

nerka) associated with a captive propagation program. For modification 8 to the permit, IDFG is authorized to release juvenile, artificially-propagated, Snake River sockeye salmon from its captive propagation program into Alturas Lake in 1997.

Permit 908 (P503K) authorizes an annual incidental take of adult and juvenile, endangered, Snake River sockeye salmon and adult and juvenile, threatened, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) associated with IDFG's resident fish-stocking program, designed to increase the supply of fish in the Salmon River and its tributary streams and lakes for sport-angling. Consequential to the issuance of modification 8 to permit 795, NMFS proposes to amend IDFG's incidental take permit 908 to authorize IDFG an annual take of juvenile, endangered, artificially-propagated, Snake River sockeye salmon in Alturas Lake associated with the continuation of rainbow trout stocking in the lake. The amendment of permit 908 is proposed to be valid for the duration of the permit. Permit 908 expires on December 31, 1998.

Permit 844 (P503I) authorizes IDFG an incidental take of adult and juvenile, threatened, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon and adult, threatened, Snake River fall chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) associated with the State of Idaho's sport-fishing activities. Consequential to the issuance of modification 8 to permit 795, NMFS proposes to amend IDFG's incidental take permit 844 to authorize IDFG an annual take of juvenile, endangered, artificially-propagated, Snake River sockeye salmon in Alturas Lake associated with the continuation of rainbow trout and kokanee sport fisheries in Alturas Lake. The amendment of permit 844 is proposed to be valid for the duration of the permit. Permit 844 expires on April 30, 1998.

Those individuals requesting a hearing on either of the proposed permit amendments 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 summaries do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

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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: Issuance of modification 8 to permit 795 (P503A).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has issued a modification to a permit to the Idaho Department of Fish and Game at Boise, ID (IDFG) that authorizes takes of Endangered Species Act-listed species for the purpose of scientific research/enhancement, subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

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).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The modification to a permit was issued 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 217-222).

Notice was published on February 28, 1997 (62 FR 9179) and April 8, 1997 (62 FR 16892) that an application had been filed by IDFG (P503A) for modification 8 to scientific research/enhancement permit 795. Modification 8 to permit 795 was issued to IDFG on May 21, 1997. Permit 795 authorizes IDFG takes of adult and juvenile, endangered, Snake River sockeye salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*) associated with a captive propagation program. For modification 8 to the permit, IDFG is authorized to release juvenile, artificially-propagated, Snake River sockeye salmon from its captive propagation program into Alturas Lake in 1997. 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. Permit 795 is also extended to expire on December 31, 1997. Modification 8 to permit 795 is valid for the duration of the permit.

Issuance of the permit modification, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that the modification: (1) Was requested/proposed in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the ESA-listed species that is the subject of the permit, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA and the NMFS regulations governing ESA-listed species permits.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Meeting of the Task Force on Defense Reform

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Task Force on Defense Reform.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Task Force on Defense Reform will meet in closed sessions on June 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, and 26, 1997.

The Task Force was recently established to make recommendations to the Secretary of Defense and Deputy Secretary of Defense on alternatives for organizational reforms, reductions in management overhead, and streamlined business practices in the Department of Defense (DoD), with emphasis on the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Defense Agencies and the DoD Field Activities, and the military departments.

In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended, 5 U.S.C., Appendix II, it has been determined that matters affecting national security, as covered by 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1)(1988), will be presented throughout the meetings, and that, accordingly, these meetings will be closed to the public.

This notice is less than the customary fifteen days for the meetings on June 3, 5, 10, and 12, 1997, since it is critical