

Sanctuary Manager and the Joint Management Committee (a state/federal body to oversee major policy, management and budget issues concerning the Sanctuary & Preserve) regarding the management and operation of the Thunder Bay NMS & UP. Since its establishment, the Council has played a vital role in the decisions affecting the Sanctuary & Preserve waters.

The Council's 15 voting members represent a variety of local constituent groups, as well as the general public, plus five local governmental jurisdictions.

The Council is supported by four working groups: Education, Outreach, Volunteer and Mooring Buoy Working Groups. Each group deals with matters concerning education, outreach, volunteers and resource protection.

The Council functions in an advisory capacity to the Sanctuary Manager and is instrumental in helping to develop program goals. The Council works to advise the Sanctuary Manager by keeping him informed about areas of concern from their constituents, as well as offering recommendations on specific issues that may occur.

The Sanctuary & Preserve was established to manage and protect Thunder Bay's historic collection of over 100 shipwrecks. NOAA and the State of Michigan are equal partners in the manager of TBNMS&UP. Both NOAA and the State will mutually agree on the selection of the vacant seat members.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. Sections 1431, *et seq.*

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**Jamison S. Hawkins,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

#### Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program: Approval Decision on Maine Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to Approve the Maine Coastal Nonpoint Program.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the intent to fully approve the Maine Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program (coastal nonpoint program) and of the availability of the draft Approval Decisions on conditions for the Maine coastal nonpoint program. Section 6217 of the Coastal Zone Act Reauthorization Amendments (CZARA), 16 U.S.C. section 1455b, requires States and Territories with coastal zone management programs that have received approval under section 306 of the Coastal Zone Management Act to develop and implement coastal nonpoint programs. Coastal States and Territories were required to submit their coastal nonpoint programs to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for approval in July 1995. NOAA and EPA conditionally approved the Maine coastal nonpoint program on February 23, 1998. NOAA and EPA have drafted approval decisions describing how Maine has satisfied the conditions placed on its program and therefore has a fully approved coastal nonpoint program.

NOAA and EPA are making the draft decisions for the Maine coastal nonpoint program available for a 30-day public comment period. If comments are received, NOAA and EPA will consider whether such comments are significant enough to affect the decision to fully approve the program.

Copies of the draft Approval Decisions can be found on the NOAA Web site at <http://www.ocrm.nos.noaa.gov/czm/> or may be obtained upon request from: Helen Farr, Coastal Programs Division (N/ORM3), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910, phone (301) 713-3155, x150, e-mail [helen.farr@noaa.gov](mailto:helen.farr@noaa.gov).

**DATES:** Individuals or organizations wishing to submit comments on the draft Approval Decisions should do so by June 19, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be made to: John King, Acting Chief, Coastal Programs Division (N/ORM3), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910, phone (301) 713-3155, x188, e-mail [john.king@noaa.gov](mailto:john.king@noaa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Helen Farr, Coastal Programs Division (N/ORM3), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS, NOAA,

1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910, phone (301) 713-3155, x150, e-mail [helen.farr@noaa.gov](mailto:helen.farr@noaa.gov).

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Dated: May 15, 2003.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Endangered Species; File No. 1418

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

**ACTION:** Receipt of application.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Lawrence D. Wood, Marine Life Center of Juno Beach, 14200 U.S. Hwy. 1, Juno Beach, FL 33408, has applied in due form for a permit to take hawksbill sea turtles (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) for purposes of scientific research.

**DATES:** Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before June 19, 2003.

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

#### 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 study the abundance and distribution of hawksbill