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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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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 scientific research permits (1121, 1217); receipt of applications to modify scientific research permits (1075, 1167, 1213); issuance of scientific research and incidental take permits (1150, 1199, 1201, 1212, 1213); and modifications/amendments to existing scientific research and incidental take permits (1010, 1017, 1120).

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 David Salsbery, Santa Clara Valley Water District in San Jose, CA (SCVWD) (1121) and Dr. Mark Stromberg, Hastings Natural History Reservation in Carmel Valley, CA (MS-HNHR) (1217); NMFS has received applications for modifications to existing permits from: Mr. Harry Vaughn, Pacific Coast Federation of Fisherman's Associations in Miranda, CA (PCFFA) (1075), Dr. Peter Moyle, of the University of California at Davis (PM-UCD) (1167), and NMFS Northwest Fisheries Science Center in Seattle, WA (NWFSC) (1213); NMFS has issued permits to: Idaho Department of Fish and Game at Boise, ID (IDFG) (1150), Mr. Gerry Davis, of Guam Department of Agriculture (GD-GDA) (1199), Dr. Thane Wibbels, of University of Alabama at Birmingham (TW-UAB) (1201), and NWFSC (1212 and 1213); and NMFS has issued modifications/amendments to scientific research permits to IDFG (1010 and 1120) and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife at Portland, OR (ODFW) (1017).

DATES: Written comments or requests for a public hearing on any of the new

applications or modification requests must be received on or before July 26, 1999.

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

For permits 1010, 1017, 1120, 1150, 1212, 1213: Protected Resources Division, F/NWO3, 525 NE Oregon Street, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97232-4169 (503-230-5400).

For permits 1075, 1121, 1167, 1217: Protected Species Division, NMFS, 777 Sonoma Avenue, Room 325, Santa Rosa, CA 95404-6528 (707-575-6066).

For permits 1199, 1201: Office of Protected Resources, Endangered Species Division, F/PR3, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301-713-1401).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

For permits 1199, 1201: Terri Jordan, Silver Spring, MD (301-713-1401).

For permits 1075, 1121, 1167, 1217: Dan Logan, Protected Resources Division, Santa Rosa, CA (707-575-6053).

For the permit 1213: Leslie Schaeffer, Portland, OR (503-230-5433).

For permits 1010, 1017, 1120, 1150, 1212: Robert Koch, Portland, OR (503-230-5424).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority

Issuance of permits and permit modifications, as required by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) (ESA), is based on a finding that such permits/modifications: (1) Are applied for in good faith; (2) would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species which are the subject of the permits; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA. Authority to take listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permits. Permits and modifications are issued in accordance with and are subject to the ESA and NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 222-226).

Those individuals requesting a hearing on an application listed in this notice should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on that application 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 the permit action summaries are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Species Covered in This Notice

The following species and evolutionarily significant units (ESU's) are covered in this notice:

Sea Turtles

Threatened Green turtle (*Chelonia mydas*), endangered Hawksbill turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), endangered Kemp's ridley turtle (*Lepidochelys kempi*), threatened Loggerhead turtle (*Caretta caretta*).

Fish

Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*): threatened Snake River (SnR) fall, threatened SnR spring/summer, endangered upper Columbia River (UCR) spring.

Coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*): threatened Southern Oregon/Northern California coast (SONCC).

Cutthroat trout (*Oncorhynchus clarki clarki*): endangered Umpqua River UmR.

Sockeye salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*): endangered SnR.

Steelhead trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*): threatened Central Valley (CV), threatened Central California coast (CCC), threatened South-Central California coast (SCCC), endangered UCR.

To date, protective regulations for threatened CV, CCC, or SCCC steelhead under section 4(d) of the ESA have been not promulgated by NMFS. This notice of receipt of applications requesting takes of CV, CCC, and SCCC steelhead is issued as a precaution in the event that NMFS issues CV, CCC, or SCCC steelhead protective regulations. The initiation of a 30-day public comment period on the applications, including their proposed takes of CV, CCC, and SCCC steelhead, does not presuppose the contents of the eventual protective regulations.

New Applications Received

SCVWD (1121) requests a 5-year permit to authorize takes of adult and juvenile CCC and SCCC steelhead associated with population, habitat and migration studies within the ESUs. This research will provide a baseline of fish populations and help to determine the effects water management, mitigation and maintenance activities in Santa Clara County. Authorization to relocate steelhead as necessary for survival is also requested.

MS-HNHR (1217) requests a 5-year permit to authorize takes of adult and juvenile SCCC steelhead associated with sampling conducted for genetic studies in the upper Carmel, San Jose, Little Sur, Big Sur and Big Creek drainage systems. The research will provide information useful in determining

genetic relationships with respect to geographical distribution.

Modification Requests Received

PCFFA requests a modification to permit 1075 for authorization of an increase in take of juvenile SONCC coho salmon associated with fish population, migration and habitat studies in the Eel River Basin. The modification is requested to be valid for the duration of the permit, which expires on June 30, 2003.

PM-UCD requests a modification to permit 1167 to increase authorized takes of adult and juvenile CV steelhead associated with sampling and tagging activity during habitat and distribution studies in the lower Yuba River. The modification is requested to be valid for the duration of the permit, which expires on June 30, 2003.

NWFSC requests modifications to scientific research permit 1213. Permit 1213 authorizes direct takes of juvenile SnR sockeye salmon; juvenile, naturally produced and artificially propagated, SnR spring/summer chinook salmon; juvenile SnR fall chinook salmon; and adult and juvenile, naturally produced and artificially propagated, UCR steelhead associated with seven studies at hydropower dams on the Snake and Columbia Rivers in the Pacific Northwest. For the modification, NWFSC requests an increase in take of juvenile SnR sockeye salmon; juvenile SnR fall chinook salmon; juvenile, naturally produced and artificially propagated, SnR spring/summer chinook salmon; and juvenile, naturally produced and artificially propagated, UCR steelhead associated additional testing at McNary Dam under Study 4. The additional take is requested to (1) evaluate the performance of extended-length bar screens equipped with a newly designed perforated plate system, and (2) release fish tagged with sonic transmitters to support the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Turbine Survival Program. Under this program, juvenile hatchery steelhead will be gastrically implanted with sonic tags, released through special release pipes into a turbine intake at the dam, and tracked electronically. NWFSC also requests a take of juvenile, endangered, naturally produced and artificially propagated, UCR spring chinook salmon associated with the study. The modifications are requested to be valid for the duration of the permit, which expires on December 31, 1999.

Permits, Modifications, and Amendments Issued

Notice was published on July 14, 1998 (63 FR 37851), that an application had

been filed by IDFG for a modification to scientific research/enhancement permit 1010. Permit 1010 authorizes IDFG annual direct takes of adult and juvenile, naturally produced, SnR spring/summer chinook salmon associated with a captive rearing program. Each year, IDFG collects no more than 25 percent of the ESA-listed juvenile fish from the West Fork Yankee Fork of the Salmon River, upper East Fork Salmon River, and Lemhi River in ID. The ESA-listed juvenile fish are reared in captivity until mature. For modification 2, IDFG is authorized annual releases of mature, radio-tagged, spring chinook salmon from the program into the fish's respective stream of origin for natural spawning. IDFG is also authorized to collect ESA-listed adult fish carcasses subsequent to spawning for inspection and the acquisition of tissue samples. In addition, IDFG is authorized the retention of ESA-listed adult fish from each population in the hatchery to initiate a captive spawning program, annual releases of eyed-eggs (in hatch boxes or artificial redds) and/or juveniles from the captive spawning program, and the retention of eggs in the hatchery as a "safety net". Further, IDFG is authorized annual incidental takes of ESA-listed species due to adult and juvenile fish releases from the captive rearing and spawning programs. Modification 2 to permit 1010 was issued to IDFG on May 20, 1999, and is valid for the duration of the permit, which expires on December 31, 2000.

On June 4, 1999, NMFS issued an amendment of ODFW's incidental take permit 1017. Permit 1017 authorizes ODFW an annual incidental take of resident, fluvial, and anadromous, Umpqua River cutthroat trout associated with the State of Oregon's recreational and commercial fisheries in the Umpqua River Basin. For the amendment, NMFS has extended permit 1017 for an additional year. Permit 1017 will now expire on September 30, 2000.

On April 20, 1999, NMFS issued an amendment of IDFG's scientific research/enhancement permit 1120. Permit 1120 authorizes IDFG annual direct takes of adult and juvenile SnR sockeye salmon associated with a captive broodstock program. Annual incidental takes of ESA-listed species associated with fish releases from IDFG's captive broodstock program are also authorized by permit 1120. For the amendment, IDFG is authorized an annual incidental take of UCR spring chinook salmon associated with fish releases from IDFG's SnR sockeye salmon captive broodstock program. The incidental take authorization covers

effects and/or impacts that are likely to occur in the mainstem Columbia River migration corridor. The amendment is valid for the duration of the permit, which expires on December 31, 2002.

Notice was published on October 28, 1998 (63 FR 57664), that an application had been filed by IDFG for an incidental take permit. Permit 1150 was issued to IDFG on May 28, 1999, and authorizes incidental takes of SnR sockeye salmon; naturally produced and artificially propagated, SnR spring/summer chinook salmon; and SnR fall chinook salmon associated with implementation of the State of Idaho's sport-fishing programs. IDFG's sport-fishing programs include the following activities: (1) Resident sport-fishing in ESA-listed chinook and sockeye salmon ranges in Idaho under the IDFG General Fishing Regulations, including kokanee and trout fisheries in Redfish, Alturas, and Pettit Lakes; (2) chinook salmon sport-fishing in the Clearwater River, Little Salmon River, and South Fork Salmon River under the IDFG Anadromous Salmon Fishing Regulations; and (3) summer steelhead fishing program during the fall and spring seasons under the IDFG Steelhead Fishing Regulations. Permit 1150 expires on December 31, 1999.

Notice was published on February 19, 1999 (64 FR 8331), that GD-GDA had applied for a 5-year research permit to take green and hawksbill sea turtles, record biological data, and sample tissue and run DNA analysis according to NMFS sampling protocols. A few of the turtles will be satellite-tagged. The purpose of the research is to: a) Collect baseline population size structure (age and sex) and genetic information for sea turtles in and about Guam, b) survey Guam's beaches for sea turtle nesting activity for both species throughout the nesting period. Nesting turtle research is covered by a section 6 agreement with FWS. Permit 1199 was issued on June 15, 1999, and expires April 30, 2004.

Notice was published on March 25, 1999 (64 FR 14432), that TW-UAB had applied for a scientific research permit to evaluate the abundance, movements, and location of juvenile sea turtles in the estuaries of Alabama, to potentially identify specific foraging areas. The presence of juvenile sea turtles in estuaries represents a potential conflict for fisheries and coastal development. However, there is little information about this issue for the estuaries of Alabama. The information from this study is critical to developing a prudent management strategy which protects sea turtles while sustaining the productivity of the fisheries. The proposed research is a prerequisite to determining if the

estuaries of Alabama represent a developmental habitat for juvenile sea turtles. The applicant proposes to: 1) Identify potential foraging areas by conducting sampling surveys, and measuring and tagging all captured turtles, 2) Perform radio tracking on some of the turtles to determine short term movements, home range, and identify foraging areas, 3) Collect samples of fecal and stomach materials in order to identify and document the diets of juvenile turtles, 4) Collect blood samples to estimate of sex ratio. Permit 1201 was issued on June 11, 1999, and expires February 28, 2001.

Notice was published on March 25, 1999 (64 FR 14432), that an application had been filed by NWFSC for a scientific research permit. Permit 1212 was issued to NWFSC on May 26, 1999, and authorizes takes of juvenile SnR sockeye salmon; juvenile, naturally produced and artificially propagated, SnR spring/summer chinook salmon; juvenile SnR fall chinook salmon; and juvenile, naturally produced and artificially propagated, UCR steelhead associated with four studies at the hydropower dams on the Snake and Columbia Rivers in the Pacific Northwest. The goal of Study 1 is to provide up-to-date survival estimates of juvenile salmonids as they migrate past McNary Dam on the Columbia River. The goal of Study 2 is to evaluate the specific trouble areas in the juvenile fish bypass system at Lower Monumental Dam on the Snake River. The goal of Study 3 is to compare the performance of juvenile salmonids tagged with Sham radiotransmitters with juvenile salmonids tagged with passive integrated transponders (PIT) at Lower Granite Dam on the Snake River. The goal of Study 4 is to determine tailrace residence times of radio-tagged hatchery chinook salmon under varying operational conditions at Lower Monumental Dam and to identify spill conditions that utilize the smallest volumes of water to maximize fish passage efficiency at Ice Harbor Dam on the Snake River. The research will provide information that will be used to develop corrective measures to improve juvenile fish passage at the dams. Permit 1212 expires on December 31, 2003.

Notice was published on March 25, 1999 (64 FR 14432), that an application had been filed by NWFSC for a scientific research permit. Permit 1213 was issued to NWFSC on June 3, 1999, and authorizes direct takes of juvenile SnR sockeye salmon; juvenile, naturally produced and artificially propagated, SnR spring/summer chinook salmon; juvenile SnR fall chinook salmon; and adult and juvenile, naturally produced

and artificially propagated, UCR steelhead associated with seven studies at the hydropower dams on the Snake and Columbia Rivers in the Pacific Northwest. The goal of Study 1 is to evaluate the extended length bar screen at Little Goose Dam on the Snake River. The goal of Study 2 is to evaluate a prototype separator at Ice Harbor Dam. The goal of Study 3 is to establish biological design criteria for the fish passage facility at McNary Dam. The goal of Study 4 is to evaluate an orifice shelter, an outlet-flow control device, and methods of debris control at McNary Dam. The goal of Study 5 is to evaluate the modified extended-length bar screens at John Day Dam on the Columbia River. The goal of Study 6 is to evaluate the juvenile fish bypass system at John Day Dam. The goal of Study 7 is to evaluate the modified juvenile fish bypass system at the second powerhouse of Bonneville Dam on the Columbia River. The research will provide information that will be used to develop corrective measures to improve juvenile fish passage at the dams. Permit 1213 expires on December 31, 1999.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Marine Mammals; File No. 732-1587

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Paul Ponganis, M.D., Ph.D., Associate Research Physiologist, Center for Marine Biotechnology and Biomedicine, Scripps Institute of Oceanography, La Jolla, CA 92093-0204, has been issued a permit to obtain elephant seals, harbor seals and California sea lions from rehabilitated stock for scientific research purposes.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705,

Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (562/980-4001).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ruth Johnson or Sara Shapiro, 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 16, 1999, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 13004) that a request for a scientific research permit to take pinnipeds had been submitted by the above-named individual. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

Dated: June 18, 1999.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Privacy Act of 1974; Systems of Records; Annual Publication

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Publication of annual notice of the existence and character of each system of records that the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("Commission") maintains which contains information about individuals.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to announce the existence and character of the systems of records of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission as required by the Privacy Act of 1974, Pub. L. 93-579, 5 U.S.C. 552a.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(f), the Commission, on August 8, 1975, promulgated rules relating to records maintained by the Commission concerning individuals (40 FR 41056). The rules as amended (17 CFR part 146) address an individual's rights to know what information the Commission has in its files concerning the individual; to have access to those records; to petition the Commission to have inaccurate or incomplete records amended or corrected; and not to have personal information disseminated to unauthorized persons. The full text of the Commission's rules implementing the Privacy Act can be found in 17 CFR part 146.