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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For technical information concerning this notice, please contact Mr. Ron Josephson, Office of Solid Waste (5304W), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460, (703) 308-8890.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This proposed rule was issued under Section 3001(b) of RCRA. EPA proposed not to list certain wastes generated from the use of certain chemicals as solvents because current management of these wastes is sufficient to prevent a substantial present or potential risk to human health or the environment. See 61 FR 42318 (August 14, 1996) for a more detailed explanation of the proposed rule.

The comment period for this proposed rule was scheduled to end on October 15, 1996. However, a public commenter has requested that EPA extend the comment period by 30 days. EPA is extending the comment period until November 14, 1996.

Dated: September 25, 1996.

Elizabeth A. Cotsworth,

Acting Director, Office of Solid Waste.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### 50 CFR Part 424

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#### Endangered and Threatened Species; Public Hearings on Proposed Status for the West Coast Steelhead

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

**ACTION:** Public hearings.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS is announcing dates and locations for public hearings concerning the proposed listing of natural steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) populations occurring in California, Oregon, Washington, and Idaho, as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The hearings will provide an opportunity for the public to give comments and will permit an exchange

of information and opinion among interested parties.

**DATES:** The hearings are scheduled for the month of October. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for dates and times of the public hearings.

**ADDRESSES:** See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for locations of public hearings.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Garth Griffin, (503) 231-2005; Craig Wingert, (310) 980-4021; or Marta Nammack, (301) 713-1401.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

On August 9, 1996, NMFS issued a proposed rule (61 FR 41541) to list 10 of 15 evolutionarily significant units (ESUs) of west coast steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) under the ESA. The ESUs proposed as endangered are located in California (Central California Coast, South/Central California Coast, Southern California, and Central Valley) and Washington (Upper Columbia River). The ESUs proposed as threatened are dispersed throughout California, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington and include the Snake River Basin, Lower Columbia River, Oregon Coast, Klamath Mountains Province, and Northern California ESUs. NMFS also designated the Middle Columbia River ESU as a candidate species. There was not sufficient information available at the time of notice to indicate that steelhead in the Middle Columbia River region warranted protection under the ESA, though NMFS identified specific risk factors and concerns that needed to be evaluated before concluding an assessment of the overall health of steelhead in this area.

Department of Commerce ESA implementing regulations state that the Secretary of Commerce "shall promptly hold at least one public hearing if any person so requests within 45 days of publication of a proposed regulation to list \* \* \* a species" (50 CFR 424.16 (c)(3)). Public hearings on the proposed rule provide the opportunity for the public to give comments and to permit an exchange of information and opinion among interested parties. NMFS encourages your involvement in such ESA matters.

##### Public Hearings

The public hearings are scheduled as follows:

1. October 7, 1996, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Lewiston, ID
2. October 7, 1996, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Rohnert Park, CA

3. October 8, 1996, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Pasco, WA

4. October 8, 1996, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Eureka, CA

5. October 9, 1996, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Wenatchee, WA

6. October 10, 1996, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Olympia, WA

7. October 15, 1996, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Gold Beach, OR

8. October 16, 1996, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Roseburg, OR

9. October 16, 1996, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Sacramento, CA

10. October 17, 1996, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Newport, OR

11. October 17, 1996, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Monterey, CA

12. October 21, 1996, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Portland, OR

13. October 22, 1996, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Boise, ID

14. October 23, 1996, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Santa Barbara, CA

15. October 30, 1996, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Yreka, CA

The hearings will be held at the following locations:

1. Lewiston—Lewiston Community Center, 1424 Main Street, Lewiston, ID 83501

2. Rohnert Park—Red Lion Hotel, 1 Red Lion Drive, Rohnert Park, CA 94928

3. Pasco—Columbia Basin College, Library Building Rm 102, 2600 North 20th Avenue, Pasco, WA 99301

4. Eureka—The Eureka Inn, 518 7th Street, Eureka, CA 95501

5. Wenatchee—West Coast Wenatchee Center Hotel, Fountain Room, 201 North Wenatchee Avenue, Wenatchee, WA 98801

6. Olympia—Evergreen State College, Lecture Hall 2, 2700 Evergreen Parkway NW, Olympia, WA 98505

7. Gold Beach—Gold Beach City Hall, City Council Chambers, 510 South Ellensburg Avenue, Gold Beach, OR 97444

8. Roseburg—Douglas County Courthouse, Rm. 216, 1036 SE. Douglas Avenue, Roseburg, OR 97470

9. Sacramento—Beverly Garland Hotel, 1780 Tribute, Sacramento, CA 95815

10. Newport—Central Lincoln PUD, Newport Meeting Room, 2129 N. Coast Highway, Newport, OR 97365

11. Monterey—Monterey Beach Hotel, 2600 Sand Dunes Drive, Monterey, CA 93940

12. Portland—Bonneville Power Administration, Complex Auditorium, 911 NE. 11th Avenue, Portland, OR 97232

13. Boise—Interagency Fire Center Auditorium, 3905 Vista Avenue, Boise, ID 83705

14. Santa Barbara—Fess Parker's Red Lion Resort, 633 E. Cabrillo Boulevard, Santa Barbara, CA 93103

15. Yreka—Miner's Inn Convention Center, 122 E. Miner Street, Yreka, CA 96097

Interested parties will have opportunity to provide oral and written testimony at the public hearings. These hearings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Matthew Eagleton at (503) 230-5433.

Dated: September 27, 1996.

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