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FLYNET TURTLE EXCLUDER DEVICE VOUCHER PROGRAM

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) and NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries Service) are partnering to help members of the Mid-Atlantic flynet fishery reduce bycatch of threatened and endangered sea turtles. NOAA Fisheries Service has issued an advance notice of proposed rulemaking to require turtle excluder devices (TEDs) in the flynet fishery.

NOAA Fisheries Service and commercial flynet fishermen have collaborated to develop and test TED designs that are customized for and proven in the flynet fishery. NFWF will be sponsoring a program to help flynet fishermen acquire these new TEDs. NOAA Fisheries Service's Southeast Fisheries Science Center is helping to coordinate the program with fishermen.

Fishermen can receive a voucher good for \$3,000 toward the purchase of one flynet TED. Thirty (30) vouchers will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Interested fishermen may contact the

NOAA Fisheries Service Beaufort Laboratory in Beaufort, North Carolina after August 16, 2010, to request a voucher. Vouchers may be redeemed at Wanchese Trawl and Supply in Wanchese, North Carolina, or Tide Marine in Bayou LaBatre, Alabama.

The deadline for use of the vouchers will be September 30, 2010. For more information, please contact Jeff Gearhart at 228-369-0660, or Blake Price at 228-369-8194.

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