

in drainages within Mendocino County. The studies consist of juvenile coho salmon distribution and abundance surveys, spawner surveys, and a fish relocation experiment. The purpose of the juvenile fish relocation experiment, to be undertaken in the Ten Mile River, is to accelerate the rehabilitation of currently unpopulated areas upstream in an effort to aid the ESA-listed species recovery. ESA-listed juvenile fish are proposed to be captured (by trap or electrofishing), anesthetized, handled (identified and measured), allowed to recover from the anesthetic, and released. A portion of the ESA-listed fish to be handled are proposed to be relocated from Ten Mile River sites to upstream areas. ESA-listed adult fish carcasses are proposed to be collected, handled (measured and sampled for tissues and/or scales), and returned to the water at the collection site. ESA-listed juvenile fish indirect mortalities associated with the research are also requested.

DWAA (1066) requests a five-year permit for takes of adult and juvenile, threatened, central California coast coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) associated with fish population studies in drainages within Santa Cruz County. The studies consist of four assessment tasks for which ESA-listed fish are proposed to be taken: 1) Presence/absence, 2) population estimates, 3) spawner surveys, and 4) the acquisition of tissue/scale samples for genetic studies. ESA-listed juvenile fish are proposed to be observed or captured, anesthetized, handled (weighed, measured, and fin-clipped), allowed to recover from the anesthetic, and released. ESA-listed adult fish carcasses are proposed to be collected, handled (measured and sampled for tissues and/or scales), and returned to the water at the collection site. ESA-listed juvenile fish indirect mortalities associated with the research are also requested.

Those individuals requesting a hearing on either of these requests for a permit 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 summaries are those of the applicants and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Dated: September 10, 1997.

Nancy Chu,

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

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207.

TIME AND DATE: Thursday, September 25, 1997, 2:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Room 410, East West Towers, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

STATUS: Closed to the Public.

MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

COMPLIANCE STATUS REPORT: The staff will brief the Commission on the status of various compliance matters.

For a recorded message containing the latest agenda information, call (301) 504-0709.

CONTACT PERSON FOR ADDITIONAL

INFORMATION: Sadye E. Dunn, Office of the Secretary, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20207, (301) 504-0800.

Dated: September 15, 1997.

Sadye E. Dunn,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA No.: 84.235A]

Special Projects and Demonstrations for Providing Vocational Rehabilitation Services to Individuals With Disabilities; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 1998

Purpose of Program: To provide financial assistance to projects for expanding or otherwise improving vocational rehabilitation and other rehabilitation services for individuals with disabilities, especially individuals with the most severe disabilities, and for applying new types or patterns of services or devices for individuals with disabilities (including programs for providing individuals with disabilities, or other individuals in programs servicing individuals with disabilities, with opportunities for new careers and career advancement).

Eligible Applicants: State agencies; other public agencies and organizations,

including Indian tribes; and nonprofit, private agencies and organizations.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: December 18, 1997.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: February 18, 1998.

Applications Available: September 29, 1997.

Available Funds: \$6,600,000.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$220,000-\$245,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$230,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 28-30.

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Maximum Award: In no case does the Secretary make an award greater than \$245,000 for a single budget period of 12 months. The Secretary rejects and does not consider an application that proposes a budget exceeding this maximum amount.

Project Period: Up to 36 months.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, and 85; and (b) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR part 369.

Priorities

Competitive Preference Priority

The competitive preference priority concerning Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities in the notice of final priorities for this program, published in the **Federal Register** on December 9, 1994 (59 FR 63860), applies to this competition.

Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i) the Secretary gives preference to applications based on the extent to which they meet the following competitive priority. The Secretary awards 10 bonus points to an application depending on the extent to which the application meets this competitive priority. These bonus points are in addition to any points the application earns under the selection criteria for the program:

Competitive Preference Priority—Providing Program Services in an Empowerment Zone or Enterprise Community

Under this program the Secretary gives competitive preference to applications that—

- (1) Propose the provision of substantial services in Empowerment Zones or Enterprise Communities; and
- (2) Propose projects that contribute to the strategic plan of the Empowerment Zone or Enterprise Community and that are made an integral component of the Empowerment Zone or Enterprise Community activities.