

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held in Boston, MA and Wakefield, MA. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific locations.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; (978)465-0492. Requests for special accommodations should be addressed to the New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Dates and Agendas

Monday, November 13, 2000, 9:30 a.m.—Research Steering Committee Meeting

Location: Sheraton Colonial Hotel, One Audubon Road, Wakefield, MA 01880; telephone: (781) 245-9300.

Continued work on the development of a collaborative research program to address the next round of funds appropriated by Congress for 2001.

Monday, November 13, 2000 at 10:00 a.m.—Social Sciences Advisory Committee (SSAC) Meeting

Location: Coast Guard Building, 427 Commercial Street, Boston, MA 02210; telephone: (617) 223-3187.

The SSAC will finalize comments on the Scallop Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation Report, discuss its priorities for the next year and develop plans for a social sciences peer review workshop.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, 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 and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting dates.

Dated: October 25, 2000.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 102000B]

Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Receipt of an application for a enhancement permit 1251; Issuance of scientific research/enhancement permit 1128, scientific research permit 1149; Issuance of modified permits 1011 and 1144; Issuance of amended permit 1133.

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 a enhancement permit application from Mr. Steven Fields, of Magnolia Springs State Park - GADNR (1251); NMFS has issued a scientific research/enhancement permit to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife at La Grande, OR (ODFW) (1128); NMFS has issued a permit to the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission at Portland, OR (CRITFC) (1149) and permit modifications to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife at Portland, OR (ODFW) (1011) and Bruce D. Peery, Michael J. Bresette and Jonathan C. Gorham (1144); NMFS has issued an amended permit 1133 to Dr. Andre M. Landry, Jr., of the Department of Marine Biology, Texas A&M University at Galveston (TAMUG) (1133).

DATES: Comments or requests for a public hearing on any of the new applications or modification requests must be received at the appropriate address or fax number no later than 5 p.m. eastern standard time on November 29, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on any of the new applications or modification requests should be sent to the appropriate office as indicated below. Comments may also be sent via fax to the number indicated for the application or modification request. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or the Internet. The applications and related documents are available for review in the indicated office, by appointment:

For application 1251; permits 1133 and 1144: Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD, 20910 301-713-1401.

For permits 1128, 1149, 1011: Protected Resources Division, F/NWO3, 525 NE Oregon Street, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97232-2737 (ph: 503-230-5400, fax: 503-230-5435).

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 application 1251, permits 1133 and 1144: Terri Jordan, Silver Spring, MD (ph: 301-713-1401, fax: 301-713-0376, e-mail: Terri.Jordan@noaa.gov).

For permits 1128, 1149, 1011: Robert Koch, Portland, OR (ph: 503-230-5424, fax: 503-230-5435, e-mail: Robert.Koch@noaa.gov).

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:

Fish

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

Chinook salmon (*O. tshawytscha*): threatened SnR spring/summer, threatened SnR fall.

Steelhead (*O. mykiss*): threatened SnR.

Shortnose sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*).

Turtles

Endangered Green turtle (*Chelonia mydas*)

Endangered Hawksbill turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*)

Endangered Kemp's ridley turtle (*Lepidochelys kempii*)

Threatened Loggerhead turtle (*Caretta caretta*)

New Applications Received

Application 1251: The applicant requests a 5-year permit to continue to maintain two (2) adult shortnose sturgeon in captivity for enhancement purposes. The applicant currently possesses two adult shortnose sturgeon received from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service hatchery at Warm Springs, Georgia in November 1996 under scientific research permit 986. Permit 986 will expire on December 31, 2000, and the permit holder does not wish to renew the enhancement aspects of the permit. As a direct result, Magnolia Springs State Park - GADNR is applying for an individual permit to continue maintenance of these fish.

Permits, Modifications and Amendments Issued

Permit 1128: Notice was published on March 24, 1998, (63 FR 14069) that ODFW applied for a scientific research/enhancement permit. Permit 1128 was issued to ODFW on May 22, 2000, and a subsequent permit amendment was issued on September 21, 2000. Permit 1128 authorizes ODFW annual takes of adult and juvenile, threatened, naturally produced and artificially propagated, SnR spring/summer chinook salmon associated with a supplementation program at the Imnaha River and Lookingglass Creek Hatcheries. The objectives of ODFW's program are to: (1) Restore natural populations of chinook salmon in the basin to ESA delisting levels, (2) reestablish traditional tribal and recreational fisheries for chinook salmon, (3) maintain the genetic and life history characteristics of the endemic wild population while pursuing mitigation goals and management objectives, and (4) operate the hatchery program to ensure that the genetic and life history characteristics of the hatchery fish mimic the wild fish. ODFW will retain a percentage of the ESA-listed adult salmon that return to the Imnaha River weir each year for hatchery broodstock and release all of the ESA-listed adult salmon not retained for broodstock above the weir to spawn naturally. In a given year, if more hatchery-origin adult salmon are available than are needed to release above the weir or to keep for

broodstock, ODFW will transport the excess hatchery-origin adults to Big Sheep and/or Lick Creeks and outplant them for natural spawning. ESA-listed adult salmon retained for broodstock will be transported to the hatcheries and spawned. The resulting progeny will be reared in the hatcheries, tagged with coded-wires and passive integrated transponders, and released when ready to outmigrate to the ocean. Annual incidental takes of endangered SnR sockeye salmon, threatened SnR fall chinook salmon, and threatened SnR steelhead associated with ODFW's hatchery operations and juvenile fish releases from ODFW's hatchery supplementation program are also authorized. The purpose of the September 21, 2000, amendment of permit 1128 was to correct some inadvertent clerical errors. Permit 1128 expires on December 31, 2003.

Permit 1149: Notice was published on April 23, 1998 (63 FR 20169), that CRITFC applied for a scientific research/enhancement permit (1149). Permit 1149 was issued to CRITFC on October 13, 2000. Permit 1149 authorizes the Nez Perce Tribe (NPT), a member tribe of CRITFC, annual takes of adult and juvenile, threatened, naturally produced and artificially propagated, SnR spring/summer chinook salmon associated with its contribution to a hatchery supplementation program for the Lostine River population of chinook salmon. The supplementation program is a component of a coordinated enhancement effort initiated by ODFW in 1995 with a captive broodstock program for three Grande Ronde River Basin populations: Catherine Creek, upper Grande Ronde River, and Lostine River. NPT's objectives are to: (1) collect adult chinook salmon from the Lostine River to be used as broodstock to produce smolts through conventional hatchery production for acclimated releases back into the Lostine River; (2) provide monitoring and evaluation of returning adults from captive brood, conventional, and natural production; and (3) provide acclimation release facilities for captive brood smolts produced under the authority of ODFW's permit 1011 (see below). ESA-listed adult salmon that return to the Lostine River each year will be captured by NPT at a weir, tagged and/or marked, and sampled for tissues and scales. NPT will retain a percentage of the ESA-listed adult salmon from natural production or conventional hatchery production that return to the weir each year for hatchery broodstock. The ESA-listed adult salmon not retained for broodstock, including all adult salmon

from captive brood production, will be released above the weir to spawn naturally. ESA-listed adult salmon retained for broodstock will be transported to ODFW's Lookingglass Hatchery and spawned under the authority of ODFW's permit 1011. The resulting progeny will be reared in the hatchery, tagged with coded-wires and passive integrated transponders, and transferred to NPT for release when they are ready to outmigrate to the ocean. Annual incidental takes of SnR sockeye salmon, SnR fall chinook salmon, and SnR steelhead associated with NPT's juvenile fish releases in the Lostine River are also authorized. Permit 1149 expires on December 31, 2002.

Permit 1011: Notice was published on April 23, 1998 (63 FR 20169), that ODFW applied for modification 2 to scientific research/enhancement permit 1011. Modification 2 to permit 1011 was issued to ODFW on October 13, 2000. Permit 1011 authorizes ODFW annual takes of adult and juvenile, threatened, naturally produced and artificially propagated, SnR spring/summer chinook salmon associated with a captive broodstock program for the Catherine Creek, upper Grande Ronde River, and Lostine River populations of chinook salmon. For modification 2, ODFW is authorized to use adult weirs to capture returning adults from Catherine Creek and the upper Grande Ronde River for broodstock to continue the hatchery supplementation program that was initiated by ODFW in 1997. NPT is a cooperator with ODFW's enhancement efforts and will be primarily responsible for operating adult trapping and smolt acclimation facilities at the Lostine River under the authority of permit 1149 (see above). The ESA-listed adult salmon not retained for broodstock, including all adult salmon from captive brood production, will be tagged and/or marked, sampled for tissues and scales, and released above the weirs to spawn naturally. ESA-listed adult salmon retained for broodstock will be transported to ODFW's Lookingglass Hatchery where they will be spawned, the resulting eggs incubated, and the juveniles reared. The resulting smolts will be transported and released in their respective stream of origin when they are ready to outmigrate to the ocean. Annual incidental takes of SnR sockeye salmon, SnR fall chinook salmon, and SnR steelhead associated with ODFW's hatchery operations and juvenile fish releases are authorized. The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, a member of CRITFC, is authorized to act as an agent

of ODFW under permit 1011. Permit 1011, which was due to expire on December 31, 2000, has been extended for 2 years and is now due to expire on December 31, 2002. Modification 2 is valid for the duration of the permit.

Permit 1133: Andre M. Landry currently possesses a 5-year scientific research permit to take listed sea turtles for the purpose of conducting studies on population status and recovery potential, habitat preference, movement and migration, foraging patterns, and impact of man's activities such as commercial and recreational fishing, dredging and habitat alteration/pollution. Dr. Landry is currently authorized to take listed sea turtles annually from locations within the Western Gulf of Mexico, through the use of entanglement nets.

Due to a recent net mortality, NMFS has amended permit 1133 to add special conditions to reduce the likelihood of additional mortalities associated with research activities in the Gulf of Mexico. The amendment also clarifies take levels from the original permit and updates regulatory citations. Amendment 1 to Permit 1133 was issued on October 19, 2000, authorizing the continued take of listed species. Permit 1133 expires January 31, 2003.

Permit 1144: Notice was published on June 21, 2000 (65 FR 38509), that Bruce D. Peery, Michael J. Bresette and Jonathan C. Gorham applied for a modification to 1144. The applicants possess a 2-year scientific research permit to take up to 100 green (*Chelonia mydas*), five Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*) and 25 loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*) turtles annually 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. Modification #2 extends the expiration date of permit #1144 to July 31, 2003.

Dated: October 24, 2000.

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Office of Protected Resources, National
Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Public Meeting on Third Generation Wireless Systems Deployment in the United States

AGENCY: National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) will host a series of public meetings to discuss the deployment of third generation (3G) wireless systems in the United States. The topic of the first meeting will be the plan to select spectrum for third generation wireless systems released by Secretary of Commerce Norman Y. Mineta in accordance with the Executive Memorandum signed by President Clinton on October 13, 2000.

DATES: The first meeting will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday, November 2, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The first meeting will be held at the U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 4830, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The meeting will be open to the public. For updates on this meeting or future meetings, please see NTIA's homepage at <<http://www.ntia.doc.gov>>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: For further information, please contact Derrick Owens, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information, NTIA, telephone: (202) 482-1920; or electronic mail: <dowens@ntia.doc.gov>.

Media enquiries should be directed to the Office of Public Affairs, NTIA, at (202) 482-7002.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 13, 2000, President Clinton signed an Executive Memorandum directing federal agencies to work with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the private sector to identify radio spectrum needed for the next generation or so-called "third generation" of wireless communications technology. To meet this goal, the President directed the Secretary of Commerce, among other things, to develop a plan by October 20, 2000, in cooperation with the FCC, the Department of Defense, and other Federal agencies, setting forth the necessary steps that will result in licensing of third generation wireless systems by September 30, 2002. The

President also directed the Secretary of Commerce to work cooperatively with the FCC to lead a government-industry effort, through a series of regular public meetings and workshops, to develop recommendations and plans for identifying spectrum for third generation wireless systems consistent with the basic principles adopted at the World Radio Conference 2000.

On October 20, 2000, Secretary of Commerce Norman Y. Mineta released the required plan (3G Plan) and announced that he had asked the Assistant Secretary for Communication and Information, Gregory L. Rohde, to host along with the FCC, a public meeting of key Federal agencies and interested industry representatives to discuss the plan. The Secretary also announced that NTIA will arrange further meetings to brief and discuss the planned interim and final reports, industry plans for third generation wireless services, and other issues surrounding the selection of spectrum. The President's Executive Memorandum, the Secretary's Statement, and the 3G Plan are available on NTIA's homepage at <<http://www.ntia.doc.gov>>.

Public Participation

The meeting will be open to the public and is physically accessible to people with disabilities. To facilitate entry into the Department of Commerce building, please have a photo identification and/or a U.S. Government building pass, if applicable. Any member of the public wishing to attend and requiring special services, such as sign language interpretation or other ancillary aids, should contact Derrick Owens at least three (3) days prior to the meeting at telephone: (202) 482-1920, or electronic mail: <dowens@ntia.doc.gov>.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sunshine Meeting Act

"FEDERAL REGISTER" CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT: 65 FR 65843.

PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED TIME AND DATE OF MEETING: 1 p.m., Monday, October 30, 2000.

CHANGES IN THE MEETING: The open meeting previously scheduled for 1 p.m., Monday, October 30, 2000 has