

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 permit 1057, permit 1058, and modification 4 to permit 823.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has issued a permit to the Umpqua National Forest of the U.S. Forest Service at Idleyld Park, OR (USFS), a permit to the Idaho Fishery Resource Office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at Ahsahka, ID (FWS), and a modification to a permit to the Idaho Department of Fish and Game at Boise, ID (IDFG) that authorize takes of Endangered Species Act-listed anadromous fish species for the purpose of scientific research, subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

ADDRESSES: The applications 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, 525 NE Oregon Street, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97232-4169 (503-230-5400).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Koch, Protected Resources Division, (503-230-5400).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The permits and the modification to a permit were 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 July 3, 1997 (62 FR 36049) that an application had been filed by USFS for a scientific research permit. Permit 1057 was issued to USFS on August 22, 1997. Permit 1057 authorizes USFS 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 of the upper North Umpqua River in southwest Oregon. 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. Permit 1057 expires on December 31, 1998.

Notice was published on July 30, 1997 (62 FR 40802) that an application had been filed by FWS for a scientific research permit. Permit 1058 was issued to FWS on September 5, 1997. Permit 1058 authorizes FWS an annual take of adult, threatened, Snake River fall chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) associated with research designed to monitor and evaluate adult returns of hatchery-origin fall chinook salmon released as juveniles above Lower Granite Dam on the Snake River in the Pacific Northwest. Information on ESA-listed, natural-origin fish is needed to assess the impacts of fish management actions (e.g., hatchery supplementation), as well as other human activities (e.g., regulated river flows), on wild fish populations. Permit 1058 expires on December 31, 2001.

Modification 4 to permit 823 was issued to IDFG on August 29, 1997. Permit 823 authorizes IDFG annual takes of adult and juvenile, threatened, naturally-produced and artificially-propagated, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*); adult and juvenile, threatened, Snake River fall chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*); and adult and juvenile, endangered, Snake River sockeye salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*) associated with scientific research activities in Idaho. For modification 4, IDFG is authorized an increase in the annual lethal take of ESA-listed juvenile sockeye salmon associated with monitoring research at Alturas Lake. In July 1997, IDFG released approximately 22,000 juvenile sockeye salmon from their captive broodstock program into Alturas Lake, as authorized by modification 8 to permit 795 (62 FR 29331, May 30, 1997). The Alturas Lake *O. nerka* population structure must be monitored to build trend data by time, essential for the development of future release plans. The lake will be sampled by midwater trawl surveys. Trawl captures, and subsequent tissue and stomach analyses, will contribute to the understanding of population make-up (genetic origin), growth, diet, and population age structure. Modification 4 is valid for the duration of permit 823. Permit 823 expires on November 30, 1997.

Issuance of the permits and the modification to a permit, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that

such actions: (1) Were requested/proposed in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the ESA-listed species that are the subject of the permits, and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA and the NMFS regulations governing ESA-listed species permits.

Dated: October 15, 1997.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Technical Information Service****NTIS Advisory Board Meeting**

AGENCY: National Technical Information Service, Technology Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of partially closed meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the National Technical Information Service Advisory Board (the "Board") will meet on Tuesday, November 25, 1997, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The session from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., will be closed to the Public.

The Board was established under the authority of 15 U.S.C. 3704b(c), and was Chartered on September 15, 1989. The Board is composed of five members appointed by the Secretary of Commerce who are eminent in such fields as information resources management, information technology, and library and information services. The purpose of the meeting is to review and make recommendations regarding general policies and operations of NTIS, including policies in connection with fees and charges for its services. The agenda will include a progress report on NTIS activities, an update on the progress of FedWorld, and a discussion of NTIS' long range plans. The closed session discussion is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 12:30 p.m. on November 25, 1997. The session will be closed because premature disclosure of the information to be discussed would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of NTIS' business plans.

DATES: The meeting will convene on November 25, 1997, at 8:30 a.m. and adjourn at 4:00 p.m.