The applicant sought an application to perform survey and relocation trawls of

sea turtles in conjunction with dredging projects of the Army Corps of Engineers. The applicant has withdrawn his application.

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Trevor R. Spradlin,

Acting 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

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Endangered Species; File No. 1360

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. David Secor, Chesapeake Biological Laboratory, University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science, P.O. Box 38, Solomons, Maryland 20619 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;

Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298; phone (978)281-9200; fax (978)281-9371; Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432; phone (727)570-5301; fax (727)570-5320.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lillian Becker or Ruth Johnson, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 23, 2002, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 3165) that a request for a scientific research permit to take shortnose sturgeon 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