

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR3, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-4101); 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: CRITFC 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).

CRITFC (P513) requests modification 8 to scientific research permit 825 for increases in the takes of adult and juvenile, threatened, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) and juvenile, threatened, Snake River fall chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) associated with additional sampling locations and a new study designed to measure the survival, migration rate, and growth of hatchery and wild subyearling fall chinook salmon emigrating from major mainstem tributaries of the Snake River above Lower Granite Dam. Also for modification 8, CRITFC requests a take of adult, threatened, Snake River fall chinook salmon associated with spawning ground surveys. Permit 825 currently authorizes CRITFC takes of adult and juvenile, threatened, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon; juvenile, threatened, Snake River fall chinook salmon; and juvenile, endangered, Snake River sockeye salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*) associated with six studies: Juvenile chinook salmon surveys, Imnaha River subbasin monitoring, spawning ground surveys, scale sampling, cryopreservation of chinook salmon gametes, and a gas bubble trauma study. ESA-listed adult salmon are proposed to be captured at Bonneville Dam on the Snake River, anesthetized, examined and sampled for scales, allowed to recover from the anesthetic, and released. ESA-listed adult salmon are also proposed to be observed during spawning ground surveys and carcasses collected. Post-spawned, ESA-listed, adult male salmon are also proposed to be collected, anesthetized, sampled for scales and gametes, and released to recover from the anesthetic, and released. ESA-listed juvenile salmon are proposed to be observed by snorkeling; captured,

handled, and released; or captured, anesthetized, examined or sampled for scales or tagged with passive integrated transponders or marked with dye, allowed to recover from the anesthetic, and released. An increase in juvenile, ESA-listed, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon indirect mortalities is requested. Juvenile, ESA-listed, Snake River fall chinook salmon indirect mortalities are also requested. Modification 8 would be valid for the duration of the permit. Permit 825 expires on December 31, 1997. 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.

Dated: March 6, 1997.

Robert C. Ziobro,
*Acting Chief, Endangered Species Division,
Office of Protected Resources, National
Marine Fisheries Service.*

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COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

Notice of Meeting

The Commission of Fine Arts' next meeting is scheduled for 20 March 1997 at 10:00 AM in the Commission's offices in the Pension Building, Suite 312, Judiciary Square, 441 F Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001 to discuss various projects affecting the appearance of Washington, D.C., including buildings, memorials, parks, etc.; also matters of design referred by other agencies of the government.

Inquiries regarding the agenda and requests to submit written or oral statements should be addressed to Charles H. Atherton, Secretary, Commission of Fine Arts, at the above address or call the above number.

Dated in Washington, D.C. 5 March 1997.

Charles H. Atherton,

Secretary.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Commission Agenda and Priorities/ Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA); Public Hearing

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice of public hearing.

SUMMARY: The Commission will conduct a public hearing to receive views from all interested parties about its agenda and priorities for Commission attention during fiscal year 1999, which begins October 1, 1998, and about its draft strategic plan, to be submitted to Congress September 30, 1997, pursuant to the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA). Participation by members of the public is invited. Written comments and oral presentations concerning the Commission's agenda and priorities for fiscal year 1999, and strategic plan will become part of the public record.

DATES: The hearing will begin at 10 a.m. on May 13, 1997. Written comments and requests from members of the public desiring to make oral presentations must be received by the Office of the Secretary not later than April 29, 1997. Persons desiring to make oral presentations at this hearing must submit a written text of their presentations not later than May 6, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The hearing will be in room 420 of the East-West Towers Building, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland 20814. Written comments, requests to make oral presentations, and texts of oral presentations should be captioned "Agenda, Priorities and Strategic Plan" and mailed to the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D.C. 20207, or delivered to that office, room 502, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland 20814.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about the hearing, a copy of the strategic plan (available April 1, 1997), or to request an opportunity to make an oral presentation, call or write Rockelle Hammond, Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D.C. 20207; telephone (301) 504-0800; telefax (301) 504-0127.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Statutory Requirements

Section 4(j) of the Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA) (15 U.S.C. 2053(j)) requires the Commission to establish an agenda for action under the laws it

administers, and, to the extent feasible, to select priorities for action at least 30 days before the beginning of each fiscal year. Section 4(j) of the CPSA provides further that before establishing its agenda and priorities, the Commission shall conduct a public hearing and provide an opportunity for the submission of comments. In addition, section 306(d) of the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) (5 U.S.C. 306(d)) requires the Commission to seek comments from interested parties on the agency's proposed strategic plan. The strategic plan is a GPRA requirement. The plan will provide an overall guide to the formulation of future agency actions and budget requests. A final strategic plan is required to be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget and Congress not later than September 30, 1997. (5 U.S.C. 306(a)).

The Office of Management and Budget requires all Federal agencies to submit their budget requests 13 months before the beginning of each fiscal year. The Commission is formulating its budget request for fiscal year 1999, which begins on October 1, 1998. This budget request must reflect the contents of the agency's strategic plan developed under GPRA.

The Commission is charged by Congress with protecting the public from unreasonable risks of injury associated with consumer products. The Commission enforces and administers the Consumer Product Safety Act (15 U.S.C. 2051 *et seq.*); the Federal Hazardous Substances Act (15 U.S.C. 1261 *et seq.*); the Flammable Fabrics Act (15 U.S.C. 1191 *et seq.*); the Poison Prevention Packaging Act (15 U.S.C. 1471 *et seq.*); and the Refrigerator Safety Act (15 U.S.C. 1211 *et seq.*). Standards and regulations issued under provisions of those statutes are codified in the Code of Federal Regulations, title 16, chapter II.

Purpose of the Public Hearing

The Commission will conduct a public hearing on May 13, 1997 to receive comments from the public concerning its draft GPRA strategic plan, and agenda and priorities for fiscal year 1999. The Commissioners desire to obtain the views of a wide range of interested persons including consumers; manufacturers, importers, distributors, and retailers of consumer products; members of the academic community; consumer advocates; and health and safety officers of state and local governments.

While the Commission has broad jurisdiction over products used by consumers, its staff and budget are

limited. Section 4(j) of the CPSA expresses Congressional direction to the Commission to establish an agenda for action each fiscal year and, if feasible, to select from that agenda some of those projects for priority attention. These priorities are reflected in the draft strategic plan developed under GPRA.

Participation in the Hearing

Persons who desire to make oral presentations at the hearing on May 13, 1997, should call or write Rockelle Hammond, Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D.C. 20207, telephone (301) 504-0800, telefax (301) 504-0127, not later than April 29, 1997. Persons who desire a copy of the draft strategic plan (available April 1, 1997) may call or write Rockelle Hammond, office of the Secretary CPSC, Washington DC 20207, telephone (301) 504-0800, (301) 504-0127.

Presentations should be limited to approximately ten minutes. Persons desiring to make presentations must submit the written text of their presentations to the Office of the Secretary not later than May 6, 1997. The Commission reserves the right to impose further time limitations on all presentations and further restrictions to avoid duplication of presentations. The hearing will begin at 10 a.m. on May 13, 1997 and will conclude the same day.

Written Comments

Written comments on the Commission's draft strategic plan, and agenda and priorities for fiscal year 1999, should be received in the Office of the Secretary not later than April 29, 1997.

Dated: March 7, 1997.
Sadye E. Dunn,
Secretary, Consumer Product Safety
Commission.
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Limited Reevaluation Study for the Deeping of the Arthur Kill/Howland Hook Navigation Channel

AGENCY: Corps of Engineers, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: In response to a House of Representatives, Committee on Public

Works and Transportation Resolution dated May 9, 1979 to alleviate current and future navigation restrictions associated with the Arthur Kill/Howland Hook navigation channel, The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New York District, prepared a feasibility report and a final environmental impact statement in October 1995 that recommended a six foot deepening (from -35 to -41 feet) for a distance of approximately 2.1 miles and a five foot deepening (-35 to -40 feet) along another 1.0 mile section of the channel

The New York District suspended work on the project in 1991. The Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) however was completed. The New York District has now initiated a Limited Reevaluation study to reaffirm the recommended plan. Upon re-evaluation of the status of a FEIS which was filed on July 11, 1986, the New York District has determined that it is appropriate to prepare a supplemental environmental impact statement. This notice of intent supersedes the earlier notice to prepare a new environmental impact statement published in the Federal Register on September 30, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For more information regarding this notice, please contact Mr. Mark Burlas, ATTN: CENAN-PL-EA, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New York District, 26 Federal Plaza, New York, NY 10278-0090, or phone (212) 264-4663.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Arthur Kill navigation channel is a component of the New York Harbor Estuarine System connecting Raritan Bay and Newark Bay. The channel is situated between New Jersey and Staten Island, New York. The Arthur Kill/Howland Hook navigation channel's northern limit is the confluence of the Kill van Kull and Newark Bay channels. The project area extends south for approximately 3.1 miles.

Currently, navigation in the project area is severely constrained. The existing depth of the Arthur Kill/Howland Hook channel section is not sufficient to allow the safe and efficient passage of fully loaded container and liquid bulk (tankers) vessels calling on terminals in the channel. The current mode of operation calls for tankers to lighter-off in anchorages and enter the Arthur Kill/Howland Hook section of channel during high tides. Containerships calling on terminals must be loaded to less than their design