

whales (*Mesoplodon densirostris*), Antillean beaked whales (*Mesoplodon europaeus*), true's beaked whales (*Mesoplodon mirus*), white whales (*Delphinapterus leucas*), sperm whales (*Physeter macrocephalus*), fin whales (*Balaenoptera physalus*), minke whales (*Balaenoptera acutorostrata*), blue whales (*Balaenoptera musculus*), sei whales (*Balaenoptera borealis*), humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*), Northern right whales (*Eubalaena glacialis*), killer whales (*Orcinus orca*), Bryde's whales (*Balaenoptera edeni*), and pygmy killer whales (*Feresa attenuata*). In addition, the applicant seeks authorization to take annually by harassment 180 leatherback sea turtles (*Dermochelys coriacea*) and 270 loggerhead sea turtles (*Caretta caretta*). Proposed taking will be by close approach (within 650 feet) of a fixed-wing aircraft at a speed of 80–140 mph to document the presence, density, and distribution of marine mammals. Surveys will be conducted from April 1995 through October 1996 in Norfolk, Virginia, and Mayport, Florida, and will encompass the continental shelf edge (300–600 feet depth contours). The results of the aerial survey will provide an adequate biological assessment of the two proposed survey areas with respect to habitat utilization by marine mammals and aid in selecting a candidate site for shock testing the SEAWOLF submarine.

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Endangered Species; Permits

On February 13, 1995, an application was filed by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) for a modification to their scientific research and enhancement Permit 795 (P503A). Permit 795, issued on July 29, 1992, allows IDFG to carry out scientific research and enhancement activities, including a captive broodstock program, with endangered Snake River sockeye salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*) as authorized by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531–1543) and the NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217–227).

To reduce risks, some aspects of the endangered Snake River sockeye salmon captive broodstock program have been divided between IDFG and NMFS's

Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NWFSC). Eggs taken from the only female sockeye that returned to Redfish Lake in 1991 were transferred from Idaho to the University of Washington's Big Beef Creek Hatchery in Seattle, under the responsibility of NMFS, as authorized by Permit 795. These eggs were reared to maturity and spawned with the major complication being the incidence of Bacterial Kidney Disease (BKD). The degree of BKD infection was recorded based on the optical density (O.D.) of samples as determined by Enzyme-linked Immunosorbent Assay (ELISA).

The eggs with O.D.'s of less than 0.2 have been transferred back to Idaho for final rearing. Idaho will not accept eggs with higher BKD levels. The higher BKD level eggs are being held and hatched at Big Beef Creek Hatchery rather than culled. The capability to raise these fish to smolt size does not exist at Big Beef Creek Hatchery. The health and well-being of these listed fish is in jeopardy because they will have to be killed if they are not transferred to an adequate rearing facility. IDFG, in coordination with NWFSC, applied for a modification to Permit 795 to allow the transfer of these listed fish to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) Mitchell Act funded rearing facility at Bonneville Hatchery for final rearing. ODFW will rear the fish at Bonneville Hatchery in accordance with the guidelines recommended by the Integrated Hatchery Oversight Team. ODFW employs these hatchery practices in their other fishery production programs. ODFW will be acting as an agent of IDFG under the terms and conditions of Permit 795 in the care and maintenance of these fish until a separate ESA Section 10 permit is issued to NWFSC authorizing the release of these fish, which is expected to occur in the spring of 1996. The release locations and other aspects of the release strategy will be determined by the results of a joint technical meeting on this issue, to be held later this year among the involved agencies and Tribes.

Notice is hereby given that on March 29, 1995, as authorized by the provisions of the ESA, NMFS issued an amendment of Modification 4 to Permit 795 for the above take, subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

Notice is hereby given that the Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) has applied in due form for Modification 6 to scientific research and enhancement Permit 795 (P503A) to take listed species as authorized by the ESA and the NMFS regulations

governing listed fish and wildlife permits.

For Modification 6 to Permit 795, IDFG requests authorization to: (1) release broodyear (BY) 1994 juvenile sockeye progeny of listed adults directly into Redfish Lake or into net pens in Redfish Lake in July and directly into the lake in October, 1995; (2) release BY 1994 juvenile sockeye progeny of listed adults directly into Pettit Lake in June, 1995; and (3) modify a condition in the permit requiring that an auxiliary water supply must accompany any vehicle used to transport listed sockeye salmon to pertain to the transport of listed adults only. The releases of listed sockeye broodstock into Pettit Lake has previously been denied by NMFS since the lake is stocked annually with rainbow trout for recreational fishing, under the authority of Permit 908. NMFS is concerned about possible interactions between stocked rainbow trout and listed sockeye salmon in the lake, primarily diet overlap and predation. Permit 795 expires on July 31, 1997.

Written data or views, or requests for a public hearing on this application should be submitted to the Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, F/PR8, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910–3226, within 30 days of the publication of this notice. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular application would be appropriate. The holding of such hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in this application summary are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Documents submitted in connection with the above application are available for review by interested persons in the following offices by appointment:

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

Environmental and Technical Services Division, NMFS, NOAA, 525 North East Oregon St., Suite 500, Portland, OR 97232 (503–230–5400).

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