

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: CZESD requests a permit and modifications to two permits 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).

CZESD (P770#72) requests a permit for takes of juvenile, threatened, naturally-produced and artificially-propagated, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*); juvenile, threatened, Snake River fall chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*); and juvenile, endangered, Snake River sockeye salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*) associated with two juvenile fish bypass studies at McNary Dam on the Columbia River. Study 1 proposes an evaluation of vertical barrier screens and outlet flow-control devices. Study 2 proposes to establish design criteria for improved wet-separator efficiency and high-velocity flume development. Based on the results from these bypass studies, guidance devices and bypass system components can be redesigned, modified, or deployed using specific configurations to enhance juvenile fish passage at hydroelectric powerhouses and subsequently, a potential improvement in downstream survival and adult returns. ESA-listed juvenile fish are proposed to be captured, anesthetized, handled, allowed to recover from the anesthetic, and released. Indirect mortalities are also requested. The permit is requested to be valid in 1997 only.

For modification 4 to permit 900 (P770#66), CZESD requests to extend the duration of the take authorization for Study 8, the Trestle Bay habitat restoration study, through December 31, 1997. Although the authorization for takes of ESA-listed species associated with this study expired on December 31, 1996, permit 900 is not due to expire until December 31, 1998. No change in the type or number of ESA-listed species to be taken for the research is requested.

For modification 2 to permit 914 (P770#67), CZESD requests an increase in the take of juvenile, threatened, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) associated with the evaluation of the effects of dissolved gas supersaturation on fish and invertebrates in Priest Rapids Reservoir and downstream from Bonneville Dam on the Columbia River and Ice Harbor Dam on the Snake River. A larger sample of ESA-listed juvenile fish is proposed to be captured, anesthetized, and examined for signs of gas bubble disease to evaluate the

potential mortality of juvenile salmonids migrating through these river reaches. Associated indirect mortalities is also requested to be increased. Modification 2 to permit 914 is requested for the duration of the permit. Permit 914 expires on December 31, 1998.

Those individuals requesting a hearing on the request for a permit or any of the two permit modification requests should set out the specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate (see **ADDRESSES**). The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in the above application summaries are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

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

ACTION: Receipt of an application for modification 8 to enhancement permit 795 (P503A).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Idaho Department of Fish and Game in Boise, ID (IDFG) has applied in due form for modification 8 to permit 795 authorizing takes of an endangered species for enhancement purposes.

DATES: Written comments or requests for a public hearing on the modification application must be received on or before April 29, 1997.

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

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR3, 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, Environmental and Technical Services Division, Portland.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: IDFG requests modification 8 to permit 795

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).

For modification 8 to permit 795, IDFG (P503A) requests to release juvenile, endangered, artificially-propagated, Snake River sockeye salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*) from their captive propagation program into Alturas Lake in 1997. The request is consistent with the recommendations of the Stanley Basin Sockeye Technical Oversight Committee. Currently, releases of juvenile sockeye salmon from the captive propagation program is authorized in Redfish and Pettit Lakes each year. Using a third lake for juvenile sockeye salmon releases will help offset stocking limitations brought on by the natural variability of zooplankton abundance and species composition, and increase the viability of the program by providing additional spawning and rearing habitat. IDFG also request an extension of permit 795 through December 31, 1997 so that the permit may coincide with the captive propagation program annual production cycle. Permit 795 is currently set to expire on July 31, 1997. The modification is requested for the duration of the permit.

Those individuals requesting a hearing on the permit modification request should set out the specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate (see **ADDRESSES**). The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in the above application summary are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Armed Forces Epidemiological Board (AFEB)

AGENCY: Office of The Surgeon General.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 10(a) (2) of Public Law 92–463, The Federal Advisory Committee Act, this