

auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard (see ADDRESSES) at least 5 days prior to the meeting dates.

All other previously published information remains unchanged.

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National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Receipt of applications for new scientific research permits (1202, 1203), receipt of an amendment to an application for a scientific research permit (1129), and receipt of a request to modify an existing scientific research permit (1114).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following actions regarding permits for takes of endangered and threatened species for the purposes of scientific research and/or enhancement: NMFS has received new permit applications from the U.S. Forest Service in Corvallis, OR (USFS) (1202) and from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife in Olympia, WA (WDFW) (1203); NMFS has received an amendment to a pending application from WDFW (1129); and NMFS has received a request to modify an existing permit from WDFW (1114).

DATES: Written comments or requests for a public hearing on any of the new applications or modification requests must be received on or before April 8, 1999.

ADDRESSES: The applications and related documents are available for review in the following office, by appointment: Protected Resources Division, F/NWO3, 525 NE Oregon Street, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97232-4169 (503-230-5400).

All documents may also be reviewed by appointment in the Office of Protected Resources, F/PR3, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For permit 1129: Leslie Schaeffer, Portland, OR (503-230-5433).

For permits 1114, 1202, and 1203: Tom Lichatowich, Portland, OR (503-230-5438)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority

Issuance of permits and permit modifications as required by the ESA, is based on a finding that such permits/modifications: (1) Are applied for in good faith; (2) would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species which are the subject of the permits; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA. Permits and modifications are issued in accordance with and are subject to parts 217-222 of Title 50 CFR, the NMFS regulations governing listed species permits.

Species Covered in this Notice

The following species and evolutionarily significant units (ESU's) are covered in this notice:

Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*): Upper Columbia River (UCR) spring, Snake River (SnR) spring/summer and Steelhead trout (*O. mykiss*): Lower Columbia River (LCR), UCR.

To date, neither a listing determination for UCR spring chinook salmon under the ESA, nor protective regulations for threatened LCR steelhead under section 4(d) of the ESA have been promulgated by NMFS. This notice of receipt of applications requesting takes of these species is issued as a precaution in the event that NMFS issues an UCR spring chinook salmon listing determination and/or LCR steelhead protective regulations. The initiation of a 30-day public comment period on the applications, including their proposed takes of UCR spring chinook salmon and/or LCR steelhead, does not presuppose a listing determination or the contents of the eventual protective regulations, respectively.

New Applications Received

USFS (1202) requests a 5-year permit authorizing direct takes of juvenile, threatened, LCR steelhead associated with three salmonid monitoring studies in the Clackamas River and tributaries. In study 1, USFS proposes to evaluate the downstream migration of juvenile salmonids. The fish will be captured with screw traps, anesthetized, tagged with passive integrated transponders (PIT) tags, and released. For study 2, USFS proposes to conduct a catch and effort study. Juvenile salmonids will be captured with fly fishing gear, anesthetized, PIT tagged, and released. In study 3, USFS proposes to use snorkel surveys to count juvenile

salmonids. Data from these three studies will be used to assess the survival of downstream salmonids as they pass through various habitats. USFS has also requested some indirect mortalities of the ESA-listed, juvenile fish associated with the research.

WDFW (1203) requests a 5-year permit, for takes of adult and juvenile, UCR spring chinook salmon associated with five research studies in UCR tributaries and the mainstem river in anticipation of a possible listing decision of this species by NMFS. In study 1, WDFW proposes to assess migrating juvenile salmonid populations. The fish will be captured with screw traps, anesthetized, sampled for biological data and released downstream. In study 2, WDFW proposes to trap returning adults at fish ladders, record biological information, and release them upstream. In study 3, WDFW proposes to survey the spawning grounds to identify redds and collect biological data from carcasses. In study 4, WDFW proposes to assess the capacity of salmonid habitat. Juvenile salmonids will be captured using electroshockers, seines, and other techniques; anesthetized; sampled for biological data; and released. In study 5, WDFW proposes to conduct presence/absence studies by using electroshockers to determine the distribution of salmonids in various watersheds. Data from these five studies will provide managers valuable information that will be used to assess the survival of migrating juvenile salmonids, the abundance of adults on spawning grounds, the annual success of spawners, and the relative abundance of salmonids in the available habitat. WDFW has also requested some indirect mortalities of the ESA-listed, juvenile fish associated with the research.

Amended Application

On March 24, 1998, a notice was published (63 FR 14069) that NMFS had received an application (1129) for a 5-year permit from WDFW that would authorize takes of adult and juvenile, threatened, naturally produced and artificially propagated, SnR spring/summer chinook salmon associated with a supplementation program at the Tucannon River and Lyons Ferry Hatcheries. NMFS has received an amendment to that application requesting the initiation of a captive broodstock program for Tucannon River spring chinook salmon. The goal of the captive broodstock program is for the short term rebuilding of the Tucannon River spring chinook salmon run because of poor expected runs through the year 2001. Supplementation fish are

proposed to be selected for the captive broodstock program. The amendment also requests the use of remote site incubators to reseed the uppermost reaches of the Tucannon River with spring chinook salmon to aid in the long term recovery and rebuilding of the spring chinook salmon run. Eggs for these incubators would come from the Tucannon River spring chinook supplementation program or from the captive broodstock program. WDFW has also requested some indirect mortalities of the ESA-listed, juvenile fish associated with the research/enhancement activities.

Modification Request Received

WDFW requests modification 2 to permit 1114, which authorizes annual direct takes of adult and juvenile, endangered, naturally produced and artificially propagated, UCR steelhead associated with a smolt monitoring program at Rock Island Dam. For modification 2, WDFW requests takes of juvenile, UCR spring chinook salmon in anticipation of a possible listing decision of this species by NMFS. The requested takes are associated with a proposed research program designed to collect information on juvenile salmonid migration timing, survival, travel timing, and general fish health. The data will be used to make in-season adjustments to water releases from upstream reservoirs that optimize downstream migration conditions. Juvenile salmonids will be collected in a permanent inclined screen trap, anesthetized, examined and/or PIT tagged, allowed to recover from the anesthetic, and released. WDFW has also requested some indirect mortalities of the ESA-listed, juvenile fish associated with the research/enhancement activities. Modification 2 is requested to be valid for the duration of the permit, which expires on December 31, 2002.

Dated: March 2, 1999.

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Office of Protected Resources, National
Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Technology Administration

National Medal of Technology Nomination Evaluation Committee (NMTNEC)

AGENCY: Technology Administration,
U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Recruitment for
Additional Members for NMTNEC.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, Technology Administration (TA), requests nominations of individuals for appointment to the National Medal of Technology Nomination Evaluation Committee (NMTNEC). The Committee provides advice to the Secretary on the implementation of Pub. L. 96-480 (15 U.S.C. 3711) under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2. The terms of several current members have expired and the period of nominations will identify their replacement.

DATES: Please submit nominations by March 24, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Submit nominations to the National Medal of Technology Program Office, Technology Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Room 4226, Washington, DC 20230. Materials may be faxed to 202-501-8153.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Allison A. Rosenberg, Director, 202-482-5572.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Medal of Technology was rechartered on December 8, 1997, for a period of two years to provide advice to the Secretary on the implementation of Pub. L. 96-480 (15 U.S.C. 3711) under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2. The National Medal of Technology Nomination Evaluation Committee (NMTNEC) serves as an advisory body to the Under Secretary of Technology in his capacity as Chair of the Steering Committee, which reports directly to the Secretary of Commerce. Members are responsible for reviewing nominations and making recommendations for the nation's highest honor for technological innovation, awarded annually by the President of the United States. Members of the NMTNEC have an understanding of, and experience in, developing and utilizing technological innovation and/or they are familiar with the education, training, employment and management of technological human resources.

Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, membership in a committee constituted under the Act must be balanced. To achieve balance, the Department is seeking additional nominations of candidates from small, medium-sized, and large businesses or with special expertise in the following subsectors of the technology enterprise:

- (1) Manufacturing and Process Quality Technologies;
- (2) Infrastructure and Transportation Technologies, Structural Materials; and

(3) Microelectronics, software, and telecommunications.

Typically, committee members are present or former Chief Executive Officers or other senior leaders of corporations; presidents or distinguished faculty of universities; or senior executives of non-profit organizations. They offer stature by virtue of their positions and also possess first-hand knowledge of the forces driving future directions for their industries or fields of expertise. The Committee as a whole is balanced in representing geographical, professional, and diversity interests. Nominees must be U.S. citizens, must be able to fully participate in meetings pertaining to the review and selection of finalists for the National Medal of Technology, and must uphold the confidential nature of an independent peer review and competitive selection process.

The Department of Commerce is committed to equal opportunity in the workplace and seeks a broad-based and diverse NMTNEC membership.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

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Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request Entitled Incentive Contracts

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of request for an extension to an existing OMB clearance.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning Incentive Contracts. A request for public comments was published at 63 FR 71099, December 23, 1998. No comments were received.

DATES: Comments may be submitted on or before April 8, 1999.