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Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting on an application for an incidental take permit (P211K).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a public meeting on an application from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) for an incidental take permit will take place.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for August 26, 1996 from 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m., or until all comments have been heard. The comment period for the permit application ends on September 6, 1996 and will allow concerned parties to respond to the testimony presented at the public meeting.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at the Douglas County Courthouse (Room 216), 1036 SE Douglas Avenue, Roseburg, Oregon. The permit 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).

Send written comments to the Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources at the address above.

Special Accommodations

The meeting will be physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Keren Holtz at (503) 230-5424 at least five days prior to the date of the meeting.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice was published on August 7, 1996 (61 FR 41130) that an application had been

filed by ODFW (P211K) for an incidental take 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 requests a permit for an annual incidental take of resident, fluvial, and anadromous, endangered, Umpqua River cutthroat trout (*Oncorhynchus clarki clarki*) associated with the state of Oregon's recreational and commercial fisheries in the Umpqua River Basin. ODFW is charged by statute with the management and protection of the fish and wildlife resources of the State. An individual incidental take permit is requested since ODFW is responsible for establishing the State's fishing regulations and controls fishing activities by issuing licenses to citizens.

ESA-listed cutthroat trout could be exposed to various fisheries in the Umpqua River Basin. The actual probability of incidental take varies among the fisheries. Those species that may be present and fished for in the Umpqua River Basin include spring chinook salmon, fall chinook salmon, coho salmon, summer and winter steelhead trout, hatchery rainbow trout, smallmouth bass, striped bass, shad, and white and green sturgeon.

ODFW included a conservation plan in their permit application that includes measures designed to minimize the incidental take of ESA-listed cutthroat trout. One such measure is the termination of hatchery rainbow trout releases in areas of the North and South Umpqua Rivers and, beginning in 1997, closing all remaining trout angling in the Umpqua River Basin, except the North Umpqua River above Soda Springs Dam. Other conservation measures include closing spawning habitat to fishing, maintaining beneficial time and area closures, periodic monitoring and evaluation programs, regulation enforcement, scientific research, recovery planning, and public education.

Anyone wishing to make a presentation at the public meeting should register upon arrival and be prepared to provide a written copy of their testimony at the time of presentation. Depending on the number of persons wishing to speak, a time limit may be imposed. All statements and opinions summarized in this notice are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Dated: August 14, 1996.

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Marine Mammals; Permit No. 966 (P586)

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

ACTION: Issuance of amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that permit no. 966, issued to Continental Shelf Associates, Inc., 759 Parkway Street, Jupiter, FL 33477-9596 (Principal Investigator: Stephen T. Viada) was extended until October 31, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The amendment 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 (301/712-2289);

Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive, North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2532 (813/570-5301); and

Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298 (508/281-9250).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject amendment has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the provisions of paragraphs (d) and (e) of § 216.33 of the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the provisions of § 222.25 of the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR parts 217-222).

Issuance of this permit as required by the ESA was based on a finding that such permit: (1) Was applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species which is the subject of this permit; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.