

I. Abstract

The NIST Summer Institute and the NIST RET are competitive financial assistance (cooperative agreement) programs designed to support middle school science teachers to participate in hands-on workshops, lectures, tours, visits, or in scientific research with scientists and engineers in NIST laboratories in Gaithersburg, Maryland. The workshops provide teachers with instructional information and ideas to use in their teaching, and emphasize the measurement science done at NIST. The Program provides a world-class opportunity for those teaching our nation's next generation of scientists to learn more about the subjects they teach and the research in those subjects at NIST, and to offer a platform from which teachers can inspire their students to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

To receive funding, nominated teachers must submit applications through their U.S. public school districts or U.S. accredited private educational institutions for potential selection to participate in the NIST Summer Institute or the NIST RET. This request is for the information collection requirements associated with applying for funding. The information is used to perform the requisite reviews of the applications to determine if an award should be granted.

II. Method of Collection

Applications may be submitted electronically via <http://www.grants.gov>.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0693-0059.

Form Number: NIST-1103.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Middle school

(Grades 6-8) science teachers in a U.S. public school district or U.S. accredited private educational institution.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 100.

Estimated Time per Response: 1 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 100.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

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: May 6, 2011.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XA425

Endangered Species; File No. 15661

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 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Division of Fish and Wildlife, (Ignacion dela Cruz, Responsible Party), has applied in due form for a permit to take green (*Chelonia mydas*) and hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) sea turtles for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or e-mail comments must be received on or before June 10, 2011.

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. 15661 from the list of available applications.

These documents are also available 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; and Pacific Islands Region, NMFS, 1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Rm 1110, Honolulu, HI 96814-4700; phone (808) 944-2200; fax (808) 973-2941.

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

- By e-mail to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov (include the File No. in the subject line of the e-mail),

- 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, Conservation and Education Division at the address listed above. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Amy Hapeman or Colette Cairns, (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 CNMI Division of Fish and Wildlife proposes to conduct research on sea turtles to characterize population structure, size class composition, foraging ecology, and migration patterns for green and hawksbill sea turtles in the Northern Mariana Islands with an eye toward identifying potential conservation or critical habitat areas for immature and adult green and hawksbill turtles. The project would consist of counts and hand captures of sea turtles during vessel surveys. Up to 300 green and 50 hawksbill sea turtles would be captured, measured, weighed, flipper tagged, passive integrated transponder tagged, temporarily marked, tissue sampled, photographed, and released annually. A subset of the turtles would be satellite tagged before release and then tracked from the vessel. A small number of sea turtle carcasses, tissues or parts would also be opportunistically salvaged each year. The permit would be valid for five years.

Dated: May 5, 2011.

Tammy C. Adams,

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

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