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Other individuals from NMFS, state and Federal agencies, and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans-Canada, may be present as observers, or for their scientific expertise. The TRT will be facilitated by Abby Dille, The Keystone Center, Washington, D.C. This Take Reduction Team will hold its first meeting to develop a TRP as described in the MMPA focusing on reducing bycatch in these fisheries in September in Boston, Massachusetts. The date, time and location of this meeting will be announced in a subsequent notice published in the *Federal Register* and each person invited to participate will be notified by the facilitator by letter.

NMFS fully intends to convene a TRT process in a way that provides for national consistency yet accommodates

the unique regional needs and characteristics of any one team. TRTs are not subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 App. U.S.C.). Meetings are open to the public.

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Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Receipt of an application for modification 5 to scientific research permit 818 (P211C).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife in La Grande, OR (ODFW) has applied in due form for a modification to a permit authorizing takes of a threatened species for the purpose of scientific research.

DATES: Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application must be received on or before September 5, 1996.

ADDRESSES: The application 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, 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: ODFW 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).

ODFW (P211C) requests modification 5 to permit 818. Permit 818 authorizes takes of adult and juvenile, threatened, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) for scientific research. For modification 5, ODFW requests that permit 818 be extended through June of 1998, for a total duration of approximately five years. Permit 818 was issued by NMFS on April 22, 1993 (58 FR 25811, April 28, 1993) and is currently set to expire on December 31, 1996.

Also for modification 5, ODFW requests an increase in the takes of adult and juvenile, ESA-listed salmon associated with new studies in the Wallowa River Basin. ODFW proposes to determine the migration timing, survival rates, seasonal distribution, relative abundance, and habitat utilization of spring chinook salmon juveniles produced within the Wallowa River Basin. In addition, ODFW will investigate the significance of cold-water refugia in the life histories of juvenile salmonids. A greater number of ESA-listed fish are proposed to be observed or captured and handled. ODFW also proposes to tag/mark a greater number of ESA-listed fish with passive integrated transponders or pigment inoculation. The new research will provide essential information on the life history and critical habitat of the spring chinook salmon populations in the Wallowa River Basin. The information collected will enable managers to make more effective decisions concerning the protection and enhancement of critical habitat.

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 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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Acting Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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