

Docket Number: 08-006. Applicant: Advocate Lutheran General Hospital—EM/Pathology, Park Ridge, IL 60068. Instrument: Electron Microscope, Model H-7650. Manufacturer: Hitachi High—Technologies Corp., Japan. Intended Use: See notice at 73 FR 12078, March 6, 2008.

Comments: None received. Decision: Approved. No instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument, for such purposes as these instruments are intended to be used, was being manufactured in the United States at the time the instruments were ordered. Reasons: Each foreign instrument is an electron microscope and is intended for research or scientific educational uses requiring an electron microscope. We know of no electron microscope, or any other instrument suited to these purposes, which was being manufactured in the United States at the time of order of each instrument.

Dated: March 27, 2008.

Faye Robinson,

*Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff,
Import Administration.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Project 25 Compliance Assessment Program— Laboratory Application for Assessment and Recognition

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, 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 proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before June 2, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be

directed to Dereck Orr, Program Manager for Public Safety Communications, NIST's Office of Law Enforcement Standards, Building 1, Room 2209, Boulder, CO 80305; 303-497-5400 (or via the Internet at dereck.orr@nist.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The September 11 attacks and Hurricane Katrina made apparent the need for public safety radio systems to interoperate, regardless of who manufactured the equipment. In response, and per Congressional direction, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) developed the Project 25 Compliance Assessment Program (P25 CAP) to improve public safety confidence in purchasing land mobile radio (LMR) equipment built to Project 25 LMR (P25) standards. Especially those P25 standards related to improving interoperability between different manufacturer's radio systems. The NIST/DHS P25 CAP is the system that will improve the conformance, performance and interoperability of LMR used by public safety personnel. The P25 CAP is a voluntary system that provides a mechanism for the recognition of testing laboratories based on internationally accepted standards. It identifies competent laboratories through assessments by trained Laboratory Assessment Teams and promotes the acceptance of compliant test results from these laboratories. Information collected through this process is to establish the suitability of applying laboratories, confirm equipment as meeting P25 standards, and gather basic business information.

II. Method of Collection

The application will be available on NIST/Office of Law Enforcement Standards Web site (http://www.eel.nis.gov/oles/public_safety.html) in Adobe PDF format. The form can be completed online or by hand and submitted via facsimile, e-mail or mail to the designated official listed on the application.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: None.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations; not-for-profit institutions; federal government; and state, local or tribal government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 20.

Estimated Time per Response: 1 hour.
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 20.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$100.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 27, 2008.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XG83

Endangered Species; File No. 13330

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Southeast Fisheries Science Center (Responsible Official – Bonnie Ponwith), National Marine Fisheries Service, 75 Virginia Drive, Miami, Florida 33149 has applied in due form for a permit to take smalltooth sawfish (*Pristis pectinata*) for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or e-mail comments must be received on or before May 2, 2008.

ADDRESSES: The application 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 Southeast Region, NMFS, 263 13th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701; phone (727)824-5312; fax (727)824-5309.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application should be mailed to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 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. 13330.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick Opay or Jennifer Skidmore, (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 collect data on the biology, distribution and abundance of the endangered smalltooth sawfish in order to facilitate the recovery of the species. All sawfish captured during field surveys would be handled, measured, tagged, sampled, and released alive. Capture methods would include longline, rod and reel, set lines (drum lines), gill nets, and beach seines. Tagging methods include rototags (fin tags), plastic headed dart tags, Passive Integrated Transponder (PIT) tags, acoustic tags (transmitters), Pop-Up Archival Transmitting (PAT) tags, and Smart Position Only Transmitting (SPOT) tags. Sampling would include a small fin clip and a small blood sample. Sawfish acquired through dead strandings or from law enforcement confiscations would be measured and sampled for scientific purposes. Sampling would occur in Florida, with the goal of taking 45

smalltooth sawfish per year. The applicant requests a permit for five years. Incidental take of sea turtles, sturgeon, coral, dolphins, alligators, crocodiles and manatees are unlikely but possible.

Dated: March 27, 2008.

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

RIN 0648-XG82

Endangered Species; File Nos. 13306 and 13307

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of applications.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Karen Holloway-Adkins, East Coast Biologists, Inc., P.O. Box 33715, Indialantic, FL 32903 (File No. 13306) and Kristen Hart, 600 4th Street South, St. Petersburg, FL, 33701 (File No. 13307) have applied in due form for permits to take green (*Chelonia mydas*), loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*), and hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) sea turtles for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or e-mail comments must be received on or before May 2, 2008.

ADDRESSES: The applications 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 Southeast Region, NMFS, 263 13th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701; phone (727)824-5312; fax (727)824-5309.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application should be mailed to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 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 Nos. 13306 and/or 13307.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kate Swails or Patrick Opay, (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).

File No. 13306: Ms. Holloway-Adkins proposes to capture up to 60 green and 5 loggerhead sea turtles annually. The turtles would be weighed, measured, flipper tagged, Passive Integrated Transponder (PIT) tagged, and blood and tissue sampled. A subset of green turtles would be lavaged. The applicant would also conduct visual transect surveys. This research would characterize the turtle aggregation using the nearshore reef system of Brevard county, Florida as well as monitor the impact of local beach nourishment activities on the sea turtles and their habitat.

File No. 13307: Dr. Hart proposes to capture up to 30 green, 20 hawksbill, and 20 loggerhead sea turtles annually. Turtles would be weighed, measured, flipper tagged, PIT tagged, blood sampled, tissue sampled, fecal sampled, and lavaged. A subset of turtles would be tagged with a satellite tag or acoustic transmitter or a combination of both. This research would address fine-scale temporal and spatial patterns of sea turtle habitat use, ecology, and genetic origin within the Dry Tortugas National Park.

Both permits would be issued for five years.

Dated: March 27, 2008.

P. Michael Payne,

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

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