

permit to take green (*Chelonia mydas*), hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*), and loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*) sea turtles for purposes of scientific research.

**DATES:** Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before October 13, 2017.

**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. 21169 from the list of available applications.

These documents are also available upon written request or by appointment in the 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.

Written comments on this application should be submitted to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, at the address listed above. Comments may also be submitted by facsimile to (301) 713-0376, or by email to [NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov). Please include the File No. in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request to the Chief, Permits and Conservation 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:** Erin Markin or Amy Hapeman, (301) 427-8401.

**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 parts 222-226).

Inwater Research Group, Inc., proposes to continue long-term monitoring on habitat preference, species abundance, size frequencies, and disease prevalence in sea turtles in the Key West National Wildlife Refuge, Big Bend region, and coastal and offshore waters of Monroe, Citrus, and Dixie Counties, Florida. Annually, up to 2,432 green, 749 hawksbill, 560 Kemp's ridley, and 500 loggerhead sea turtles would be pursued by vessel for the purpose of species identification and capture using hand capture or dip nets. Of the animals pursued by vessel,

annually, up to 350 green, 105 hawksbill, 230 Kemp's ridley, and 225 loggerhead sea turtles would be captured for collection of morphometric data, biological samples, and tagging (flipper and passive integrated transponder). Of the animals pursued by vessel, up to 50 green, 25 hawksbill, 25 Kemp's ridley, and 50 loggerhead sea turtles would be captured for morphometric data, biological samples and instrument attachment (acoustic and/or satellite transmitters), annually. In addition, up to 50 green, 25 hawksbill, 50 Kemp's ridley, and 25 loggerhead neonate sea turtles would be captured, annually, for collection of morphometric data, biological samples, and tagging (flipper and passive integrated transponder). The permit would be valid for up to ten years from the date of issuance.

Dated: September 8, 2017.

**Julia Harrison,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Fisheries of the South Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, and Caribbean; Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR); Amendment

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

**ACTION:** Announcement of meeting location change and schedule modification of the SEDAR Steering Committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The SEDAR Steering Committee will meet to discuss the SEDAR process and assessment schedule.

**DATES:** The SEDAR Steering Committee will meet Tuesday, September 26, 2017, from 1:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Meeting address:* The Steering Committee meeting will be held at the Town and Country Inn, 2008 Savannah Highway, Charleston, SC 29407; telephone: (843) 900-4120.

*SEDAR address:* South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N.

Charleston, SC 29405;  
[www.sedarweb.org](http://www.sedarweb.org).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Carmichael, Deputy Executive Director, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405; phone: (843) 571-4366 or toll free (866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: [john.carmichael@safmc.net](mailto:john.carmichael@safmc.net).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This meeting was previously published in the **Federal Register** (82 FR 42544). This is notification of a change in meeting location and duration. The meeting was originally scheduled to occur on Tuesday, September 26 and Wednesday, September 27, at the Crown Plaza Charleston Airport in North Charleston SC. This change is being made due to a change in scheduling of a meeting of the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council in response to hazardous weather. The meeting will be accessible via webinar. The items for discussion are unchanged, and are as follows:

1. Research Track Process
2. SEDAR Current Projects Update
3. SEDAR Future Projects Schedule
4. Budget Report

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the intent to take final action to address the emergency.

#### Special Accommodations

This meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the SAFMC office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 3 business days prior to the meeting.

**Note:** The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: September 8, 2017.

**Jeffrey N. Lonergan,**

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

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