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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

In Reply Refer To:
FWS/WFO PRT 2-6842

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Dr. Richard S. Shomura
Director, Honolulu Laboratory
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Southwest Fisheries Center
Honolulu Laboratory
P.O. Box 3830
Honolulu, Hawaii 96812

Dear Dr. Shomura:

This letter is in reply to your July 16 request for a threatened species permit to work with green sea turtles (Chelonia mydas).

50 CFR 17.31(b), enclosed, provides that any employee or agent of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) who is designated by his agency may, when acting in the course of his official duties, take threatened wildlife to carry out conservation programs. It appears from your application that the proposed sea turtle identification project falls into this category. No permit is required but anyone working on the project should be so designated in writing by NMFS.

Since you do not need a permit to conduct the activities you propose, your application for a permit is denied. As provided in 50 CFR 13.21(d) enclosed, you may submit additional information or justification why your permit should not be denied. Such further submission shall not be considered a new application, but should be received in this office within 30 days of the date of this letter.

Please contact Bob Batky of this office (703/235-1903) if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

Donald G. Donahoo
Chief, Permit Branch
Federal Wildlife Permit Office

Enclosures

