

cumulative studies consist of: (1) juvenile coho salmon distribution and abundance surveys; (2) habitat typing; (3) spawner surveys; (4) out-migrant studies; and (5) the acquisition of tissue-scale samples for genetic studies. ESA-listed juvenile fish are proposed to be observed or captured, anesthetized, handled (weighed, measured, sampled for tissues and/or scales, 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 this request 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 18, 1997.

Nancy Chu,

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. 091697D]

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 (1089).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Entrix Inc. At Walnut Creek, CA has applied in due form for a permit authorizing takes of an endangered species for scientific research purposes.

DATES: Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application must be received on or before October 24, 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 Species Division, NMFS, 777 Sonoma Avenue, Room 325, Santa Rosa, CA 95404-6528 (707-575-6066).

Written comments or requests for a public hearing should be submitted to the Protected Species Division in Santa Rosa, CA.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Entrix Inc. 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).

Entrix Inc. requests a five-year permit for takes of adult and juvenile, endangered, southern California coast steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) associated with fish population and habitat studies in the Santa Ynez, Santa Clara and Ventura Rivers and their tributaries within the Evolutionarily Significant Unit. The studies consist of five assessment tasks for which ESA-listed fish are proposed to be taken: (1) Presence/absence, (2) population estimates, (3) spawner surveys, (4) genetic sampling, and (5) habitat quality evaluation. ESA-listed fish are proposed to be observed or captured, anesthetized, handled, allowed to recover from the anesthetic, and released. ESA-listed adult and juvenile salmon indirect mortalities associated with the research are also requested.

Those individuals requesting a hearing on this request 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 permit application summaries are those of the applicants and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

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Nancy Chu,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the

following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Title: Department of Defense M256A1 Outreach.

Type of Request: New collection; Emergency Processing requested with a shortened public comment period ending October 1, 1997. An approval date of October 8, 1997 is requested.

Number of Respondents: 777.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 777.

Average Burden Per Response: 45 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 583 hours.

Needs and Uses: The information collection is necessary to facilitate the investigation of possible, positive M256A1 chemical warfare agent detections at different dates and locations in the Kuwait Theater of Operations. The information collected will be used to determine which Gulf War units and veterans may have further information about these incidents, discover if there were any other observed detections, contribute to a better understanding of the events during and after the Gulf War, and encourage enrollment in a DoD or VA clinical program. Respondents are Gulf War veterans who are not serving on active duty and whose units were in the vicinity of the detection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Ms. Allison Eydt.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Ms. Eydt at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Office for DoD, room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, or via facsimile at (202) 395-6974.

DOD Clearance Officer: Mr. Robert Cushing.

Requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Cushing at OSD/WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302, or via facsimile at (703) 604-6270, or requested telephonically at (703) 604-4582.

Dated: September 18, 1997.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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