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, 525 NE Oregon Street, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97232-4169 (503-230-5400).

Written comments or requests for a public hearing should be submitted to the Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: WDFW requests a modification to a permit 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).

Permit 848 (P507D) authorizes WDFW takes of adult and juvenile, ESA-listed, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon (Oncorhynchus tsawytscha) from the Tucannon River in Washington for scientific research and hatchery supplementation of the wild stock. On an annual basis, permit 848 also authorizes WDFW to release the progeny of the ESA-listed adult salmon collected for broodstock. For modification 5, WDFW requests an increase in the number of hatchery smolts to be released annually from its supplementation program in the Tucannon River Basin. Also for modification 5, WDFW requests to retain all of the adult, ESA-listed, natural-origin salmon that return to the Tucannon Hatchery adult trap for broodstock if the total annual adult returns to the trap is less than 105 fish. If the total annual adult returns to the trap is greater than or equal to 105 fish, WDFW requests to retain up to 70 percent of the adult, ESA-listed natural-origin salmon that return to the adult trap for broodstock and to release the remaining percentage of ESA-listed adult salmon above the trap for natural spawning. Permit 848 currently authorizes WDFW to collect up to 100 adults or 35 percent of the adult, ESA-listed, natural-origin salmon for broodstock annually, whichever is less.

This year, WDFW would like to collect more of the returning adult fish for broodstock because: 1) The returns of both wild and hatchery fish are lower than expected, and 2) the returning adult fish are exhibiting head injuries and fungus infections which are contributing to a significant pre-spawning mortality rate. Previous evaluations of WDFW’s supplementation program have shown about a four-to-one survival advantage for fish reared in the hatchery as compared to natural production. Based on this large survival advantage, and the fact that natural production has been at less than replacement levels in recent years, the requested level of adult take, and any subsequent artificially-propagated progeny production of these fish, will serve to perpetuate the ESA-listed species. Modification 5 to permit 848 is requested for the duration of the permit. Permit 848 expires on March 31, 1998.

Those individuals requesting a hearing (see ADDRESSES) should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate. The holding of such a 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.

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Patent and Trademark Office Submission for OMB Review; Correction

In document 96-17449 appearing on page 36025 in the issues of Tuesday, July 9, 1996, make the following correction:

In column 1, in the heading, “Office of the Secretary” should read “Patent and Trademark Office”.

Dated: July 15, 1996.

Linda Engelmeier, Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments regarding a proposed extension of an approved information collection requirement.

SUMMARY: In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of Pub. L. 104-13, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, DoD announces the proposed extension of a public information collection and seeks