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CUP Program Director, Department of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Decision and Availability of Decision Documents on the Issuance of Permits for Incidental Take of Threatened and Endangered Species

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that between April 1, 1996, and August 19, 1997, Region 1 of the Fish and Wildlife Service issued the following permits for incidental take of threatened and endangered species, pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). Each permit was granted only after the Service determined that the application had been submitted in good faith; that all permit issuance criteria were met, including the requirement that granting the permit will not jeopardize the continued existence of the species; and that the permit was consistent with the Act and applicable regulations, including a thorough review of the environmental effects of the action and alternatives, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. Copies of these permits and associated decision documents are available upon request. Decision documents for each permit include a set of Findings and Recommendations, a Biological Opinion, and either a Finding of No Significant Impact or a Record of Decision.

Name	Permit No.	Issuance date
Scofield Corporation	811110	4/3/96
D.B.O. Development Company	808240	4/25/96
Les York/Parkside Homes	811259	7/8/96
Pacific Gas and Electric Company	817075	9/4/96
Shell Western E&P, Inc. and Metropolitan Water District of Southern California	784571	11/7/96

Name	Permit No.	Issuance date
A.C. Teichert and Son, Inc	820643	1/9/97
Washington Department of Natural Resources	812521	1/30/97
Palos Verdes Land Holdings Company and Zuckerman Building Company	799348	2/4/97
Kendall Grover	830269	7/15/97
City of San Diego	830421	7/18/97
Graniterock Company Shelter Systems, Inc., and Lampert Properties	749347	8/18/97
Raley's	829945	8/20/97

ADDRESSES: Individuals wishing copies of any of the above permits and associated decision documents should contact the Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Consultation and Conservation Planning, 911 N.E. 11th Avenue, 4th Floor East, Portland, Oregon 97232.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Laura Hill, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, at the above address; telephone (503) 231-6241.

Dated: August 22, 1997.

Don Weathers,

Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Final Determination To Acknowledge the Snoqualmie Tribal Organization

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of final determination.

SUMMARY: This notice is published in the exercise of authority delegated to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs (Assistant Secretary) by 209 DM 8.

Pursuant to 25 CFR 83.10(m), notice is hereby given that the Assistant Secretary acknowledges that the Snoqualmie Tribal Organization, c/o Andy de los Angeles, 3946 Tolt Avenue, P.O. Box 280, Carnation, Washington 98014, exists as an Indian tribe within the meaning of Federal law. This notice is based on a determination that the group satisfies all seven criteria for acknowledgment in 25 CFR 83.7, as modified by 25 CFR 83.8.

DATES: This determination is final and is effective November 28, 1997 pursuant to 25 CFR 83.10(l)(4), unless a request for reconsideration is filed with the

Interior Board of Indian Appeals pursuant to 25 CFR 83.11.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Assistant Secretary's proposed finding to acknowledge the Snoqualmie Tribal Organization (STO) was published in the **Federal Register** on May 6, 1993. The proposed finding was prepared under the 1978 acknowledgment regulations. This final determination is made under revised acknowledgment regulations which became effective March 28, 1994, during the comment period on the proposed finding.

The original comment period was suspended until March 31, 1994, when documentary materials that were used for the proposed finding were provided to the Tulalip Tribes. The 180-day comment period provided under the 1994 regulations ended September 27, 1994. The Snoqualmie Tribal Organization was given until September 9, 1995, to respond under section 83.10(k) to third party comments. The extended period was granted because of the voluminous nature of the comments submitted by the Tulalip Tribes and because of the extended period of time that third parties had to comment on the proposed finding.

Third party comments were received on September 27, 1994, in opposition to acknowledgment from the Tulalip Tribes, Inc., and from Les Wahl and Dorothy Cohn, members of a separate petitioner called the Snoqualmoo tribe. Comments were received from the Snoqualmie Tribal Organization on September 5, 1995.

This final determination is based on the documentary and interview evidence which formed the basis for the proposed finding and an analysis of the information and argument received in response to the proposed finding. Additional factual conclusions were reached after a review and reanalysis of the existing record in light of the additional evidence.

The 1994 regulations required an evaluation of whether the Snoqualmie were a previously acknowledged tribe within the meaning of the regulations. Because it has been determined that the Snoqualmie Tribal Organization meets the definition of unambiguous previous Federal acknowledgment in section 83.1, it has been evaluated under modified requirements provided in section 83.8 of the regulations. Conclusions concerning previous acknowledgment under 83.8 are solely for the purposes of a determination of previous acknowledgment under 25 CFR 83, and are not intended to reflect conclusions concerning successorship in interest to a particular treaty or other rights.