

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: NMFS and FWS (the Services) will be conducting public meetings, in conjunction with the public comment period, regarding a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement addressing effects of a proposed land exchange with the U.S. Forest Service in the Interstate-90 corridor of Washington. If the proposed land exchange takes place, the Endangered Species Act (ESA) incidental take permit issued to Plum Creek Timber Company would be modified accordingly. Permit PRT-808398 was issued on June 27, 1996, and allows Plum Creek to take federally listed species, under the provisions of section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA, as amended.

DATES: Public meetings will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on January 20 and 21, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Public meetings will be held at the following locations: on January 20, 1999, at The Inn at Goose Creek, 1720 Canyon Road, Ellensburg, Washington; on January 21, 1999, at the Holiday Inn, 1801 12th Avenue, NW, Issaquah, Washington.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Vogel, Wildlife Biologist, Fish and Wildlife Service, 510 Desmond Drive, Suite 101, Lacey, Washington 98503, (360) 753-9440; or Dennis Carlson, Fishery Biologist, National Marine Fisheries Service, 510 Desmond Drive, Suite 101, Lacey, Washington 98503, (360) 753-9440.

Interested parties may contact the Services at the address listed above to receive additional information, including a map for the public meeting location.

Dated: December 29, 1998.

Thomas J. Dwyer,

Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Fish and Wildlife Service, Portland, Oregon.

Dated: December 30, 1998.

Kevin Collins,

Chief, Endangered Species 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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Marine Mammals, File No. 772#69

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Receipt of application for amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Southwest Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service, 8604 La Jolla shores Drive, La Jolla, CA 92038, has requested an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 1024.

DATES: Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before February 4, 1999.

ADDRESSES: The amendment request and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289), and
Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (562/980-4001).

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this request should be submitted to the Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular amendment request would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301) 713-0376, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period. Please note that comments will not be accepted by e-mail or other electronic media.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sara Shapiro or Ruth Johnson, 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject amendment to Permit No. 1024, issued on December 30, 1996 (62 FR 1875) is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR 222.23), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

Permit No. 1024 authorizes the permit holder to: conduct level B harassment activities [*i.e.* censuses] on, capture,

handle, and release Antarctic pinnipeds in the South Shetland Islands, Antarctica. The holder requests authorization to increase the number of Antarctic fur seal (*Arctocephalus gazella*) pups and juveniles to be captured and handled for oxygen consumption and developmental physiology studies. The Holder proposes to conduct these activities at Cape Shirreff on Livingston Island, Antarctica.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: December 23, 1998.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE
Notice of Technical Assistance Workshops and Conference Calls for Potential Applicants for AmeriCorps Indian Tribes and America Reads Challenge Program Funds

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Notice of pre-application technical assistance workshops and conference calls.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service (Corporation) has scheduled two workshops and two conference calls to provide technical assistance to Indian Tribes and organizations representing Alaska Natives interested in applying for AmeriCorps Indian Tribes and America Reads Challenge program funds.

DATES: The workshops will be held January 20-21, 1999 and February 10-11, 1999. The conference calls will be held February 16, 1999 and February 18, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To register for a workshop or a conference call and to obtain the information needed to participate, contact Pattie

Howell, (202) 606-5000, ext. 105. T.D.D. (202) 565-2799. For individuals with disabilities, information will be made available in alternative formats upon request.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

AmeriCorps is the national service program that engages Americans of all ages and backgrounds in meeting critical education, public safety, environmental, and other human needs. Each year, the Corporation for National Service provides funds to programs operated by Indian Tribes and organizations representing Alaska Natives to support projects such as tutoring children, restoring streams and parks, building playgrounds and housing, assisting elders, and serving in health clinics.

The America Reads Challenge is a comprehensive, nationwide effort to create in-school, after-school, weekend, and summer tutoring programs in reading. Working to support the efforts of teachers and parents, this Challenge calls on Americans in all fields—schools, libraries, religious organizations, universities, community and national groups, and cultural organizations, as well as college students, business leaders, and senior citizens—to ensure that every child can read independently by the end of the third grade.

For more information about the activities supported by the Corporation for National Service, visit our web site: <http://www.nationalservice.org>.

The Corporation for National Service has scheduled several workshops and conference calls regarding the application process for AmeriCorps Indian Tribes an America Reads Challenge grant. These sessions are designed to convey to participants an understanding of funding opportunities at the Corporation, tips on preparing a successful application for the 1999 AmeriCorps Indian Tribes and America Reads Challenge grant competitions, and the framework objectives for an AmeriCorps and an America Reads Challenge program.

Workshop #1

Dates: January 20-21, 1999.

Location: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Two Arizona Center, 400 N. 5th Street, 12th Floor, Phoenix, AZ.

Nearby Hotels:

Phoenix Hilton, 602/212-5306

Ramada Downtown, 602/258-3411

Holiday Inn Express, 602/452-2020

Workshop #2

Dates: February 10-11, 1999.

Location: Corporation for National Service, 1201 New York Avenue N.W., Washington, DC.

Nearby Hotels:

Comfort Inn, 202/712-9371

Grand Hyatt, 202/582-1234

Crowne Plaza, 202/682-0111

Conference Calls

Dates: February 16, 1999 February 18, 1999.

Time: 3:00 p.m. Eastern time.

Dated: December 30, 1998.

Thomas L. Bryant,

Acting General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Financial and Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before March 8, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651, or should be electronically mailed to the internet address Pat_Sherrill@ed.gov, or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or

Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Financial and Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: December 29, 1998.

Kent H. Hannaman,

Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Financial and Chief Information Officer.

Office of Vocational and Adult Education.

Type of Review: New.

Title: Vocational and Technical Education National Centers.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden: Responses: 15; Burden Hours: 1,350.

Abstract: This form will be used by applicants to apply for funding under the National Centers Program. The information will be used to make cooperative agreements.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.