

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