

- ii. Protected species section
- iii. Discussion and synthesis
- E. Discussion on Emerging Issues
- F. Discussion on Data Gaps and Research Needs

## 5. Public Comment

9 a.m.–5 p.m., Friday, March 31, 2017

- 6. Fisheries and Protected Species Management Updates
  - A. Recent Council Actions
    - i. Pelagic fisheries actions
    - ii. Insular fisheries actions
    - iii. Discussion
  - B. Council Protected Species Activities Update
    - i. Seabird interactions in the Hawaii deep-set longline fishery
    - ii. Rare events bycatch workshop
    - iii. Other updates
  - C. Endangered Species Act (ESA) Updates
    - i. Section 7 ESA consultations for pelagic and insular fisheries
    - ii. ESA listing and other related actions
    - iii. Discussion
- 7. Council's Research Priorities
  - A. Five-year Research Priorities
  - B. Cooperative Research Priorities
  - C. Discussion
- 8. Public Comment
- 9. Committee Discussion and Recommendations
- 10. Other Business & Next Meeting

**Agenda for the SSPC Meeting**

10 a.m.–4 p.m., Monday, April 3, 2017

- 1. Welcome and Introductions
- 2. New Emerging Issues by Region
  - A. American Samoa
  - B. CNMI
  - C. Guam
  - D. Hawaii
- 3. Review of the Stock Assessment and Fisheries Evaluation (SAFE) Report Draft Human Dimensions Sections
- 4. Status of Ongoing Research Projects and Grant Solicitations
  - A. Bottomfishing History Project
  - B. Update on Saltonstall-Kennedy (SK) Proposals
  - C. Update on NOAA Preserve America Grant Proposals
- 5. Report on Program Initiatives
  - A. Hawaii Fish Flow Workshop
  - B. Review and Comment: National Academy of Science Review of the Marine Recreational Information Program
  - C. Review and Comment: Feasibility of a Non-Commercial Marine Fishing Registry, Permit, or License System in Hawaii
- 6. Review and Update of SSPC Strategic Plan
- 7. Review and Update of SSPC Research Priorities

- 8. Membership Changes
- 9. Recommendations
- 10. Other Business

**Agenda for the MPCCC Meeting**

8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., Wednesday, April 5, 2017

- 1. Welcome and Approval of Agenda
  - 2. Introductions/Regional Updates
  - 3. Update on Pacific Islands Regional Action Plan for the NOAA Climate Science Strategy
  - 4. Update on MAFAC Resilience Working Group and Climate and Marine Resources Task Force
  - 5. Overview of 2015 Annual Reports for the Fishery Ecosystem Plans of the Western Pacific Region—Where They Are and How to Use Them
  - 6. Overview of 2016 Annual Report Components
    - A. Contractor Recommendations on Climate Change Module
    - B. 166th Council Recommendations
    - C. Draft 2016 Climate Change Indicators From Plan Team
      - i. Pelagic
      - ii. Archipelagic
    - D. Draft 2016 Marine Planning Indicators From Plan Team
      - i. Pelagic
      - ii. Archipelagic
    - E. Chapter 3: Data Integration Workshop
  - 7. Public Comment on Draft 2016 Annual Reports
  - 8. Committee Discussion and Recommendation on Draft 2016 Annual Reports
- 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., Thursday, April 6, 2017
- 9. Review of Existing Climate Change Outreach and Resources by Island Area
    - A. American Samoa
    - B. Hawaii
    - C. Guam
    - D. CNMI
  - 10. Island Area Breakouts to Identify and Develop Climate Change Outreach Resources Focused on Fisheries and Fishing Communities
  - 11. Presentation and Discussion of Breakout Results
    - A. American Samoa
    - B. Hawaii
    - C. Guam
    - D. CNMI
  - 12. Public Comment on MPCC Outreach
  - 13. Committee Discussion and Recommendations on MPCC Outreach
  - 14. Old Business
    - A. MPCC Action Plan Update
    - B. Other
  - 15. New Business
    - A. WPRFMC Five-Year Research

## Priorities

- B. Cooperative Research Priorities
- C. Other

- 16. Public Comment on MPCC Action Plan and Research Priorities
- 17. Committee Discussion and Recommendations on MPCC Action Plan and Research Priorities
- 18. 2017–18 Committee Members and Officers

**Special Accommodations**

These meetings are 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 the meeting date.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: March 8, 2017.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**RIN 0648–XF261**

**Threatened Species: Take of Steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*)**

**AGENCY:** NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Issuance of one U.S. Endangered Species Act (ESA) Section 10(a)1(A) scientific enhancement permit (permit 20085).

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that NMFS has issued Stillwater Sciences one section 10(a)1(A) scientific enhancement permit (permit 20085) for conducting invasive species removal from a south-central California watershed (Chorro Creek). Authorized activities within the permit are expected to affect the threatened South Central California Coast (SCCC) Distinct Population Segment (DPS) of steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*).

**ADDRESSES:** The permit application, the permit, and other related documents are available for review, by appointment, at the foregoing address: California Coastal Office, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, California 90802 (phone: 562–980–4026, fax: 562–980–4027, email at: [Matthew.McGoogan@noaa.gov](mailto:Matthew.McGoogan@noaa.gov))

noaa.gov. The permit application is also available for review at the Authorizations and Permits for Protected Species Web site: <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov/search/search.cfm>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Matt McGoogan at 562-980-4026, or email: [Matthew.McGoogan@noaa.gov](mailto:Matthew.McGoogan@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Species Covered in This Notice**

Threatened SCCC steelhead.

**Authority**

Scientific research and enhancement 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 222-227). NMFS issues a section 10(a)(1)(A) permit based on findings that the permit is (1) applied for in good faith, (2) would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species which is the subject of the permit, and (3) 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 permit.

**Permit Issued**

A receipt of application notice for Permit 20085 was published in the **Federal Register** on July 21, 2016 (81 FR 47359), providing 30 days for public comment prior to permit processing. No comments were received. Permit 20085 was issued to Stillwater Sciences on October 31, 2016.

Permit 20085 authorizes take of threatened SCCC steelhead in association with enhancement activities involving the removal of Sacramento pikeminnow (*Ptychocheilus grandis*) from the Chorro Creek watershed in San Luis Obispo County, California. The primary objectives of the enhancement effort involve: (1) Determining the distribution, abundance, size, and age structures of both pikeminnow and steelhead in the watershed; (2) eliminating pikeminnow from the watershed; (3) developing a plan for long-term pikeminnow management in the watershed; and (4) documenting changes in steelhead abundance and distribution in response to pikeminnow removal. Proposed enhancement activities include: (1) Conducting snorkel surveys to assess abundance and distribution of pikeminnow and steelhead; (2) using backpack electrofishing equipment, seines, hook-and-line sampling, and spearfishing to capture pikeminnow; (3) measuring the weight and length of juvenile steelhead collected during sampling activities; (4) returning the collected steelhead alive

and unharmed to Chorro Creek; and (5) humanely euthanizing and disposing pikeminnow.

Permit 20085 authorized field activities associated with the enhancement effort to begin on October 31, 2016 (the date the permit was issued), and ceases authorization of the subject activities when the permit expires on December 31, 2020. The annual take of threatened SCCC steelhead that permit 20085 authorizes Stillwater Sciences for the subject enhancement effort is as follows: (1) Non-lethal capture and release of up to 1,500 juvenile steelhead while electrofishing, (2) non-lethal capture and release of up to 150 juvenile steelhead while seining, (3) non-lethal capture and release up to 5 juvenile steelhead while hook-and-line fishing, and (4) non-lethal observation of up to 2,000 juvenile and 10 adult steelhead during instream snorkel surveys. The potential annual unintentional lethal take permit 20085 authorizes is up to 33 juvenile steelhead. Overall, no intentional lethal take of steelhead is authorized or expected as a result of these enhancement activities.

The subject scientific enhancement activities that permit 20085 authorize are expected to support steelhead recovery in the Chorro Creek watershed and are consistent with recommendations and objectives outlined in NMFS' South Central California Steelhead Recovery Plan. See the application for and issued permit 20085 for greater details on the associated scientific enhancement activities and related methodology authorized with this permit.

Dated: March 8, 2017.

**Angela Somma,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Department of the Navy**

**Notice of Intent To Prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for Land-Water Interface and Service Pier Extension at Naval Base Kitsap Bangor, Washington**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section (102)(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, and the regulations implemented by the Council on

Environmental Quality (40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) parts 1500-1508), the Department of the Navy (DoN) announces its intent to prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to the July 2016 Final EIS for Land-Water Interface (LWI) and Service Pier Extension (SPE), Naval Base (NAVBASE) Kitsap Bangor, Washington. The Final EIS for LWI and SPE resulted in a Record of Decision (ROD) that was signed on September 8, 2016 for the LWI project only.

The SPE proposed action is to extend the existing Service Pier and construct associated support facilities. The purpose is to provide additional berthing capacity and improve associated support facilities for existing homeported and visiting submarines at NAVBASE Kitsap Bangor. The SPE project is needed to provide alternative opportunities for berthing to mitigate restrictions at NAVBASE Kitsap Bremerton, Washington, on navigating SEAWOLF Class submarines through Rich Passage under certain tidal conditions and to improve long-term operational effectiveness for the three SEAWOLF Class submarines on NAVBASE Kitsap.

The Supplemental EIS will address the SPE project only and will evaluate resources based upon changes in design and new information relevant to environmental concerns per 40 CFR 1502.9. The DoN will evaluate this new, relevant information and incorporate that information into revised analyses where appropriate. The analysis will address, among others, changes to the Alternative 2 design and new regulatory guidance and requirements.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Northwest, 1101 Tautog Circle, Silverdale, Washington 98315-1101, Attn: Ms. Kimberly Kler, LWI/SPE Supplemental EIS Project Manager, 360-396-0927, or project Web site: <http://www.nbkies/lwi.com>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The DoN announced its intent to prepare an EIS for the LWI and SPE in the **Federal Register** on February 1, 2013 (78 FR 7416), and invited the public to comment on the scope of the EIS. A Draft EIS was released on February 13, 2015 (80 FR 8081), in which the potential environmental effects associated with construction and operation of the LWI and SPE were evaluated. A Final EIS was released on July 15, 2016 (81 FR 46077), addressing comments received on the Draft EIS. The Navy issued a ROD on only the LWI portion of the proposed action on