

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) is conducting the workshop on behalf of the Minerals Management Service (MMS), Department of the Interior. The goal of the workshop is to present the current state of knowledge for the *in situ* burning of spilled oil to decision makers from local, state and federal agencies, responders, environmentalists, academia, and the user community. Participants will prioritize research and information needs necessary to support decisions on the use of *in situ* burning as a response tool. Specific emphasis will be given to burning operations and environmental and human health concerns. Preprints of the technical papers will be available to attendees to facilitate their participation in panel discussions. After the workshop a proceedings will be published containing the technical papers and the research and information needs identified by the attendees.

DATES: The workshop will take place on Monday, November 2, 1998, through Wednesday, November 4, 1998 from 8:30 AM to 5 PM.

PLACE: The meeting will take place at the Double Tree Hotel, 300 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70130.

ADDRESSES: To register for the workshop, contact Ms. Lori Phillips, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Building 101, Room B116, Gaithersburg, MD 20899, telephone: (301) 975-4513; Fax: (301) 948-2067.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For technical questions, contact Ms. Nora H. Jason, telephone: (301) 975-6862; Fax: (301) 975-4052; e-mail: nora.jason@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A registration fee will be charged for attending the workshop. Participants are expected to make their own travel arrangements and accommodations.

Dated: July 8, 1998.

Robert E. Hebner,

Acting Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 070798D]

Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Issuance of Scientific Research Permit 1144.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that on June 23, 1998, NMFS issued Scientific Research Permit 1144 to Bruce D. Peery, Michael J. Bresette, and Jonathan C. Gorham, to take listed sea turtles for the purpose of scientific research subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

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

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR3, NMFS, 1315 East-West Hwy., Room 13307, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401); and Director, Southeast Region, NMFS, NOAA, 9721 Executive Center Drive, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432 (813-893-3141).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice was published on April 27, 1998 (63 FR 20638) that an application had been filed by Bruce D. Peery, Michael J. Bresette, and Jonathan C. Gorham (1144), to take listed sea turtles as authorized by 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 217-222).

The applicants requested a one-year scientific research permit to take listed sea turtles. Up to 75 green (*Chelonia mydas*) and 25 loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*) turtles will be taken in large mesh tangle nets for the purposes of stock assessment to characterize the sea turtles that utilize the southern Indian River Lagoon System, Florida. Captured turtles will be weighed, photographed, measured, tagged, and released. NMFS issued permit 1144 on June 23, 1998.

Issuance of this permit, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permit: (1) Was applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species that are the subject of this permit, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

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Patricia A. Montanio,

Deputy Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 070798C]

Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Receipt of applications for scientific research permits (1138, 1139, 1161, 1162, 1166, 1167) and for a modification to a scientific research/enhancement permit (1010).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following actions regarding permits for takes of endangered and threatened species for the purposes of scientific research and/or enhancement: NMFS has received permit applications from: Dr. Jennifer L. Nielsen of the Hopkins Marine Station, Stanford University in Pacific Grove, CA (1138), Wetlands Research Associates Inc. (WRAI) in San Rafael, CA (1139), the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) in Sacramento, CA (1161), Salmon Protection and Watershed Network (SPAWN) in Forest Knolls, CA (1162), Dr. Alice A. Rich of A.A. Rich and Associates (AARA) in San Anselmo, CA (1166), and Dr. Peter B. Moyle of the Department of Wildlife, Fish and Conservation Biology University of California, in Davis, CA (1167); and NMFS has received an application for a modification to an existing scientific research/enhancement permit from: Idaho Department of Fish and Game at Boise, ID (IDFG) (1010).

DATES: Written comments or requests for a public hearing on any of the applications must be received on or before August 13, 1998.

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

For permit 1010: Protected Resources Division (PRD), F/NWO3, 525 NE Oregon Street, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97232-4169 (503-230-5400).

For permits 1138, 1139, 1161, 1162, 1166, and 1167: Protected Species Division, NMFS, 777 Sonoma Avenue, Room 325, Santa Rosa, CA 95404-6528 (707-575-6066).

All documents may also be reviewed by appointment in the Office of Protected Resources, F/PR3, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For permit 1010: Robert Koch, Portland, OR (503-230-5424).

For permits 1138, 1139, 1161, 1162, 1166, and 1167: Thomas Hablett, Protected Resources Division, (707-575-6066).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Authority

Permits are requested 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).

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 below application summaries are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Species Covered in this Notice

The following species are covered in this notice: Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*), Coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*), and Steelhead trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*).

New Applications Received

Jennifer Nielsen (1138) requests a five-year permit to receive, possess, and analyze, genetic tissue samples taken from adult and juvenile salmonids, for all species currently listed in California. Tissue samples taken from live, non-invasively sampled fish, will consist only of fin clips and scales. These and/or skin tissue will be taken from carcasses. The samples will be collected in the field by participating investigators who have been authorized by NMFS to take and transfer tissue samples for genetic study purposes. The requested authorizations for California include samples from: threatened coho salmon in the southern Oregon/northern California coast (SONCC) and central California coast (CCC) Evolutionarily Significant Units (ESUs); endangered steelhead in the southern California coast (SoCC) ESU; threatened steelhead in the CCC, south-central California coast (SCCC), and central valley (CV) ESUs; and endangered Sacramento River, winter-run chinook salmon; associated with ongoing genetic population inventories throughout California.

WRAI (1139) requests a two-year permit for takes of juvenile, threatened, CCC coho salmon, and juvenile, threatened CCC steelhead associated with fish population and habitat studies in the Petaluma River within the ESUs. The studies consist of four assessment tasks for which ESA-listed fish are

proposed to be taken: 1) Presence/absence; 2) population estimates; 3) out-migrational surveys; and 4) habitat quality evaluation. ESA-listed fish will be observed or captured, anesthetized, handled, allowed to recover from the anesthetic, and released. Indirect mortalities are also requested.

SWRCB (1161) requests a five-year permit for takes of juvenile, threatened, CCC coho salmon associated with fish population and habitat studies in the Noyo River within the ESU. The studies consist of four assessment tasks for which ESA-listed fish are proposed to be taken: 1) Presence/absence; 2) population estimates; 3) life history patterns; and 4) habitat quality evaluation. ESA-listed fish will be observed or captured, anesthetized, handled, allowed to recover from the anesthetic, and released. Indirect mortalities are also requested.

SPAWN (1162) requests a five-year permit for takes of juvenile, threatened, CCC coho salmon, and juvenile, threatened CCC steelhead (*O. mykiss*) associated with fish population and habitat studies in the San Geronimo Creek within the ESUs. The studies consist of two assessment tasks for which ESA-listed fish are proposed to be taken: 1) Presence/absence; and 2) habitat quality evaluation. In addition, authorization is requested to move stranded fish from isolated pools into the mainstem of the watershed. ESA-listed fish will be observed or captured, anesthetized, handled, allowed to recover from the anesthetic, and released. Indirect mortalities are also requested.

AARA (1166) requests a five-year permit for takes of: adult and juvenile, threatened, SONCC and CCC coho salmon; adult and juvenile, endangered, SoCC steelhead; and adult and juvenile, threatened, SCCC and CCC steelhead associated with fish population and habitat studies in coastal drainages throughout California. The studies consist of salmonid habitat and biological inventories, and project monitoring and evaluation studies 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. ESA-listed salmon indirect mortalities associated with the research are also requested.

Peter Moyle (1167) requests a three-year permit for takes of juvenile, threatened, CCC coho salmon associated with fish population and habitat studies in the Navarro River and Indian Creek watersheds within the ESU. The studies involve surveying macroinvertebrate

and fish communities in selected stream reaches, and consist of three assessment tasks for which ESA-listed fish are proposed to be taken: 1) Presence/absence; 2) population estimates; and 3) habitat quality evaluation. ESA-listed fish will be observed during snorkeling surveys.

Modification Request Received

IDFG requests a modification to permit 1010, which authorizes annual direct takes of adult and juvenile, threatened, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon associated with a captive rearing program for the upper Salmon River tributaries of West Fork Yankee Fork, upper East Fork, and Lemhi River in ID. The captive rearing program was initiated in 1995 when NMFS allowed the collection of ESA-listed, naturally produced, juvenile fish for the program under permit 972. For modification 2, IDFG proposes to release ESA-listed, captively-reared, mature fish from the program into their respective streams of origin for natural spawning. The ESA-listed adult fish to be released are proposed to be tagged with radiotransmitters so that IDFG may monitor fish movement and spawning-related behavior. Subsequent to spawning, carcasses of the ESA-listed fish are proposed to be inspected and sampled for tissues. Also for modification 2, IDFG proposes to retain ESA-listed adult fish in the hatcheries to initiate a captive spawning program. ESA-listed fish eggs produced from the captive spawning program are proposed to be distributed in their respective streams of origin. Also for modification 2, IDFG requests incidental takes of ESA-listed anadromous fish species that would result from fish releases from the captive rearing program. Modification 2 is requested to be valid for the duration of the permit. Permit 1010 expires on December 31, 2000.

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Patricia A. Montanio,

Deputy Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Marine Mammals; File No. 786-1463

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