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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Endangered Species; File No. 29736

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Katrina Phillips, Ph.D., Dauphin Island Sea Lab 101, Bienville Blvd, Dauphin Island, AL 36528, has applied in due form for a permit to take loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*), green (*Chelonia mydas*), Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*), hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), and leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*) sea turtles for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

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 home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 29736 from the list of available applications. These documents are also available upon written request via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov.

Written comments on this application should be submitted via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Please include File No. 29736 in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request via email to *NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov*. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy Hapeman or Erin Markin, Ph.D., (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).

The applicant proposes to study juvenile, subadult, and adult sea turtle demography and distribution in the northern Gulf of America. Researchers would capture up to 60 green, 7 hawksbill, 60 Kemp's ridley, 40 loggerhead, and 1 leatherback sea turtles by tangle and dip net annually. Researchers would perform the following procedures on sea turtles prior to their release: epibiota removal; flipper tag; passive integrated transponder tag; biologically sample (skin swab, blood, scute, fecal, and skin biopsy); measure; weigh; and photograph/video. A subset of green, Kemp's ridley, and loggerhead sea turtles may receive a transmitter attachment. The permit is requested for 10 years.

Dated: July 14, 2026.

Larissa Plants,

Acting Deputy Director,

Office of Protected Resources,

National Marine Fisheries Service.

