

Done at Washington, D.C. this 28th day of August 1997.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended), the Rural Utilities Service's (RUS) invites comments on this information collection for which RUS intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by November 10, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carolyn W. Dotson, Program Support and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., STOP 1524, Room 0227 South Building, Washington, D.C. 20250-1524. Telephone: (202) 720-1928. FAX: (202) 690-2268.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Financial Requirements and Expenditure Statement, Electric.

OMB Control Number: 0572-0015.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: This collection is necessary to comply with the applicable provisions of the RUS loan contract. Borrowers submit requisitions to RUS for funds for projects costs incurred. Insured loan funds will be advanced only for projects which are included in the RUS approved borrower's construction workplan or approved amendment and in an approved loan, as amended. The process of loan advances establishes the beginning of the audit trail of the use of loan funds which is required for subsequent RUS compliance audits.

The Form 595 is used as a requisition for advances of funds. The form helps to assure that loan funds are advanced only for the budget purposes and amounts approved by RUS. According to the applicable provisions of the RUS loan contract, borrowers must certify with each request for funds to be

approved for advance, that such funds are for projects previously approved.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 11 hours per response.

Respondents: Small business or organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 880.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 3.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 29,040.

Copies of this information collection, and related form and instructions, can be obtained from Carolyn W. Dotson, Program Support and Regulatory Analysis, at (202) 720-1928.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether this proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments may be sent to F. Lamont Heppe, Jr., Director, Program Support and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 1522, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-1522. FAX: (202) 720-4120.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: August 28, 1997.

Wally Beyer,

Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 090297C]

Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of its Vessel Monitoring Systems (VMS) Committee.

DATES: The meeting will be held on September 30, 1997, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Council office, Conference Room, 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI; telephone: (808) 522-8220.

Council address: Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1405, Honolulu, HI 96813.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The VMS Committee will hold a meeting to discuss and formulate recommendations for the Council to consider at its 94th meeting to be held in November 1997. The VMS committee plans to discuss Hawaii longline VMS Data confidentiality, VMS data for fisheries research, future direction of the VMS program, and consider other business as required.

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

Special Accommodations

The 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: September 5, 1997.

Bruce C. Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 080697B]

Endangered Species; Permits

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Receipt of applications for scientific research permits (1079, 1080).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Notice is hereby given that Georgia-Pacific West, Inc. (GPWI) in Fort Bragg, CA, and Dr. Jerry J. Smith, San Jose State University in San Jose, CA, have applied in due form for permits authorizing takes of a threatened species for scientific research purposes.

DATES: Written comments or requests for a public hearing on any of these applications must be received on or before October 14, 1997.

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

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR3, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401); and

Protected Species Division, NMFS, 777 Sonoma Avenue, Room 325, Santa Rosa, CA 95404-6528 (707 575-6066).

Written comments or requests for a public hearing should be submitted to the Protected Species Division in Santa Rosa, CA.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: GPWI and Dr. Jerry J. Smith request 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 ESA-listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217-227).

GPWI (1079) requests a five-year permit for takes of juvenile, threatened, central California coast coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) associated with fish population studies on GPWI properties in Mendocino County Drainages of the Big, Ten-Mile, and Noyo Rivers, Salmon, Pudding and Usal Creeks and other small coastal streams between the Navarro River and Usal Creek 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.

Dr. Jerry J. Smith (1080) requests a five-year permit for takes of juvenile, threatened, central California coast coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) associated with fish population studies in defined drainages of Marin, San Mateo and Santa Cruz Counties within the Evolutionarily Significant Unit (ESU). The studies consist of five

assessment tasks for which ESA-listed fish are proposed to be taken: 1) Presence/absence, 2) population estimates, 3) spawner surveys, 4) tissue/scale sampling for genetic studies, and 5) microhabitat utilization. ESA-listed adult and juvenile fish will be observed or captured, anesthetized, handled (weighed, measured, fin-clipped), allowed to recover from the anesthetic, and released. Indirect mortalities are also requested.

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.

Dated: September 4, 1997.

Nancy Chu,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 090297A]

Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit 1056 (P770#73) and modification 1 to scientific research/enhancement permit 1010 (P503S).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has issued a permit to the Coastal Zone and Estuarine Studies Division, Northwest Fisheries Science Center, NMFS at Seattle, WA (CZESD) and a modification to a permit to the Idaho Department of Fish and Game at Boise, ID (IDFG) that authorize takes of Endangered Species Act-listed species for the purpose of scientific research, subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

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

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR3, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver

Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401); and

Protected Resources Division, F/NWO3, 525 NE Oregon Street, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97232-4169 (503-230-5400).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The permit and the modification to a permit were issued 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 217-222).

Notice was published on June 9, 1997 (62 FR 31410) that an application had been filed by CZESD for a scientific research permit (P770#73). Permit 1056 was issued to CZESD on August 11, 1997. Permit 1056 authorizes CZESD takes of juvenile, threatened, naturally-produced and artificially-propagated, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) associated with two scientific research studies. The objective of Study 1 is to characterize the run-timing of wild fish over a period of years to determine if consistent patterns are apparent, and to use this information for real-time management decisions regarding water allocation during the smolt outmigrations. The long-term objectives of Study 2 are to monitor the nature and extent of genetic change over time in supplemented and unsupplemented populations and to correlate the genetic changes with measures of productivity. The results of this study would also provide information on population structure and effective population size. Permit 1056 expires on December 31, 2001.

Notice was published on June 9, 1997 (62 FR 31410) that an application had been filed by IDFG for modification 1 to scientific research/enhancement permit 1010 (P503S). Modification 1 to permit 1010 was issued to IDFG on August 22, 1997. Permit 1010 authorizes IDFG takes of juvenile, ESA-listed, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) associated with a captive rearing program. For modification 1, IDFG is authorized to release a small number of mature spring chinook salmon from its captive rearing program to obtain information on the spawning behavior and success of outplanted fish as well as to examine the efficacy of all procedures associated with the program. Experimental outplanting will allow IDFG to refine transport, acclimation, release, segregation, and monitoring methods for future releases. In addition, excess hatchery-produced jacks will be sacrificed for cryopreservation of sperm,