

adopt 1996 regulatory options for public review.

March 25, 1996: Report with proposed management options and public hearing schedule is mailed to the public. (The report includes options, rationale, and summary of biological and economic impacts.)

April 1–2, 1996: Public hearings are held to receive comments on the proposed ocean salmon fishery regulatory options adopted by the Council. All public hearings begin at 7 p.m. on the dates and at the locations specified below.

April 1, 1996: Westport High School Commons, 2850 S. Montesano Street, Westport, WA.

April 1, 1996: Pony Village Motor Inn, Ballroom, Virginia Avenue, North Bend, OR.

April 2, 1996: Red Lion Inn, Chinook Room, 400 Industry, Astoria, OR.

April 2, 1996: Red Lion Inn, Evergreen Room, 1929 Fourth Street, Eureka, CA.

April 8–12, 1996: Council and its advisory entities meet at the Holiday Inn San Francisco International Airport North, South San Francisco, CA, to adopt final 1996 regulatory measures.

April 18, 1996: Newsletter describing adopted ocean salmon fishing management measures is mailed to the public.

April 12–23, 1996: Salmon Technical Team completes "Preseason Report III Analysis of Council Adopted Regulatory Measures for 1996 Ocean Salmon Fisheries."

May 1, 1996: Federal regulations implemented and preseason report III available for distribution to the public.

#### Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Eric Greene at (503) 326–6352 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: February 23, 1996.

Richard H. Schaefer,  
Director of Office of Fisheries Conservation  
and Management, National Marine Fisheries  
Service.

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#### Endangered Species; Permits

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

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of a request to extend permit 962 (P509B), and

issuance of modification 2 to permit 878.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Carlos Diez and Robert van Dam from the University of Central Florida (P509B) have applied in due form to extend Permit 962. Notice is also given that modification 2 has been issued to permit 878, held by Florida Department of Environmental Protection (P553). Both permits authorize the take of listed sea turtles for the purpose of scientific research, subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

**DATES:** Written comments or requests for a public hearing on the request to extend Permit 962 must be received on or before April 1, 1996.

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

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR8, NMFS, 1315 East-West Hwy., Room 13307, Silver Spring, MD 20910–3226 (301–713–1401);

or  
Director, Southeast Region, NMFS, NOAA, 9721 Executive Center Drive, St. Petersburg, FL 33702–2432 (813–893–3141).

Written comments, or requests for a public hearing on the request to extend Permit 962 should be submitted to the Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The holders of Permit 962 request an extension from 1 year to 5 years, under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531–1543) and NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217–227). No other change to the current authorization is requested. The current permit authorizes the hand capture of 200 listed hawksbill sea turtles (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) and 20 listed green sea turtles (*Chelonia mydas*), to be examined, photographed, measured, and tagged. The research location is Mona and Monito Islands, PR (18°05' N., 67°54' W.). Some of the turtles may be lavaged, have blood or scute samples taken, or have time-depth recorders attached. A four-year extension would authorize this take annually until May 31, 2000. The goal of the research is to provide information on the ecology and population dynamics of the hawksbill that will make it possible to improve the effectiveness of management efforts, addressing the following recovery plan priorities: (1) The identification of important marine habitats, (2) the determination of adult and juvenile

distribution and abundance, (3) the determination of sex ratios in the juvenile population, (4) the evaluation of the extent of ingestion of persistent marine debris, (5) the determination of growth rates and age at sexual maturity, and (6) the quantification of threats to adults and juveniles on foraging grounds. In justification for the extension of this permit, recovery plans and other publications indicate that studies such as abundance, distribution, growth rates, and sex ratios should be conducted for at least 10 years.

Permit 878 authorizes research on loggerhead, green, Kemp's ridley, hawksbill, and leatherback sea turtles in Florida waters. Some turtles are authorized for blood samples, laparoscopic examinations, lavage, and tumor collection. The purpose of the research is to investigate life histories, habitat requirements, migratory behaviors, and threats to the species. On February 20, 1996, Modification 2 was issued to Permit 878, increasing the number of listed sea turtles authorized to receive telemeters from 15 to 30. Issuance of this modification, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such modification: (1) Was applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species that are the subject of this modification, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Those individuals requesting a hearing on the request to extend Permit 962 should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular request would be appropriate (see **ADDRESSES**). The holding of such hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in these permit summaries are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Dated: February 22, 1996

Russell J. Bellmer,  
Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office  
of Protected Resources, National Marine  
Fisheries Service.

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#### Endangered Species; Permits

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

**ACTION:** Receipt of applications for modifications to three scientific

research permits (P45K, P45L, and P45S).

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the National Biological Service, U.S. Department of the Interior at Cook, WA (NBS) has applied in due form for modifications to permits to take endangered and threatened species for the purpose of scientific research.

**DATES:** Written comments or requests for a public hearing on any of these applications must be received on or before April 1, 1996.

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

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR8, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401); and

Environmental and Technical Services Division, 525 NE Oregon Street, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97232-4169 (503-230-5400).

Written comments or requests for a public hearing should be submitted to the Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NBS requests modifications to permits 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 listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217-227).

NBS (P45K) requests modification 5 to permit 817 for an increase in their annual take of ESA-listed species in association with three additional scientific research activities under Study 1, originally entitled "Identification of the spawning, rearing, and migratory requirements of fall chinook salmon in the Columbia River Basin." Permit 817 authorizes a direct take of juvenile, threatened, Snake River fall chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) and an indirect take of juvenile, threatened, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) for Study 1. NBS proposes to evaluate the extent, seasonality, and size selectivity of predation on subyearling fall chinook salmon; estimate food availability and growth of subyearling fall chinook salmon in nearshore rearing habitats for eventual use in a bioenergetics model; and relate juvenile fall chinook salmon survival to physiological development. A greater number of listed juvenile fish are proposed to be captured, handled, and released annually with a corresponding increase in indirect mortalities. Modification 5 would be valid for the duration of the permit.

Permit 817 expires on December 31, 1996.

NBS (P45L) requests modification 1 to permit 905 for a change in the dates and locations of an ongoing scientific research activity and an increase in their annual take of ESA-listed species in association with two additional scientific research activities. Permit 905 authorizes a direct take of juvenile, threatened, Snake River fall chinook salmon and an indirect take of juvenile, threatened, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon associated with a scientific study intended to assess the survival of wild and hatchery juvenile fall chinook salmon from rearing areas in the free-flowing Snake River through lower Snake River dams. NBS proposes to expand their annual collection season and extend their sampling locations to acquire the juvenile listed fish currently authorized to be taken for electrophoretic analysis. NBS also proposes to capture, handle, and release a greater number of listed juvenile fish annually to obtain non-lethal tissue samples from run-at-large juvenile spring chinook salmon and fall chinook salmon yearlings for genetic analysis and to relate juvenile fall chinook salmon survival to physiological development. Modification 1 would be valid for the duration of the permit. Permit 905 expires on December 31, 1996.

NBS (P45S) requests modification 1 to permit 956 for changes in scientific equipment application and sampling techniques and an increase in their annual take of ESA-listed species in association with two additional scientific research activities. Permit 956 authorizes a take of juvenile, threatened, artificially-propagated, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon associated with a study designed to provide managers with data on the distribution, abundance, movement, and habitat preferences of the anadromous fish that migrate through Lower Granite Reservoir. NBS has been acquiring the data using radio transmitter tags applied by gastric insertion. NBS proposes to collect listed juvenile fish using a purse seine, apply the radio transmitter tags by surgical implantation, and transport the listed juvenile fish from the point of capture to an upstream release site. NBS also proposes to capture, handle, and release a greater number of listed juvenile fish annually to evaluate the operation of a surface collector prototype in the forebay of Lower Granite Dam and to use a mid-water trawl for species verification of hydroacoustic surveys. Modification 1 would be valid for the duration of the

permit. Permit 956 expires on September 30, 1999.

Those individuals requesting a hearing (see **ADDRESSES**) should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on any of these applications would be appropriate. The holding of such hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in these application summaries are those of the applicants and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Dated: February 23, 1996.

Ann D. Terbush,

*Chief, Permits and Documentation Division,  
Office of Protected Resources, National  
Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Air Force

#### AFIT Subcommittee of the Air University Board of Visitors; Notice of Meeting

The Air Force Institute of Technology Subcommittee of the Air University Board of Visitors will hold an open meeting on 3-5 March 1996, with the first business session beginning at 0900 in the Commandant's Conference Room, Building 125, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio (5 seats available).

The purpose of the meeting is to give the board an opportunity to review Air Force Institute of Technology's educational programs and to present to the Commandant a report of their findings and recommendations concerning these programs.

Less than 15 days public notice for this Subcommittee is due to scheduling conflicts of high level members and the difficulty to reschedule.

For further information on this meeting, contact Ms. Beverly Houtz in the Directorate of Plans and Operations, Air Force Institute of Technology, (513) 255-5760.

Patsy J. Conner,

*Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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#### Air University Board of Visitors; Notice of Meeting

The Air University Board of Visitors will hold an opening meeting on 14-17 April 1996, with the first business session beginning at 0800 in the Air University Conference Room at