Dated: March 27, 2003.

Theophilus R. Brainerd,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 032503B]

Endangered Species; File No. 1429

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

ACTION: Receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Southeast Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service, 75 Virginia Beach Drive, Miami, FL 33149, has applied in due form for a permit to take loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*), leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*), green (*Chelonia mydas*), Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*), hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), and olive ridley (*Lepidochelys olivacea*) sea turtles for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before May 1, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702–2432; phone (727)570–5301; fax (727)570–5320; and

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;

Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930–2298; phone (978)281–9328; fax (978)281–9371.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick Opay (301) 713–1401, or Carrie Hubard (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 conduct sea turtle bycatch reduction research in the pelagic longline fishery of the western north Atlantic Ocean. The researchers propose to work cooperatively with U.S. pelagic longline fishermen in the Northeast Distant area (NED) to conduct fishery-dependent testing. The purpose of the research is to develop and test methods to reduce bycatch that occurs incidental to commercial, pelagic longline fishing. The goal is to develop a means to reduce turtle take and retain viable fishing performance that may be adopted by the U.S. pelagic longline fleet as an alternative to more restrictive sea turtle protection measures, such as closures. The technologies developed through this research are expected to be transferrable to other nations' fleets as well, so this work will address the larger problem of sea turtle bycatch by pelagic longlines throughout the entire Atlantic Ocean and in other regions where sea turtle bycatch is a concern. The research will also attempt to determine the feasibility of using pop-up satellite tags to study the post-hooking survival of turtles impacted by the fishery.

Sea turtles are expected to be taken as they entangle in and/or are hooked by the longline gear deployed in this experiment. An additional 15 free-swimming loggerhead turtles may be dipnetted from the surface. The applicant proposes to take 217 loggerheads (202 to be taken by the experimental fishery and 15 dipnetted from the surface), 160 leatherbacks, 2 green turtles, 2 hawksbills, 2 olive ridleys, 2 Kemp's ridleys, and 2 unidentified hardshell species. The applicant is requesting authorized mortalities of 2 loggerheads, 2 leatherbacks, as well as 1 green, Kemp's ridley, olive ridley, hawksbill, or unidentified hardshell in aggregate. All takes will occur in the NED of the Atlantic Ocean. The applicant is requesting a 1-year permit.

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. Please note that comments will not be accepted by e-mail or by other electronic media.

Dated: March 26, 2003.

Stephen L. Leathery,

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

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Request for Comments Concerning Proposed Request for Approval of a Collection of Information—Safety Standard for Automatic Residential Garage Door Operators

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Consumer Product Safety Commission requests comments on a proposed request for extension of approval of a collection of information from manufacturers and importers of residential garage door operators. The collection of information consists of testing and recordkeeping requirements in certification regulations implementing the Safety Standard for Automatic Residential Garage Door Operators (16 CFR part 1211). The Commission will consider all comments received in response to this notice before requesting approval of this extension of a collection of information from the Office of Management and Budget.

DATES: The Office of the Secretary must receive written comments not later than June 2, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be captioned ''Residential Garage Door Operators'' and mailed to the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207, or delivered to that office, Room 502, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland 20814. Written comments may also be sent to the Office of the Secretary by facsimile at (301) 504–0127 or by e-mail at *cpsc-os@cpsc.gov.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about the proposed extension of approval of the collection of information, or to obtain a copy of 16 CFR part 1211, call or write Linda L. Glatz, Office of Planning and Evaluation, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207; telephone (301) 504–7671.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In 1990, Congress enacted legislation requiring residential garage door operators to

comply with the provisions of a standard published by Underwriters Laboratories to protect against entrapment. (The Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 1990, Pub. L. 101–608, 104 Stat. 3110.) The entrapment protection requirements of UL Standard 325 are codified into the Safety Standard for Automatic Residential Garage Door Operators, 16 CFR part 1211. Automatic residential garage door operators must comply with the latest edition of the Commission's regulations at 16 CFR part 1211.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approved the collection of information concerning the Safety Standard for Automatic Residential Garage Door Operators under control number 3041–0125. OMB's most recent approval will expire on June 30, 2003. The Commission now proposes to request an extension of approval without changes of this collection of information.

A. Certification Requirements

The Improvement Act provides that UL Standard 325 shall be considered to be a consumer product safety standard issued by the Consumer Product Safety Commission under section 9 of the Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA) (15 U.S.C. 2058). Section 14(a) of the CPSA (15 U.S.C. 2063(a)) requires manufacturers, importers, and private labelers of a consumer product subject to a consumer product safety standard to issue a certificate stating that the product complies with all applicable consumer product safety standards. Section 14(a) of the CPSA also requires that the certificate of compliance must be based on a test of each product or upon a reasonable testing program.

Section 14(b) of the CPSA (15 U.S.C. 2063(b)) authorizes the Commission to issue regulations to prescribe a reasonable testing program to support certificates of compliance with a consumer product safety standard. Section 14(b) of the CPSA allows firms that are required to issue certificates of compliance to use an independent third-party organization to conduct the testing required to support the certificate of compliance.

Section 16(b) of the CPSA (15 U.S.C. 2065(b)) authorizes the Commission to issue rules to require establishment and maintenance of records necessary to implement the CPSA or determine compliance with rules issued under the authority of the CPSA. On December 22, 1992, the Commission issued rules prescribing requirements for a reasonable testing program to support certificates of compliance with the Safety Standard for Automatic Residential Garage Door Operators (57 FR 60449). These regulations also require manufacturers, importers, and private labelers of residential garage door operators to establish and maintain records to demonstrate compliance with the requirements for testing to support certification of compliance. 16 CFR part 1211, subparts B and C.

The Commission uses the information compiled and maintained by manufacturers and importers of residential garage door operators to protect consumers from risks of death and injury resulting from entrapment accidents associated with garage door operators. More specifically, the Commission uses this information to determine whether the products produced and imported by those firms comply with the standard.

The Commission also uses this information to facilitate corrective action if any residential garage door operators fail to comply with the standard in a manner that creates a substantial risk of injury to the public.

B. Estimated Burden

The Commission staff estimates that about 22 firms are subject to the testing and recordkeeping requirements of the certification regulations. The staff estimates that each respondent will spend 40 hours annually on the collection of information for a total of about 880 hours. Using an hourly rate of $42.30, based on Total compensation, private goods-producing section, managerial, executive, and administrative category, Bureau of Labor Statistics, the total industry cost would be $37,224.

C. Request for Comments

The Commission solicits written comments from all interested persons about the proposed collection of information. The Commission specifically solicits information relevant to the following topics:

—Whether the collection of information described above is necessary for the proper performance of the Commission's functions, including whether the information would have practical utility;
—Whether the estimated burden of the proposed collection of information is accurate;
—Whether the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected could be enhanced; and
—Whether the burden imposed by the collection of information could be minimized by use of automated, electronic or other technological collection techniques, or other forms of information technology.

Dated: March 27, 2003.

Todd A. Stevenson,

Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission.

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Availability of Funds for an Organization To Administer the President's Volunteer Service Awards

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Notice of availability of funds and request for proposals.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter ''the Corporation'') will enter into a cooperative agreement of up to three years with a single organization selected under this Notice to provide administrative and technical support in the development and implementation of the President's Volunteer Service Awards program. The Corporation seeks an organization that has, or can contract with others to acquire, expertise in marketing and publicity, awards fulfillment, database management, production and distribution of identity items, and event management. Commercial organizations, non-profit organizations, state and local government entities, institutions of higher education and Indian tribal organizations are all eligible to apply. The Executive Director of the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation at the Corporation (hereinafter the ''Executive Director'') will oversee the President's Volunteer Service Awards program. The Executive Director will work with the organization selected under this Notice and others to develop strategic partnerships that can build awareness, understanding, and distribution of the Awards.

The Corporation expects to provide approximately $100,000 in year one, and contingent upon performance and availability of funding, to provide up to approximately $250,000 in year two and up to approximately $250,000 in year three to the selected organization for technical and administrative assistance for the President's Volunteer Service Awards program. The selected organization must meet stated financial goals for all years that the cooperative agreement is in effect. Funding beyond year one is contingent upon satisfactory performance on financial and award fulfillment goals and the availability of appropriations for this purpose.