

England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (781) 231-0422.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council will convene this previously unscheduled meeting specifically to address a number of administrative and personnel issues. Decisions on fishery management plan measures will not be considered. The meeting will be open to the public before and after the closed session for the purposes of providing the public with overviews of the closed meeting discussions.

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

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for special accommodations should be addressed to the New England Fishery Management Council (see **ADDRESSES**). Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: February 24, 1998.

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. 021398A]

Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Public meeting notice amendment.

SUMMARY: The agenda for the meetings of the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, which are scheduled for March 17-19, 1998, in Honolulu, HI, was published on February 20, 1998. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for amendment to the meeting.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The initial agenda was published in the **Federal Register** on February 20, 1998 (63 FR 8612). The notice stated that only the Crustaceans Plan Team meeting would be held on March 17-19, 1998. This document amends that notice by announcing that the Crustaceans Plan Team will be meeting jointly with the Crustaceans Advisory Panel. All other information previously published remains unchanged.

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 Simonds at (808) 522-8220 (voice) or (808) 522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: February 24, 1998.

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. 022498D]

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 Council (Council) will hold a meeting of its Ecosystem and Habitat Advisory Panel (EHAP), in Honolulu, HI.

DATES: The EHAP meeting will be held on March 20, 1998, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 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.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The EHAP will discuss and may make recommendations to the Council on a draft comprehensive amendment to implement new Sustainable Fishery Act requirements (bycatch, fishing sectors,

fishing communities, overfishing, essential fish habitat), primarily with regard to possible ecological impacts; the Essential Fish Habitat section of the amendment will receive special consideration.

Other agenda items that the EHAP will discuss and may take action on include:

1. Draft outline and concept for Coral Reef Ecosystem Fishery Management Plan;

2. Final Environmental Impact Statement (if available) for military use of Farallon de Mendinilla, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and

3. Other business as required.

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

Special Accommodations

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Dated: February 24, 1998.

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. 022398B]

Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Receipt of four applications for scientific research permits (1119, 1134, 1135, 1136) and an application for a scientific research/enhancement permit (1118).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Mid-Columbia River Fishery Resource Office at Leavenworth, WA (FWS), the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission at Portland, OR (CRITFC),

the U.S. Geological Survey at Cook, WA (USGS), and the Oregon Cooperative Fishery and Wildlife Research Unit at Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR (OCFWRU) have applied in due form for permits that would authorize takes of ESA-listed anadromous fish species for the purpose of scientific research.

DATES: Written comments or requests for a public hearing on any of the applications must be received on or before April 1, 1998.

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

Protected Resources Division (PRD), F/NWO3, 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, Protected Resources Division, Portland.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For Applications 1118 and 1119: Tom Lichatowich (503-230-5438). For Applications 1134, 1135, and 1136: Robert Koch (503-230-5424).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FWS, CRITFC, USGS, and OCFWRU 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).

FWS requests a 5-year permit (1118) for an annual direct take of endangered, naturally produced and artificially propagated, upper Columbia River steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) associated with a supplementation program at Winthrop Hatchery on the Methow River in WA. FWS proposes to receive ESA-listed steelhead eggs and/or juveniles from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) Wells Hatchery supplementation program, rear the fish in the hatchery, and release the fish when they are ready to outmigrate. WDFW is authorized takes of ESA-listed steelhead under permit 1094, issued on February 4, 1998 (63 FR 8435, February 19, 1998). The Winthrop Hatchery supplementation program is well-suited to aid in the recovery of endangered steelhead because the hatchery is located in the fish's historical upriver habitat. In addition, transfers of ESA-listed juvenile steelhead from WDFW to FWS' Winthrop Hatchery will spread the risk of a catastrophic accident at any one facility which could have serious consequences to one specific brood year. FWS also requests an annual incidental take of ESA-listed species

associated with fish releases from the supplementation program.

FWS requests a 5-year permit (1119) for an annual take of adult and juvenile, endangered, upper Columbia River steelhead associated with two scientific research studies. The purpose of Study 1 is to gather data on emigrating juvenile salmon and steelhead. The purpose of Study 2 is to conduct snorkel surveys in various watersheds as part of inventory and artificial structure monitoring projects. The data obtained from both studies will be used to determine the survival and contribution of chinook salmon and steelhead released from FWS' mitigation hatchery programs in central WA and to provide technical assistance to agencies, tribes, and interest groups using and managing aquatic resources in the mid to upper-Columbia River Basin. ESA-listed adult and juvenile fish are proposed to be observed during snorkel surveys. ESA-listed juvenile fish are proposed to be captured with screw traps, handled, and released. ESA-listed juvenile fish indirect mortalities associated with the scientific research activities are also requested.

CRITFC requests a 5-year permit (1134) that would authorize annual takes of juvenile, endangered, Snake River sockeye salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*); adult and juvenile, threatened, naturally-produced and artificially-propagated, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*); adult and juvenile, threatened, Snake River fall chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*); adult and juvenile, endangered, naturally-produced and artificially-propagated, upper Columbia River steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*); and adult and juvenile, threatened, Snake River steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) associated with scientific research in the Columbia and Snake River Basins in the Pacific Northwest. CRITFC also requests an annual take of adult and juvenile lower Columbia River steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) which is currently proposed as threatened. CRITFC proposes to conduct eight research tasks: (1) Juvenile chinook salmon, steelhead, and coho salmon surveys; (2) juvenile anadromous salmonid outmigration studies; (3) chinook salmon and steelhead escapement surveys; (4) scale sampling at Bonneville Dam; (5) cryopreservation of chinook salmon and steelhead gametes; (6) gas bubble trauma sampling; (7) subyearling fall chinook salmon research; and (8) westslope cutthroat trout genetic inventory. CRITFC proposes to observe/harass ESA-listed fish during surveys and redd

counts, to collect tissue/scale samples and biological information from ESA-listed fish during escapement and carcass surveys, to collect gametes from post-spawned ESA-listed adult fish, and to employ seines, traps, and electrofishing to capture ESA-listed juvenile fish to apply passive integrated transponder (PIT) tags and other marks for migration studies. A lethal take of juvenile, ESA-listed, Snake River fall chinook salmon is requested. ESA-listed juvenile fish indirect mortalities associated with the research activities are also requested.

USGS requests a 5-year scientific research permit (1135) for annual takes of juvenile lower Columbia River steelhead, currently proposed as threatened. The purpose of the research is to examine the hypothesis that individual juvenile steelhead must grow to a critical size during their first and second summers to survive harsh winter conditions in streams. The results of this research will provide data and models that demonstrate how habitat conditions, such as temperature, influence fish growth and potential survival in natal streams, particularly in the Wind River Basin. Juvenile fish are proposed to be collected from streams in the Wind River Basin using electrofishing, anesthetized, handled to acquire biological data, allowed to recover from the anesthetic, and released. A lethal take of juvenile fish is requested. Indirect mortalities of juvenile fish associated with the research activities are also requested.

OCFWRU requests a 3-year permit (1136) for annual takes of juvenile, endangered, Snake River sockeye salmon; juvenile, threatened, naturally produced and artificially propagated, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon; juvenile, threatened, Snake River fall chinook salmon; juvenile, endangered, naturally produced and artificially propagated, upper Columbia River steelhead; and juvenile, threatened, Snake River steelhead associated with research designed to compare biological and physiological indices of wild and hatchery juvenile fish exposed to stress from bypass, collection, and transportation activities at the dams on the Snake and Columbia Rivers in the Pacific Northwest. The purpose of the research is to determine effects of manmade structures and management activities on outmigrating salmonids and to provide information to improve their survival. ESA-listed juvenile fish are proposed to be captured using lift nets or dipnets at Lower Granite Dam on the Snake River and McNary Dam on the Columbia River or acquired from Smolt Monitoring

Program personnel, operating under the authority of a separate permit, at Bonneville Dam on the Columbia River. Captured ESA-listed fish are proposed to be examined and released or tagged with radio transmitters, held for as long as 24 hours, released, and tracked electronically. Some lethal take is requested. ESA-listed juvenile fish indirect mortalities associated with research activities are also requested.

To date, protective regulations for threatened Snake River steelhead under section 4(d) of the ESA have not been promulgated by NMFS. This notice of receipt of applications requesting takes of this species is issued as a precaution in the event that NMFS issues protective regulations that prohibit takes of Snake River steelhead. The initiation of a 30-day public comment period on the applications, including their proposed takes of Snake River steelhead, does not presuppose the contents of the eventual protective regulations. To date, a listing determination for lower Columbia River steelhead under the ESA has not been promulgated by NMFS. This notice of receipt of applications requesting takes of this species is issued as a precaution in the event that NMFS issues a listing determination. The initiation of a 30-day public comment period on the applications, including their proposed takes of lower Columbia River steelhead, does not presuppose a listing determination. Those individuals requesting a hearing on any of the applications 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 applicants and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Dated: February 23, 1998.

Nancy I. Chu,

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

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton, Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the Dominican Republic

February 25, 1998.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs increasing limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 3, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roy Unger, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on the quota status of these limits, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port or call (202) 927-5850. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482-3715.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended.

The current limits for certain categories are being increased for carryover.

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of HTS numbers is available in the **CORRELATION:** Textile and Apparel Categories with the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (see **Federal Register** notice 62 FR 66057, published on December 17, 1997). Also see 62 FR 67622, published on December 29, 1997.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

February 25, 1998.

Commissioner of Customs,
Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on December 19, 1997, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in the Dominican Republic and exported during the periods January 1, 1998 through March 26, 1998 (Categories 352/652) and January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998.

Effective on March 3, 1998, you are directed to increase the limits for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Adjusted limit ¹
338/638	964,072 dozen.
340/640	992,459 dozen.
342/642	636,449 dozen.
347/348/647/648	2,158,406 dozen of which not more than 1,148,820 dozen shall be in Categories 647/648.
352/652	2,759,208 dozen.
433	24,131 dozen.
442	81,930 dozen.
443	142,253 numbers.
444	81,930 numbers.
448	42,207 dozen.
633	145,623 dozen.

The guaranteed access levels for the foregoing categories remain unchanged.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that these actions fall within the foreign affairs exception of the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

AmeriCorps*VISTA Supervision and Transportation Support Guidelines

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Notice of guidelines with request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National Service ("Corporation") plans to replace the VISTA Supervision and Transportation Support Guidelines published in the **Federal Register** on May 5, 1987 (52 FR 16422). These guidelines will enable AmeriCorps*VISTA to make a grant agreement, or other arrangements with a sponsoring organization to pay for on-the-job transportation and/or supervisory support for AmeriCorps*VISTA members. The Corporation invites all interested parties to comment on the issues discussed in this notice. Any comments received will be carefully considered in the development of the final AmeriCorps*VISTA Supervision and Transportation Support Guidelines.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the