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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Brandy Hutnak or Carrie Hubard, (301)713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 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 (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR 222-226).

The applicant seeks a five year permit to study the behavior and dynamics of humpback whale female and calf pairs in the waters off of Maui, Hawaii, including waters of the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary. Up to 540 takes for close vessel approach, photo-identification, focal follows, underwater observations, collection of sloughed skin, and incidental harassment are requested annually to test the hypotheses that behavior, dynamics and distribution of female/calf pairs varies between different stocks and may be influenced by abiotic factors such as aspects of bathymetry, water quality, and levels of vessel traffic. Incidental harassment of bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*), spinner dolphins (*Stenella longirostris*), pantropical spotted dolphins (*Stenella attenuata*), false killer whales (*Pseudorca crassidens*), and pilot whales (*Globicephala* sp.) is also requested. 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: August 1, 2007.

**P. Michael Payne,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**RIN 0648-XB82**

**North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Notice of Public Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Meetings of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council Aleutian Island Ecosystem Team.

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Ecosystem Committee will meet at the Auke Bay Laboratory Lena Point facility, in Juneau, AK, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, August 22, 2007

**DATES:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Ecosystem Committee will meet on August 22, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** NMFS Auke Bay Laboratory, Ted Stevens Marine Research Institute, 17109 Pt. Lena Loop Road, Juneau, AK 99801.

*Council address:* North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Diana Evans, Council staff, Phone: 907-271-2809.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The agenda is to discuss the AI Fishery Ecosystem Plan (review summary pamphlet, discuss approaches to identifying desirable/ undesirable states of ecosystem), give feedback on the proposed approach to developing an Arctic Fishery Management Plan, and receive updates on the Alaska Marine Ecosystem Forum meeting and NOAA's integrated ecosystem assessment plans.

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Gail Bendixen at 907-271-2809 at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: August 1, 2007.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**RIN 0648-XB78**

**Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish**

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

**ACTION:** Applications for two scientific research permits.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that NMFS has received two scientific research permit application requests relating to Pacific salmon. The proposed research is intended to increase knowledge of species listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and help guide management and conservation efforts.

**DATES:** Comments or requests for a public hearing on the applications must be received at the appropriate address or fax number (see **ADDRESSES**) no later than 5 p.m. Pacific standard time on September 5, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on the applications should be sent to the Protected Resources Division, NMFS, 1201 NE Lloyd Blvd., Suite 1100, Portland, OR 97232-1274. Comments may also be sent via fax to 503-230-5441 or by e-mail to *resapps.nwr@NOAA.gov*.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Garth Griffin, Portland, OR (ph.: 503-231-2005, Fax: 503-230-5441, e-mail: *Garth.Griffin@noaa.gov*). Permit application instructions are available from the address above.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Species Covered in This Notice**

The following listed species are covered in this notice:

Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*): threatened lower Columbia River (LCR), threatened upper Willamette River (UWR), threatened Snake River (SR) spring/summer-run (spr/sum), threatened SR fall-run. Steelhead (*O. mykiss*): threatened LCR, threatened Snake River (SR). Coho salmon (*O. kisutch*): threatened LCR. Sockeye salmon (*O. nerka*): endangered SR.

**Authority**

Scientific research permits are issued in accordance with section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR 222-226).

NMFS issues permits based on findings that such permits: (1) are applied for in good faith; (2) if granted and exercised, would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species that are the subject of the permit; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policy of section 2 of the ESA. The authority to take listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permits. Anyone requesting a hearing on an application listed in this notice should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on that application would be appropriate (see ADDRESSES). Such hearings are held at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NMFS.

### Applications Received

#### Permit 1124

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) is requesting a 5-year permit for seven study tasks that, among them, would annually take adult and juvenile threatened SR fall chinook salmon; adult and juvenile threatened spring/summer SR chinook salmon; and adult and juvenile endangered SR sockeye salmon in the Salmon and Clearwater Rivers in Idaho. The original Permit 1124 was in place for 5 years (63 FR 30199) with one amendment (67 FR 34909); it expired on December 31, 2002. The permit was renewed for another five years and is due to expire on December 31, 2007. Throughout its existence, the permit has comprised the same seven tasks (with the addition of rescuing and salvaging listed fish): Task 1 - General fish population inventory; Task 2 - Spring/summer chinook salmon natural production monitoring and evaluation; Task 3 - Spring/summer chinook salmon supplementation research; Task 4 - Redfish Lake, Pettit Lake, Alturas Lake kokanee/sockeye research; Task 5 - Salmon and steelhead fish health monitoring; Task 6 - Steelhead natural production monitoring and evaluation; and Task 7 - Steelhead supplementation research. Under these tasks, listed adult and juvenile salmon would be (a) Observed/harassed during fish population and production monitoring surveys; (b) captured (using seines, traps, hook-and-line angling equipment, and electrofishing equipment) and anesthetized; (c) sampled for biological information and tissue samples, (d) PIT-tagged or tagged with radio transmitters or other identifiers, (e) and released. Some fish would die as a result of the research activities though the permit would include salvage and rescue operations as part of the allotted take (i.e., during some of the activities, listed fish would be collected and transported

to improve their survival). In addition, the IDFG is asking to lethally take a small number of juvenile SR sockeye and spring/summer chinook salmon during some of the research.

The research has many purposes and would benefit listed SR salmon in different ways. In general, the purpose of the research is to determine the distribution, abundance, and productivity of anadromous and resident fish stocks; measure the efficacy of harvest management strategies; gauge the impact of proposed or existing habitat alteration projects; and monitor natural production levels, salmonid health, and the effectiveness of supplementation efforts. The research would benefit listed salmon by helping resource managers tailor land-altering activities (e.g., timber harvest, road building) to the needs of the fish; set harvest regimes so that they have minimal impacts on listed populations; prioritize projects in a way that gives maximum benefit to listed species; and design strategies and activities to help recover them.

#### Permit 10021

The Lower Willamette Group (LWG) is seeking a 2-year permit to annually capture UWR Chinook salmon, UWR steelhead, LCR Chinook salmon, LCR steelhead, and LCR coho salmon during the course of research directed at non-listed fish species in the lower Willamette River, Oregon. The information gained from this action would be used to fill data gaps in food web models and determine tissue contaminant concentrations as part of the ongoing Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study of the lower Willamette River superfund site. The research would benefit listed salmonids by helping guide the superfund site cleanup effort and thereby improve habitat conditions for listed anadromous salmonids that migrate through the harbor. The LWG proposes to use boat electrofishing to capture non-listed fish. If a salmonid is observed, the LWG would not attempt to net it; instead, they would cease electrofishing and move to another area before resuming sampling. The LWG does not intend to kill any of the salmonids being captured but a small number may die as an unintended result of the activities.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the ESA. NMFS will evaluate the applications, associated documents, and comments submitted to determine whether the applications meet the requirements of section 10(a) of the ESA and Federal regulations. The final permit decisions will not be made until after the end of the 30-day

comment period. NMFS will publish notice of its final action in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: August 1, 2007.

**Angela Somma,**

*Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Economics & Statistics Administration

#### Measuring Innovation in the 21st Century Economy Advisory Committee; Notice of Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** Economics & Statistics Administration, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (DOC) is announcing the second meeting of the Measuring Innovation in the 21st Century Economy Advisory Committee. The meeting is open to the public. Seating at the meeting will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Interested parties may register on the Advisory Committee Web site: <http://www.innovationmetrics.gov>. Pre-registration is encouraged but not required.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on September 12, 2007, from approximately 9 a.m. to noon. On-site sign-in begins at 8:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in the Auditorium of the U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230. Attendees should arrive at the main building entrance on 14th Street, NW., between Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues. Attendees must present a government-issued picture ID and pass through metal detection equipment.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Elizabeth "E.R." Anderson, Deputy Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230, telephone: 202-482-3727, facsimile: 202-482-0432; or Sabrina Montes, Room 4858, telephone: 202-482-6495, facsimile: 202-482-0325.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, and the General Services Administration rule on Federal Advisory Committee Management, 41 CFR part 101-6, the Secretary of Commerce determined that the establishment of the Measuring