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**Endangered Species; Permits**

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

**ACTION:** Issuance of permits 946 (P770#68), 947 (P504F), 948 (P563A), 949 (P45Q), and 950 (P45R).

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that NMFS has issued permits authorizing takes of listed species for the purpose of scientific research, subject to certain conditions set forth therein, to the Northwest Fisheries Science Center, NMFS (NWFSC), the Northern Wasco County People's Utility District (NWCPUD), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense (Corps), the National Biological Survey (NBS), and the Oregon Cooperative Fishery Research Unit, National Biological Survey (OCFRU).

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

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR8, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401); and

Environmental and Technical Services Division, F/NWO3, NMFS, 525 NE Oregon Street, Portland, OR 97232-4169 (503-230-5400).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice was published on January 19, 1995 (60 FR 3844) that an application had been filed by NWFSC (P770#68) for a permit to take listed species as authorized by section 10 of 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 217-222).

NWFSC requested a take of the following listed species while conducting six studies: Adult and juvenile Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*), juvenile Snake River fall chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*), and juvenile Snake River sockeye salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*). The objective of Study 1 is to compare the survival to adulthood of spring/summer chinook salmon smolts transported from either Lower Granite or Little Goose Dam on the Snake River to below Bonneville Dam on the Columbia River with the survival to adulthood of smolts migrating voluntarily through six or seven dams and reservoirs under prevailing river conditions. The objective of Study 2 is to assess the migration timing and

relative survival of transported and inriver juvenile chinook salmon migrating voluntarily from Bonneville Dam to the mouth of the Columbia River. The objective of Studies 3-6 is to determine the effectiveness of fish guidance devices and other bypass system components being considered for installation at four Snake and Columbia River hydroelectric dams for the purpose of improving anadromous fish passage past these dams during juvenile outmigration. Permit 946 was issued to NWFSC on April 7, 1995. Study 1 will take place during 3 of the next 5 years, Study 2 will take place for a duration of 5 years, and Studies 3-6 will take place in 1995 only.

Notice was published on January 30, 1995 (60 FR 5624) that an application had been filed by the Corps (P504F) for a permit to take listed species as authorized by the above laws and regulations.

The Corps requested authorization to capture, tag, release, recapture, and re-release juvenile, listed, artificially-propagated spring/summer chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) as part of a turbine passage survival study at Lower Granite Dam on the Snake River in Washington. The purpose of the research is to determine the immediate and delayed (48 to 120 hour) survival rates of run-of-the-river chinook salmon smolts passing through a turbine at the dam under different locations and operating conditions. This information will be used to: (1) Develop a turbine model study, which is part of a Corps project to minimize fish turbine passage mortality; (2) refine normal dam operations to minimize adverse effects to migrating juvenile fish; and (3) provide a baseline for turbine survival estimates needed under the changing conditions of a reservoir drawdown. Permit 947 was issued to the Corps on April 13, 1995. The duration of the study will be from April 15 to June 10 in 1995 only.

Notice was published on January 30, 1995 (60 FR 5624) that an application had been filed by NWCPUD (P563A) for a permit to take listed species as authorized by the above laws and regulations.

NWCPUD requested a take of the following listed species while conducting research: Juvenile, naturally produced and artificially-propagated, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*), juvenile Snake River fall chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*), and juvenile Snake River sockeye salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*). The objective of the annual study is to assess run-of-the-river juvenile anadromous

fish condition after passage through the screened turbine intake channel at The Dalles Dam, located on the Columbia River. Continued observation of juvenile fish passing through the screened intake channel during the smolt migration provides specific information on possible unsuitable passage conditions below the water surface which are not directly observable. Permit 948 was issued to NWCPUD on April 11, 1995. The research will take place from April to September for the next 5 years.

Notice was published on February 9, 1995 (60 FR 7752) that an application had been filed by NBS (P45Q) for a permit to take listed species as authorized by the above laws and regulations.

NBS requested authorization for a lethal take of juvenile, listed, naturally-produced Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) as part of a study designed to compare the physiological responses of wild chinook smolts with hatchery-produced chinook smolts when subjected to the bypass and collection facility at Lower Granite Dam on the Lower Snake River in Washington. A comparison of the physiological responses of wild and hatchery-produced chinook smolts may indicate what aspects of bypass and collection for downriver transportation past hydropower projects are most stressful to wild listed fish. Permit 949 was issued to NBS on April 13, 1995. The duration of the study is April 15 to June 30 in 1995 only.

Notice was published on March 9, 1995 (60 FR 12913) that an application had been filed by OCFRU (P45R) for a permit to take listed species as authorized by the above laws and regulations.

OCFRU requested authorization to take juvenile, listed, Snake River spring/summer and fall chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) as part of a study designed to provide information that will be used to: (1) Recommend siting of the bypass outfall to be constructed at The Dalles Dam on the Columbia River, (2) evaluate the juvenile salmonid nighttime spill pattern at The Dalles Dam, (3) assess the relationship between flow rate and juvenile salmonid outmigration velocity in The Dalles pool and elsewhere, (4) evaluate juvenile salmonid passage routes at John Day Dam on the Columbia River, (5) estimate juvenile salmonid mortality in the lower Columbia River, and (6) provide information on the vulnerability of salmonids to predation by northern squawfish (*Ptychocheilus oregonensis*). The listed fish to be used for the research will be collected with

run-of-the-river fish and anesthetized at the John Day Handling Facility at John Day Dam by NMFS personnel under the authority of permit 822. The NMFS personnel will then provide OCFRU personnel with a representative sample made up of listed and non-listed fish. Once the fish are provided to OCFRU, they will be implanted with radio telemetry transmitters (radio tags), held for 36-48 hours in tanks supplied with circulating river water to determine tag retention and delayed mortality, released near the mouth of the John Day River, and tracked electronically to determine their fate. Permit 950 was issued to OCFRU on April 19, 1995. The duration of the study is from April 15 to July 15 in 1995 only.

Issuance of these permits, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permits: (1) Were applied for in good faith, (2) will 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 and the NMFS regulations governing listed species permits.

Dated: April 26, 1995.

**Russell J. Bellmer,**

*Chief, Endangered Species Division, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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### **Marine Mammals and Endangered Species; Permits**

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

**ACTION:** Receipt of application for a scientific research permit (P771#72).

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the National Marine Mammal Laboratory, has applied in due form for a permit to take the marine mammals listed below for the purpose of scientific research.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before June 1, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** The application and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

Director, Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau AK 99802-1668 (907/586-7221);

Written data or views, or requests for a public hearing on this request, should be submitted to the Chief, Permits Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, Silver Spring, MD 20910, within 30 days of the publication of this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gary Barone, (301/713-2289).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular request would be appropriate.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the Secretary of Commerce is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

The subject permit is requested 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).

The applicant seeks authorization to biopsy sample 120 beluga whales (*Delphinapterus leucas*) and conduct genetic and dietary analyses on the samples over a 3-year period. In addition, the applicant seeks authorization to take by harassment up to 2,000 beluga whales incidental to the sampling. Proposed taking will be by small boat. Field work will be conducted from July, 1995 through October, 1998 in Cook Inlet, Norton Sound, Bristol Bay, Kotzebue Sound, and Beaufort Sea, on the west coast of Alaska. The results of the research will provide information on the stock boundaries.

Dated: April 20, 1995.

**Ann D. Terbush,**

*Chief, Permits & Documentation Division, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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### **Technology Administration**

#### **National Medal of Technology Nomination Evaluation Committee; Determination for Closure of Meeting**

The National Medal of Technology Nomination Evaluation Committee has scheduled a meeting for May 3, 1995.

The Committee was established to assist the Department in executing its responsibilities under 15 U.S.C. 3711. Under this provision, the Secretary is responsible for recommending to the President prospective recipients of the National Medal of Technology. The Committee's recommendations are made

after reviewing all nominations received in response to a public solicitation. The Committee is chartered to have from six to twelve members, of which ten are now serving. Two additional Committee members are in the process of being appointed.

The meeting will be closed to discuss the relative merits of persons and companies nominated for the Medal. Public disclosure of this information would be likely to impair the National Medal of Technology program because premature publicity about candidates under consideration for the Medal who may or may not ultimately receive the award, would be likely to discourage nominations for the Medal.

Accordingly, I find and determine, pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, as amended, that the May 3, 1995, meeting may be closed to the public in accordance with Section 552b(c)(9)(B) of Title 5, United States Code because revealing information about Medal candidates would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action.

Dated: April 27, 1995.

**Gloria Gutierrez,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration.*

Dated: April 26, 1995.

**Barbara S. Fredericks,**

*Assistant General Counsel for Administration.*

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### **COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION**

#### **New York Cotton Exchange: Proposed Amendments Relating to the Maximum Daily Price Fluctuation and the Minimum Price Fluctuation Limits for the Cotton No. 2 Futures Contract**

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of Proposed Contract Rule Change.

**SUMMARY:** The New York Cotton Exchange ("NYCE") has submitted proposed amendments to its cotton No. 2 futures contract that will: (1) Increase to three from two cents per pound the contract's base maximum daily price fluctuation limit (base maximum limit) for all contract months listed for trading whenever the settlement price for any one contract month equals or exceeds 95 cents per pound; (2) provide that the proposed three-cent-per-pound maximum limit may be increased to