

Bonnie Ponwith, Ph.D.), has been issued a permit to take green (*Chelonia mydas*), Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*), hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*), olive ridley (*L. olivacea*), and loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*) sea turtles for scientific research.

**ADDRESSES:** The permit and related documents are available for review 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;

Northeast Region, NMFS, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930; phone (978) 281-9328; fax (978) 281-9394; and Southeast Region, NMFS, 263 13th Ave South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701; phone (727) 824-5312; fax (727) 824-5309.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Amy Hapeman or Kristy Beard, (301) 427-8401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On June 27, 2011, notice was published in the *Federal Register* (76 FR 37327) that a request for a scientific research permit to take loggerhead, green, Kemp's ridley, olive ridley, leatherback, and hawksbill sea turtles 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 SEFSC is authorized to conduct research on leatherback, loggerhead, green, hawksbill, olive ridley, and Kemp's ridley sea turtles in the Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of Mexico, Caribbean Sea and their estuarine and coastal environments. The purpose of the research is to evaluate modifications to commercial fishing gear to mitigate sea turtle interactions and capture. The permit authorizes animals to be captured during trawl surveys and to handle and sample turtles captured within fisheries managed by another Federal authority. All animals would be handled, measured, weighed, photographed, flipper tagged, passive integrated transponder tagged, and skin biopsied prior to release. A limited number of mortalities may occur due to trawling. The permit is valid for five years.

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: February 17, 2012.

**P. Michael Payne,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### United States Patent and Trademark Office

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 35).

*Agency:* United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

*Title:* National Medal of Technology and Innovation Nomination Application.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Agency Approval Number:* 0651-0060.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Burden:* 1,600 hours annually.

*Number of Respondents:* 40 responses per year.

*Avg. Hours per Response:* The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately 40 hours to download the information from the USPTO Web site, prepare the nomination form, complete the contact information for the letters of recommendation or support, and submit the information to the USPTO via electronic mail or, alternatively, by fax or overnight delivery.

*Needs and Uses:* The public uses the National Medal of Technology and Innovation Nomination Application to recognize through nomination an individual's or company's extraordinary leadership and innovation in technological achievement. The application must be accompanied by six letters of recommendation or support from individuals who have first-hand knowledge of the cited achievement(s).

The USPTO uses the information to assist in the administration of the nomination process.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households, businesses or other for-profits.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Nicholas A. Fraser, email:

*Nicholas\_A\_Fraser@omb.eop.gov.*

Once submitted, the request will be publicly available in electronic format through the Information Collection Review page at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov).

*Paper copies can be obtained by:*

• *Email:*

*InformationCollection@uspto.gov.*

Include "0651-0060 copy request" in the subject line of the message.

• *Mail:* Susan K. Fawcett, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before March 26, 2012 to Nicholas A. Fraser, OMB Desk Officer, via email to *Nicholas\_A\_Fraser@omb.eop.gov*, or by fax to 202-395-5167, marked to the attention of Nicholas A. Fraser.

Dated: February 16, 2012.

**Susan K. Fawcett,**

Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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## BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION

### Establishment of the Consumer Advisory Board and Solicitation of Nominations for Membership

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection (the "Bureau") announces the establishment of the Consumer Advisory Board (the "Board"), which will advise and consult with the Bureau in the exercise of the Bureau's functions under the Federal consumer financial protection laws, and which will provide information to the Bureau concerning emerging trends and practices in the financial services and products industry. This Notice seeks nominations for members to serve on the Board.

**DATES:** Nominations received on or before March 30, 2012 will be given consideration for membership on the Board.

**ADDRESSES:** All nominations for membership on the Board should be sent: