

solicit comment on a limited access program proposed for the Mau Zone bottomfish fishery in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands.

DATES: The schedule for the public meetings is as follows: Tuesday, 27 January 1998, Lihikai Elementary School, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Kahalui, Maui; Wednesday, 28 January 1998, Council Office, 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm, Honolulu, Hawaii; and Thursday, 29 January 1998, Wilcox Elementary, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Lihue, Kauai.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at: Maui, Lihikai Elementary School, Kahalui, Maui, 335 Papa Street, 96732; Oahu, Council Office, 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1400, Honolulu, Hawaii, 96813; Kauai, Wilcox Elementary School, 4319 Hardy Street, Lihue, Kauai, 96766. Telephone inquiries can be made to (808) 522-8220.

Council address: Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI, 96813.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone 808-522-8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council will be holding public meetings/hearings on Maui, Oahu, and Kauai to solicit comments on the proposed limited access system for the Mau Zone bottomfish fishery in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands. In 1989 the Mau Zone was established through Amendment 2 of the Council's Bottomfish and Seamount Groundfish Fishery Management Plan. The Mau Zone was created as an open access fishery but required a federal permit for participation. Currently, a 2 year moratorium is in place on the issuance of new permits for the Mau Zone fishery. The moratorium is scheduled to expire 27 March 1999, by which time the Council intend to establish a new management program for the fishery.

Although other issues not on the agenda may come before this Council for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during these meetings. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed in this notice.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, 808-522-8220

(voice) or 808-522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to meeting date.

Dated: January 9, 1998.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Endangered and Threatened Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Receipt of applications for scientific research permits 1059, 1072, 1074, 1075, 1088, 1092, 1114, 1115, and 1116. Issuance of scientific research permits 1066, 1079, 1080, 1082, 1103, 1104, modification 3 to permit 895, and amendments to permits 795, 1005, 822, and 825.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the following applicants have applied in due form for permits that would authorize takes of an endangered or threatened species for scientific research purposes: Carl Page, in Cotati, CA (1059); U.S.D.I. Bureau of Reclamation (BOR), in Shasta Lake, CA (1072); Pacific Lumber Company (PLC), in Scotia, CA (1074); Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations (PCFFA), in Miranda, CA (1075); U.S.D.I. Bureau of Land Management (BLM), in Arcata, CA (1088); Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI), in Redding, CA (1092); the State of Washington, Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) at Olympia, WA (1114); Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County (PUDCC), at Wenatchee, WA (1115); and Public Utility District No. 1 of Douglas County (PUDDC) at East Wenatchee, WA (1116).

Notice is also given that NMFS has issued scientific research permits that authorize takes of Endangered Species Act-listed anadromous fish species for the purpose of scientific research and/or enhancement, subject to certain conditions set forth therein, to: D.W. Alley and Associates (DWAA), Brookedale, CA (1066); Georgia-Pacific West, Inc. (GPWI), Fort Bragg, CA (1079); Dr. Jerry J. Smith, San Jose State University (SJSU), San Jose, CA (1080); Salmon Trollers Marketing Association (STMA), Fort Bragg, CA (1082); the

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDFFP), Santa Rosa, CA (1103); Louisiana-Pacific Corporation (LPC), Trinidad, CA (1104); has issued a modification to a permit to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), at Walla Walla, WA (895).

Notice is also given that NMFS issued amendments to permits to: the Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG), at Boise, ID (795); the Northwest Fisheries Science Center, NMFS (NWFSC), at Seattle, WA (1005); the Fish Passage Center (FPC), at Portland, OR (822); and the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC), at Portland, OR (825).

DATES: Written comments or requests for a public hearing on any of these applications must be received on or before February 17, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The applications and related documents are available for review in the following offices, by appointment:

For applications/permits 1059, 1066, 1072, 1074, 1075, 1079, 1080, 1082, 1088, 1092, 1103, 1104: Protected Species Division, NMFS, 777 Sonoma Avenue, Room 325, Santa Rosa, CA 95404-6528 (707 575-6066);

For applications/permits 895, 795, 1005, 822, 825, 1114, 1115, 1116: Protected Resources Division, F/NWO3, NMFS, 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/NWO3, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For permits 1059, 1066, 1072, 1074, 1075, 1079, 1080, 1082, 1088, 1092, 1103, 1104: Tom Hablett, Protected Resources Division, NMFS Santa Rosa office, (707-575-6066).

For permits 1114, 1115, 1116: Tom Lichatowich, Protected Resources Division, NMFS Portland office, (503-230-5438).

For permits 895, 795, 1005, 822, 825: Robert Koch, Protected Resources Division, NMFS Portland office, (503-230-5424).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Permits are requested under the authority of section 10 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) and the NMFS regulations governing ESA-listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217-227).

Those individuals requesting a hearing on these requests for permits should set out the specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate (see **ADDRESSES**). The holding of such a

hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in the above application summaries are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Issuance of these permits, modifications, and amendments, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permits, modifications, and amendments: (1) Were 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. These permits, modifications, and amendments were also issued in accordance with and are subject to parts 217-222 of Title 50 CFR, the NMFS regulations governing listed species permits.

Applications Received

Carl Page (1059) requests a five-year permit for takes of: adult and juvenile, threatened, southern Oregon/northern California coast (SONNC) coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*); adult and juvenile, threatened, central California coast coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*); and adult and juvenile, endangered, southern California coast steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) associated with fish population and habitat studies in coastal drainages throughout California. The studies consist of coho salmon habitat and biological inventories, and project monitoring and evaluation studies for which ESA-listed fish are proposed to be taken. ESA-listed fish will be captured, anesthetized, handled (identified and measured), allowed to recover from the anesthetic, and released. ESA-listed salmon indirect mortalities associated with the research are also requested.

BOR (1072) requests a five-year permit for takes of adult and juvenile, threatened, SONNC coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) associated with monitoring projects in the Trinity, Klamath and New River Basins within the Evolutionarily Significant Unit (ESU). The studies consist of coho salmon distribution and abundance surveys for which ESA-listed fish are proposed to be taken. ESA-listed fish will be captured, anesthetized, handled (identified and measured), allowed to recover from the anesthetic, and released. ESA-listed salmon indirect mortalities associated with the research are also requested.

PLC (1074) requests a five-year permit for takes of adult and juvenile,

threatened, SONNC coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) associated with fish population and habitat studies on PLC ownership properties in basins of the Eel, Van Duzen, and Mattole Rivers, Freshwater Creek, and coastal stream drainages to Humboldt Bay within the ESU. The studies consist of coho salmon habitat and biological inventories, and project monitoring and evaluation studies for which ESA-listed fish are proposed to be taken. ESA-listed fish will be captured, anesthetized, handled (identified and measured), allowed to recover from the anesthetic, and released. ESA-listed salmon indirect mortalities associated with the research are also requested.

PCFFA (1075) requests a five-year permit for takes of adult and juvenile, threatened, SONNC coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) associated with fish population and habitat studies in the Eel River Basin within the ESU. The studies consist of coho salmon distribution, abundance and genetic surveys for which ESA-listed fish are proposed to be taken. ESA-listed fish will be captured, anesthetized, handled (identified and measured), allowed to recover from the anesthetic, and released. ESA-listed salmon indirect mortalities associated with the research are also requested.

BLM (1088) requests a five-year permit for takes of adult and juvenile, threatened, SONNC coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) associated with fish population and habitat studies in the Eel and Mattole River Basins, and Humboldt County coastal stream drainages within the ESU. The studies consist of coho salmon distribution, abundance and spawner surveys for which ESA-listed fish are proposed to be taken. ESA-listed fish will be captured, anesthetized, handled (identified and measured), allowed to recover from the anesthetic, and released. ESA-listed salmon indirect mortalities associated with the research are also requested.

SPI (1092) requests a five-year permit for takes of adult and juvenile, threatened, SONNC coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) associated with fish population and habitat studies on SPI ownership properties within the ESU. The studies consist of coho salmon habitat and biological inventories for which ESA-listed fish are proposed to be taken. ESA-listed fish will be captured, anesthetized, handled (identified and measured), allowed to recover from the anesthetic, and released. ESA-listed salmon indirect mortalities associated with the research are also requested.

WDFW (1114) requests a five-year permit for a take of juvenile endangered, naturally-produced and artificially-propagated, Upper Columbia River steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) associated with a smolt monitoring program at Rock Island Dam on the Columbia River. The purpose of the program is to collect information on juvenile fish 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. ESA-listed juvenile fish are proposed to be collected in a permanent inclined screen trap, anesthetized, examined and/or tagged with passive integrated transponders (PIT), allowed to recover from the anesthetic, and released. ESA-listed juvenile fish indirect mortalities associated with the research are also requested.

PUDCC (1115) requests a five-year permit for takes of endangered, naturally-produced and artificially-propagated, Upper Columbia River steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) associated with two research studies. The purpose of study one is to evaluate the juvenile fish bypass system installed at Rock Creek Dam. Data collected will be used to test and improve the surface collector system that guides juvenile salmonids around the dam. ESA-listed juvenile fish are proposed to be collected by surface collectors at the dam, anesthetized, examined and/or PIT-tagged, allowed to recover from the anesthetic, and released. The purpose of study two is to monitor juvenile fish gas bubble trauma at Rocky Reach and Rock Island Dams on the Columbia River. The information obtained will be used to determine how fish are affected by gas bubbles and what can be done to minimize gas bubble trauma. ESA-listed juvenile fish are proposed to be collected by surface collectors at the dams, anesthetized, examined, allowed to recover from anesthetic, and released. ESA-listed juvenile fish indirect mortalities associated with both studies are also requested.

PUDCC (1116) requests a five-year permit for takes of endangered, naturally-produced and artificially-propagated, Upper Columbia River steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) associated with a study designed to determine the survival and migration differences of juvenile fish as they pass downstream through Lake Pateros and Wells Dam. ESA-listed juvenile fish are proposed to be collected by rotary screw traps and/or beach seines. All ESA-listed fish captured will be examined under water and released into the

stream where captured without additional handling. The information will be used to determine the appropriateness of utilizing selected surrogate stocks in future survival studies in the mid-Columbia River. ESA-listed juvenile fish indirect mortalities associated with the research are also requested.

Permits Issued

Notice was published on September 18, 1997 (62 FR 48995) that an application had been filed by DWAA (1066) to take threatened central California coast coho salmon as authorized by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) and the NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217-222). Permit 1066 was issued to DWAA on December 23, 1997. Permit 1066 expires on June 30, 2002.

Notice was published on September 11, 1997 (62 FR 47790) that an application had been filed by GPWI (1079) to take threatened central California coast coho salmon as authorized by the ESA. Permit 1079 was issued to GPWI on December 23, 1997. Permit 1079 expires on June 30, 2002.

Notice was published on September 11, 1997 (62 FR 47790) that an application had been filed by SJSU (1080) to take threatened central California coast coho salmon as authorized by the ESA. Permit 1080 was issued to SJSU on December 23, 1997. Permit 1080 expires on June 30, 2002.

Notice was published on September 18, 1997 (62 FR 48995) that an application had been filed by STMA (1082) to take threatened central California coast coho salmon as authorized by the ESA. Permit 1082 was issued to STMA on December 23, 1997. Permit 1082 expires on June 30, 2002.

Notice was published on August 22, 1997 (62 FR 44646) that an application had been filed by CDFFP (1103) to take threatened central California coast coho salmon as authorized by the ESA. Permit 1103 was issued to CDFFP on December 23, 1997. Permit 1103 expires on June 30, 2002.

Notice was published on August 22, 1997 (62 FR 44646) that an application had been filed by LPC (1104) to take threatened central California coast coho salmon as authorized by the ESA. Permit 1104 was issued to LPC on December 23, 1997. Permit 1103 expires on June 30, 2002.

Modifications Issued

Notice was published on October 14, 1997 (62 FR 53319) that an application had been filed by the Corps for modification 3 to enhancement permit

895. Modification 3 to permit 895 was issued on December 24, 1997. Permit 895 authorizes the Corps annual takes of adult and juvenile, endangered, Snake River sockeye salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*); adult and juvenile, threatened, naturally-produced and artificially-propagated, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*); and adult and juvenile, threatened, Snake River fall chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) associated with the operation of the Juvenile Fish Transportation Program at four hydroelectric projects on the Snake and Columbia Rivers (Lower Granite, Little Goose, Lower Monumental, and McNary Dams). For modification 3, the Corps is authorized an increase in the annual incidental take of adult, threatened, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon associated with fallbacks through the juvenile fish bypass systems at the projects. A corresponding increase in ESA-listed adult salmon incidental mortalities are also authorized. Modification 3 is valid for the duration of the permit. Permit 895 expires on December 31, 1998.

Amended Permits

Amendments to scientific research and/or enhancement permits 795, 1005, 822, and 825 were issued on December 29, 1997. The amendments authorize an extension of each of the permits through May 31, 1998. The permits were all due to expire on December 31, 1997. Extensions of the permits are necessary to allow the permit holders to continue activities while new permits are applied for and/or to allow them the opportunity to develop take estimates of ESA-listed steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) for the applications. Permits 795 and 1005 authorize IDFG and NWFSC takes of adult and juvenile, endangered, Snake River sockeye salmon associated with a captive broodstock program. Permits 822 and 825 authorize FPC and CRITFC takes of juvenile, endangered, Snake River sockeye salmon; adult and juvenile, threatened, naturally-produced and artificially-propagated, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon; and adult and juvenile, threatened, Snake River fall chinook salmon associated with scientific research and monitoring activities.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Marine Mammals; Scientific Research Permits (PHF# 782-1438 and PHF# 774-1437)

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

ACTION: Receipt of applications.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the National Marine Mammal Laboratory, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE, BIN C15700, Bldg. 1, Seattle, Washington 98115-0700 has applied in due form for a permit to take multiple cetacean and pinniped species for purposes of scientific research. In addition the Southwest Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, P.O. Box 271 La Jolla, CA 92038-0271 has applied in due form for a permit to take multiple pinniped species for the purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before February 17, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The applications 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 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Regional Administrator, Northwest Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE, BIN C15700, Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0070 (206/526-6150).

Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (562/980-4001).

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on these applications should be mailed to the Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on these particular requests 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