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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish

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

ACTION: Issuance of 32 scientific
research permit actions.

SUMMARY: Between July 31 and
September 27, 2002, NOAA Fisheries'
Northwest Region issued 32 permits,
permit modifications, and permit
amendments allowing endangered and
threatened species of Pacific salmon and
steelhead to be taken for scientific
research purposes under section
10(a)1(A) the Endangered Species Act
(ESA) of 1973, as amended. The
research actions and the species they

affect are listed in the
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
section below.

ADDRESSES: The permits, permit
applications, and related documents are
available for review by appointment at
NOAA Fisheries' Protected Resources
Division, F/NWO3, 525 NE Oregon
Street, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97232-
2737 (phone: 503-230-5400, fax: 503-
230-5435).

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority

The ESA requires that permits, permit
modifications, and permit amendments
be issued based on a finding that such
actions: (1) are applied for in good faith;
(2) would not operate to the
disadvantage of the listed species that
are the subject of the actions; and (3) are
consistent with the purposes and
policies set forth in section 2 of the
ESA. Authority to take listed species is
subject to conditions set forth in the
permits. Permits, modifications, and
amendments are issued in accordance
with, and are subject to, the ESA and
NOAA Fisheries regulations governing
listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR
parts 222-226).

Species Covered in This Notice

The ESA-listed species/evolutionarily
significant units (ESUs) covered by this
notice are identified below and listed in
the subsequent table by the numbers
that precede each of them in the
following text:

- (1) Puget Sound chinook salmon
(*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*)
- (2) Lower Columbia River chinook
salmon
- (3) Snake River spring/summer
chinook salmon
- (4) Snake River fall chinook salmon
- (5) Upper Columbia River spring-run
chinook salmon
- (6) Upper Willamette River chinook
salmon
- (7) Hood Canal summer-run chum
salmon (*O. keta*)
- (8) Columbia River chum salmon
- (9) Lower Columbia River steelhead
(*O. mykiss*)
- (10) Middle Columbia River steelhead
- (11) Snake River steelhead
- (12) Upper Willamette River steelhead
- (13) Upper Columbia River steelhead
- (14) Southern Oregon/Northern
California Coasts coho salmon (*O.*
kisutch)
- (15) Oregon Coast coho salmon
- (16) Snake River sockeye salmon (*O.*
nerka)
- (17) Ozette Lake sockeye salmon

TABLE 1.—THIRTY-TWO SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH PERMIT ACTIONS AFFECTING THREATENED AND ENDANGERED PACIFIC SALMON AND STEELHEAD

Permit Number	Af- fected Spe- cies/ ESU	Permittee	Federal Register Notice of Application Receipt
1135	2, 9	U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)	April 4, 2002 (67 FR 17970)
1140	1, 15	Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NWFSC)	June 11, 2002 (67 FR 39960)
1141	5	Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County	April 4, 2002 (67 FR 17970)
1156	14, 15	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	June 11, 2002 (67 FR 39960)
1177	14	Portland District Corps of Engineers	April 4, 2002 (67 FR 17970)
1256	6, 15	Bureau of Land Management	May 16, 2002 (67 FR 34909)
1291	16	USGS	June 25, 2002 (67 FR 42757)
1309	1	King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks (KCDNRP).	June 11, 2002 (67 FR 39960)
1315	1	U.S. Corps of Engineers Seattle District	April 4, 2002 (67 FR 17970)
1317	10	USGS	April 4, 2002 (67 FR 17970)
1318	2, 6, 9, 12, 15	Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)	June 25, 2002 (67 FR 42757)
1322	3, 6, 5, 8	NWFSC	May 16, 2002 (67 FR 34909)
1335	1, 7, 8, 9, 10	U.S. Forest Service	April 4, 2002 (67 FR 17970)
1336	2, 6, 9, 12, 15	Port Blakely Tree Farms	June 25, 2002 (67 FR 42757)
1345	1, 3, 5, 6, 10, 11, 13	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	May 16, 2002 (67 FR 34909)
1358	14	ODFW	February 22, 2002 (67 FR 8233)
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1362	11	Idaho Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit	April 4, 2002 (67 FR 17970)

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Permit Number	Affected Species/ESU	Permittee	Federal Register Notice of Application Receipt
1363	3, 11	Fish Passage Center	April 4, 2002 (67 FR 17970)
1364	4, 11	Idaho Fishery Resource Office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.	April 4, 2002 (67 FR 17970)
1365	10	Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation ..	April 4, 2002 (67 FR 17970)
1366	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16	Oregon Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit	April 4, 2002 (67 FR 17970)
1367	10	NWFSC	April 4, 2002 (67 FR 17970)
1369	1	KCDNRP	April 4, 2002 (67 FR 17970)
1370	3	Utah State University (USU)	April 4, 2002 (67 FR 17970)
1371	1	Battelle Marine Sciences Center	June 11, 2002 (67 FR 39960)
1372	1	Puget Sound Energy	April 4, 2002 (67 FR 17970)
1376	1	Washington Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit	April 4, 2002 (67 FR 17970)
1381	1	City of Bellingham	April 4, 2002 (67 FR 17970)
1382	10	USU	June 11, 2002 (67 FR 39960)
1383	1	USGS	June 11, 2002 (67 FR 39960)
1386	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 17	Washington Department of Ecology	June 25, 2002 (67 FR 42757)

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME): Proposed Amendments to the Spot Month Speculative Position Limits for the Live Cattle Futures Contract

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability of terms and conditions of proposed amendments to the CME's spot month speculative position limits for the live cattle futures contract.

SUMMARY: The Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME or Exchange) has requested that the Commission approve proposed amendments to the spot month speculative position limits for the live cattle futures contract. The proposal was submitted pursuant to the provisions of section 5c(c)(2) of the Commodity Exchange Act (Act) and Commission Regulation 40.4(a). Under the proposal, the speculative position limit that applies during the period at

the close of business on the first business day following the first Friday of the contract month through the business day preceding the last five business days would be reduced to 300 contracts from 600 contracts. The Exchange intends to implement the amendments with respect to positions held in the December 2002 through the October 2003 contract months.

The Director of the Division of Market Oversight (Division) of the Commission, acting pursuant to the authority delegated by Commission Regulation 140.96, has determined that publication of the Exchange's proposed amendments for comment is in the public interest, and will assist the Commission in considering the views of interested persons.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before November 14, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons should submit their views and comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW., Washington, DC 20581. In addition, comments may be sent by facsimile transmission to (202) 418-5521 or by electronic mail to secretary@cftc.gov. Reference should be made to the CME's proposed amendments to the spot month speculative position limits for the live cattle futures contract.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Please contact Martin G. Murray of the Division of Market Oversight, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW., Washington, DC (202) 418-5276. Facsimile number: (202) 418-5527. Electronic mail: mmurray@cftc.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The CME live cattle futures contract's speculative position limit rules currently specify an individual contract month limit of 3,300 contracts, a "scale down" spot month speculative position limit of 600 contracts that becomes effective at the close of business on the first business day following the first Friday of the contract month, and a 300-contract spot month limit that becomes effective at the close of business on the business day immediately preceding the last five business days of the expiring contract month.¹ The proposed amendments will eliminate the "scale down" limit of 600 contracts, and require that speculative positions be reduced immediately to 300 contracts as of the close of business on the first business day following the first Friday of the contract month.

In support of the proposal, the Exchange states that the proposed level

¹ The last trading day is the last business day of the contract month. Delivery notices may be issued beginning with the first business day following the first Friday of the contract month.