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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council will hold a meeting of its Precious Corals Plan Team.

DATES: The meeting will be held on July 29, 1997, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources, 1151 Punchbowl, Rm. 132, Honolulu, HI; telephone: (808) 522-8224.

Council address: Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1405, Honolulu, HI 96813.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: (808) 522-8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council's Precious Corals Plan Team will hold a meeting to discuss state and Federal permits for American Deepwater Engineering; the consistency of state and Federal regulations for harvesting precious corals in Hawaii; and a draft amendment to the Council's Precious Corals Fishery Management Plan that would establish a framework process for established management measures, including quotas and gear restrictions.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, 808-522-8220 (voice) or 808-522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to meeting date.

Dated: June 23, 1997.

Bruce C. Morehead,
Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Receipt of an application for a scientific research permit (P649).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Rick Golden, a fishery biologist employed by the Umpqua National Forest at Idleyld Park, OR, has applied in due form for a permit that would authorize a take of an endangered species for scientific research.

DATES: Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application must be received on or before August 4, 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

Protected Resources Division, F/NWO3, NMFS, 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, Protected Resources Division, Portland.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Rick Golden requests 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).

Rick Golden (P649) requests a 3-year permit for an annual take of adult and juvenile, endangered, Umpqua River cutthroat trout (*Oncorhynchus clarki clarki*) associated with research designed to determine whether the fish is present in the Fish Creek watershed. Fish Creek is a tributary of the upper North Umpqua River in southwest Oregon. Anecdotal evidence suggests that anadromous cutthroat trout were historically, and may still be present in the Fish Creek watershed. The primary reason for determining the presence/absence of resident cutthroat trout in the Fish Creek Basin is to clarify the degree of impact that projected timber harvests in the basin would have on ESA-listed cutthroat trout. The research also has

significance in ongoing discussions on whether fish passage facilities should be constructed at Soda Springs Dam. In addition, knowledge of the presence of resident cutthroat trout in Fish Creek above Soda Springs Dam, and information concerning the size and distribution of that population, will be useful to NMFS in designating critical habitat and designing a recovery plan for the ESA-listed fish. Rick Golden proposes to observe ESA-listed fish by snorkeling and to capture and handle ESA-listed fish using electroshocking. An indirect mortality of ESA-listed fish associated with the research is also requested.

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.

Dated: June 24, 1997.

Nancy Chu,

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

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Marine Mammals

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

ACTION: Issuance of scientific research permit no. 859-1373.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the United States Air Force, 30th Space Wing, Vandenberg Air Force Base (VAFB), California 93437-5320, is hereby authorized to take California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*), Pacific harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina richardsi*), and northern elephant seals (*Mirounga angustirostris*) for purposes of scientific research.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS,