

of red snapper to the commercial sector would not meet the purpose and need of Amendment 28. Therefore, the Council intends to consider alternatives that would increase the recreational sector's allocation to more than the current 49 percent. Alternatives within Amendment 28 include a "no action" alternative where the current 51 percent commercial to 49 percent recreational allocation remains unchanged. Additionally, Amendment 28 also contains alternatives that shift allocation to the recreational sector by the amount of 3 percent, 5 percent, or 10 percent from the commercial to the recreational sector. Finally, Amendment 28 contains alternatives that shift either 100 percent or 75 percent of any total combined commercial and recreational quota in excess of 9.12 million lb (4.137 million kg) to the recreational sector. This harvest level, 9.12 million lb (4.137 million kg), was considered a baseline by the Council because it is the total allowable catch the commercial and recreational red snapper quotas were based on prior to the revised rebuilding plan implemented through Amendment 27 to the FMP. The combined 2013 commercial and recreational quotas currently equal 11.0 million lb (5.0 million kg).

At the February 2013 meeting, the Council postponed further development of Amendment 28 until the 2013 red snapper stock assessment was completed. The Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR) benchmark assessment for Gulf red snapper (SEDAR 31), was completed in June 2013, and the Council has discussed and heard public comments on Amendment 28 at the June 2013 and August 2013 meetings.

NMFS, in collaboration with the Council, will develop a DEIS to describe and analyze alternatives to address the management needs described above including the "no action" alternative. In accordance with NOAA's Administrative Order 216-6, Section 5.02(c), Scoping Process, NMFS, in collaboration with the Council, has identified preliminary environmental issues as a means to initiate discussion for scoping purposes only. The public is invited to provide written comments on the preliminary issues, which are identified as actions and alternative in the Amendment 28 draft options paper and action guide. These preliminary issues may not represent the full range of issues that eventually will be evaluated in the DEIS. A copy of the Amendment 28 draft options paper and action guide are available at [http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/sustainable\\_](http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/sustainable_)

[fisheries/gulf\\_fisheries/reef\\_fish/index.html](http://fisheries/gulf_fisheries/reef_fish/index.html).

After the DEIS associated with Amendment 28 is completed, it will be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). After filing, the EPA will publish a notice of availability of the DEIS for public comment in the **Federal Register**. The DEIS will have a 45-day comment period. This procedure is pursuant to regulations issued by the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA; 40 CFR parts 1500-1508) and to NOAA's Administrative Order 216-6 regarding NOAA's compliance with NEPA and the CEQ regulations.

The Council and NMFS will consider public comments received on the DEIS in developing the final environmental impact statement (FEIS), and before voting to submit the final amendment to NMFS for Secretarial review, approval, and implementation. NMFS will announce in the **Federal Register** the availability of the final amendment and FEIS for public review during the Secretarial review period, and will consider all public comments prior to final agency action to approve, disapprove, or partially approve the final amendment.

NMFS will announce, through a document published in the **Federal Register**, all public comment periods on the final amendment, its proposed implementing regulations, and the availability of its associated FEIS. NMFS will consider all public comments received during the Secretarial review period, whether they are on the final amendment, the proposed regulations, or the FEIS, prior to final agency action.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: November 4, 2013.

**Kelly Denit,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XA713**

#### Endangered Species; File No. 16482-01

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

**ACTION:** Notice; receipt of application for permit modification.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Warnell School of Forest Resources, Fisheries Division, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia 30602 [Douglas Peterson: Responsible Party], has applied in due form for a permit modification to take Atlantic sturgeon (*Acipenser oxyrinchus oxyrinchus*) and shortnose sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*) for purposes of scientific research.

**DATES:** Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before December 9, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** The application and related documents are available for review by selecting "Records Open for Public Comment" from the *Features* box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species (APPS) home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 16482-01 from the list of available applications.

These documents are also available upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

- Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 427-8401; fax (301) 713-0376; and
- Southeast Region, NMFS, 263 13th Avenue South, Saint Petersburg, Florida 33701; phone (727) 824-5312; fax (727) 824-5309.

Written comments on either application should be submitted to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division

- By email to [NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov) (include the File No. in the subject line of the email);
- By facsimile to (301) 713-0376; or
- At the address listed above.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division at the address listed above. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on the application would be appropriate.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Malcolm Mohead at (301) 427-8401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject permit modification 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 parts 222-226).

Permit No. 16482 was issued April 6, 2012 (77 FR 21754) to the Permit Holder listed above to capture Atlantic sturgeon

life stages in the Savannah (SC/GA), Ogeechee (GA), Altamaha (GA), Satilla (GA), and Saint Marys (GA/FL) Rivers using gill nets and trammel nets to measure, weigh, photograph, PIT and Floy tag, and tissue sample. Subsets are anesthetized, fin ray sectioned, laparoscoped, and implanted with an internal acoustic tag. Incidental mortality of serious harm to five juvenile and sub-adults or one adult annually is authorized. The Permit Holder is also authorized to sample Atlantic sturgeon early life stages (ELS) in suspected spawning areas using egg mats. The Permit Holder now requests consolidating the existing takes of shortnose sturgeon authorized in a separate Permit No 14394 in the Altamaha River (GA) into the current modification, and subsequently terminating Permit No. 14394. Additionally, the Permit Holder proposes new takes of shortnose sturgeon from the Savannah, Ogeechee, Satilla River (GA), Saint Marys Rivers (GA/FL) and Saint Johns and Nassau Rivers (FL); and new takes of Atlantic sturgeon from the Nassau and Saint Johns Rivers (FL) using identical methods described for Atlantic sturgeon. One additional procedure is requested not permitted in prior permits: the Permit Holder requests sampling blood from subsets of captured Atlantic and shortnose sturgeon from the Altamaha River (GA). Incidental mortality of two juvenile or adult shortnose sturgeon would be authorized annually from all river systems, as well sampling of shortnose sturgeon ELS in suspected spawning areas. The modification would be valid through the expiration date of the original permit on April 5, 2017.

Dated: November 4, 2013.

**P. Michael Payne,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### **Department of Defense Task Force on the Care, Management, and Transition of Recovering Wounded, Ill, and Injured Members of the Armed Forces; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, DoD.

**ACTION:** Meeting notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Defense is publishing this notice to announce the following Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the Department of Defense Task Force on the Care, Management, and Transition of Recovering Wounded, Ill, and Injured Members of the Armed Forces (subsequently referred to as the Task Force).

**DATES:** Monday, December 9, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. CST—Tuesday, December 10, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. CST.

**ADDRESSES:** El Tropicano Riverwalk Hotel, 110 Lexington Avenue, San Antonio, TX 78025, Romeo & Julieta Ballroom, 3rd Floor.

**FOR FURTHER CONTACT INFORMATION:** Mail Delivery service through Recovering Warrior Task Force, Hoffman Building II, 200 Stovall St, Alexandria, VA 22332-0021 “Mark as Time Sensitive for December Meeting”. Email correspondence to [rwtf@mail.mil](mailto:rwtf@mail.mil). Denise F. Dailey, Designated Federal Officer; Telephone (703) 325-6640. Fax (703) 325-6710.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This meeting is being held under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. § 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR § 102-3.150.

*Purpose of the Meeting:* The purpose of the meeting is for the Task Force Members to convene and gather data from panels and briefers on the Task Force’s topics of inquiry.

*Agenda:* (Refer to <http://rwtf.defense.gov> for the most up-to-date meeting information).

#### **Day One: Monday, December 9, 2013**

8:30 a.m.–8:45 a.m. Welcome, Member Introductions  
8:45 a.m.–9:45 a.m. Installation Visit After Action Review  
9:45 a.m.–10:00 a.m. Break  
10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m. San Antonio Military Health System Briefing  
11:00 a.m.–12:00 a.m. DoD and VA Formal and Informal Agreements  
12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m. Break for Lunch  
1:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m. Extremity Trauma and Amputation Center of Excellence (EACE)  
2:00 p.m.–2:15 p.m. Break  
2:15 p.m.–3:15 p.m. Hearing Center of Excellence (HCE)  
3:15 p.m.–3:30 p.m. Break  
3:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m. Humana’s Military Warrior Navigation and Assistance Program (WNAP) Briefing  
4:30 p.m.–4:45 p.m. Wrap Up

#### **Day Two: Tuesday, December 10, 2013**

8:30 a.m.–8:45 a.m. Welcome/Public Forum  
8:45 a.m.–10:00 a.m. Air Force Wounded Warrior & Survivor Care Program  
10:00 a.m.–10:15 a.m. Break  
10:15 a.m.–11:15 a.m. Air Force Formal PEB Performance  
11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m. SAMMC Warrior Transition Battalion Leadership Briefing  
12:15 p.m.–1:00 p.m. Break for Lunch  
1:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m. San Antonio Polytrauma Rehabilitation Center  
2:00 p.m.–2:15 p.m. Break  
2:15 p.m.–3:15 p.m. Air Force Patient Squadron Briefing  
3:15 p.m.–3:30 p.m. Break  
3:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Panel of Recovering Warriors in Service or Veterans  
5:00 p.m.–5:15 p.m. Wrap Up

*Public’s Accessibility to the Meeting:* Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b and 41 CFR 102-3.140 through 102-3.165, and the availability of space, this meeting is open to the public. Seating is on a first-come basis.

Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.105(j) and 102-3.140, and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the public or interested organizations may submit written statements to the Department of Defense Task Force on the Care, Management, and Transition of Recovering Wounded, Ill, and Injured Members of the Armed Forces about its mission and functions. If individuals are interested in making an oral statement during the Public Forum, a written statement for a presentation of two minutes must be submitted as stated in this notice and it must be identified as being submitted for an oral presentation by the person making the submission. Identification information must be provided and, at a minimum, must include a name and a phone number. Individuals may visit the Task Force Web site at <http://rwtf.defense.gov> to view the Charter. Individuals making presentations will be notified by Wednesday, December 4, 2013. Oral presentations will be permitted only on Tuesday, December 10, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. CST before the Task Force. The number of oral presentations will not exceed ten, with one minute of questions available to the Task Force members per presenter. Presenters should not exceed their two minutes.

Written statements in which the author does not wish to present orally may be submitted at any time or in response to the stated agenda of a planned meeting of the Department of