

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[Docket No. 021028257-2257-01]

**Announcement of Additional Funding Opportunities From FY04
Announcement of Opportunity**

AGENCY: Office of Ocean Exploration, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: NOAA's Office of Ocean Exploration (OE) publishes this notice to announce that an application submitted in response to the NOAA Ocean Exploration Initiative Fiscal Year (FY) 2003 is being considered for funding with monies available through the FY04 solicitation. The rationale for this is as follows. The proposal under consideration for funding was well reviewed in FY03 and met the mission and goals of this office. However, funds and other essential resources were not available in FY03 to conduct the work proposed. Because the work was so well matched to the OE program goals, a programmatic decision was made to revisit and recommend funding for this proposal with FY04 funds.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Randi Neff, OE Program Grants Coordinator, NOAA Office of Ocean Exploration, 301-713-9444, facsimile 301-713-4252, or submit inquiries via e-mail to the Frequently Asked Questions address: oar.oe.FAQ@noaa.gov. A copy of this notice will be posted on the Ocean Explorer Website, which can be found at <http://oceanexplorer.noaa.gov>.

Dated: May 24, 2004.

Louisa Koch,

Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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[I.D. 051804A]

Marine Mammals; File Nos. 226-1752 and 116-1742

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

ACTION: Issuance of permits.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the following public display permits have been issued: Theater of the Sea, 84721 Overseas Highway, Islamorada, FL 33036 (File No. 226-1752) for the importation of one bottlenose dolphin (*Tursiops truncatus*) and Sea World, Inc., 7007 Sea World Drive, Orlando, FL 32821 (File No. 116-1742) for the importation of one beluga whale (*Delphinapterus leucas*).

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;

File No. 116-1742: Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213; phone (562)980-4001; fax (562)980-4018; and

File No. 226-1752: 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:

Jennifer Skidmore or Jill Lewandowski, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 16, 2004, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (69 FR 20602) that a request for a public display permit to import one adult, male bottlenose dolphin had been submitted by Theater of the Sea and a request for a public display permit to import one adult, female beluga whale had been submitted by Sea World, Inc. The requested permits have been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

Dated: May 21, 2004.

Stephen L. Leathery,

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

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[I.D. 051704G]

Endangered Species; File No. 1486

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

ACTION: Receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Harold M. Brundage, Environmental Research and Consulting, Inc., 112 Commons Court, Chadds Ford, PA 19317, has applied in due form for a permit to take shortnose sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*) for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or e-mail comments must be received on or before June 28, 2004.

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)713-0376; and

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

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)713-0376, 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 email comments is NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following document identifier: File No. 1475.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jennifer Jefferies or Amy Sloan, (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 purpose of the project is to conduct research and monitoring of shortnose sturgeon in the Delaware River/Estuary and the Chesapeake Bay. Researchers would characterize habitat use, relative abundance, juvenile recruitment, and temporal and spatial distributions of this species through the following research methodologies: capture via trawls and gillnets, measure, genetic sampling, PIT and floy T-bar tagging, and release of 970 juvenile and 2470 adult shortnose sturgeon throughout the Delaware River/Estuary and 30 juvenile and 100 adult shortnose sturgeon in the Chesapeake Bay, annually. In addition, a subset of 30 juveniles and 30 adults annually in the Delaware River/Estuary would also have internal ultrasonic transmitters implanted. An accidental mortality request of 25 juvenile and 25 adult fish is requested over the life of the permit. The researchers are requesting authorization for these activities for five years.

Dated: May 24, 2004.

Stephen L. Leathery,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before July 26, 2004.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or

Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, *e.g.* new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) title; (3) summary of the collection; (4) description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) reporting and/or recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: May 24, 2004.

Angela C. Arrington,

Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of the Undersecretary

Type of Review: New.

Title: Reading First Implementation Evaluation.

Frequency: Biennially.

Affected Public: State, local, or tribal gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 8,250.

Burden Hours: 4,125.

Abstract: The proposed data collection is necessary to complete a national evaluation of Reading First. The purpose of this evaluation is to assess how the Reading First program is being implemented in a nationally representative sample of Reading First schools. The Reading Implementation Evaluation will use surveys of teachers, literacy coaches, and principals to answer the evaluation questions.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 2546. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Potomac Center, 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20202–4700. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the

Internet address OCIO_RIMG@ed.gov or faxed to 202–245–6623. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Katrina Ingalls at her e-mail address Katrina.Ingalls@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Agency Information Collection Extension

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice and Request for Comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE), pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, intends to extend for three years, an information collection package with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The Department's Office of Environment, Safety and Health information collection package, 1910–5105, allows the Department and its contractors to provide management control and oversight over health and safety programs concerning worker exposure to ionizing radiation. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the extended 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 of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (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.

DATES: Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before July 26, 2004. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact one of the persons listed in the **ADDRESSES** section as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be sent to:

Dr. Judith D. Foulke, Office of Worker Protection Policy and Programs (EH–52), Building 270/CC, Office of Environment, Safety and Health, U.S.