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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Notice of receipt of application for a modification to permit #875 (P774).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the National Marine Fisheries Service, Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC) (P774) has applied in due form for a modification of scientific research permit #875.

DATES: Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application must be received on or before May 9, 1997.

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

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR3, NMFS, 1315 East-West Hwy., Room 13307, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401); and

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

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Marine Fisheries Service, NEFSC (P774) requests a modification to permit #875 under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) and NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217-227).

Currently, the applicant is authorized to take listed loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*), leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*), Kemp's Ridley (*Lepidochelys kempi*), hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), and green (*Chelonia mydas*) sea turtles which have been incidentally

taken in commercial fishing operations within U.S. waters of the Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico for the purposes of scientific research. The applicant has requested an increase in take of leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*) turtles from 20 to 85 turtles per year. Additionally, the applicant has requested authorization to obtain blood samples from turtles incidentally captured in the pelagic drift gillnet swordfish fishery for purposes of health assessment and genetics research. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular application would be appropriate (see **ADDRESSES**). 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.

Dated: April 3, 1997

Robert C. Ziobro,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 040297E]

Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Receipt of an application for modification 2 to scientific research permit 994 (P497D).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Idaho Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit at Moscow, ID (ICFWRU) has applied in due form for a modification to a permit that authorizes a take of endangered and 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 May 9, 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 in Portland, OR.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: ICFWRU 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 994 currently authorizes ICFWRU (P497D) takes of adult, endangered, Snake River sockeye salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*) and adult, threatened, Snake River spring/summer and fall chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) associated with a study designed to assess the passage success of migrating adult salmonids at the four dams and reservoirs in the lower Columbia River in the Pacific Northwest, evaluate fish responses to specific flow and spill conditions, and evaluate measures to improve passage. For modification 2, ICFWRU requests an increase in the take of adult, threatened, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon and adult, threatened, Snake River fall chinook salmon associated with a study designed to determine if adult salmon successfully return to natal streams or hatcheries and if homing is affected by mode of seaward migration (in-river versus transport). ESA-listed adult salmon are proposed to be captured at Lower Granite Dam in WA, anesthetized, fitted with radio transmitters and identifier tags, allowed to recover from the anesthetic, and released. Once returned to the river, ESA-listed adult fish will be tracked electronically to hatcheries and spawning grounds. Modification 2 is requested to be valid in 1997 only. Permit 994 expires on December 31, 2000.

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.