

DATES: January 6, 1998, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held at the NMFS Alaska Fisheries Science Center, Building 9, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE., Seattle, Washington.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patsy A. Bearden, 907-586-7228.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This workshop is scheduled by NMFS in response to requests by the affected fishing industry for a training workshop on the groundfish recordkeeping and reporting system.

Dated: December 23, 1997.

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Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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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: Receipt of applications for scientific research permits (1112, 1113) and for a modification to a scientific research permit (1025).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science Center, Tiburon, CA (1112) and that Dr. Sylvia Galloway, Laboratory Director of the National Ocean Service - Marine Forensics Laboratory (1113) have applied in due form for permits for take of an endangered species for scientific research purposes. Notice is also given that the California Department of Fish and Game at Sacramento, CA (CDFG) has applied in due form for a second modification to a permit (1025) providing authorization for takes of an endangered species for scientific research purposes.

DATES: Written comments or requests for a public hearing on either of these applications must be received on or before January 30, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The applications and related documents are available for review in the following offices, by appointment:

For permits 1025 and 1112: Protected Species Division, NMFS, 777 Sonoma Avenue, Room 325, Santa Rosa, CA 95404-6528 (707-575-6064).

For permit 1113: Director, Southeast Region, NMFS, NOAA, 9721 Executive

Center Drive, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432 (813-893-3141).

All documents may also be reviewed by appointment in the Office of Protected Resources, F/PR3, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For permits 1025 and 1112: Lisa Holsinger at Protected Species Division, NMFS, 777 Sonoma Avenue, Room 325, Santa Rosa, CA 95404-6528 (707-575-6064).

For permit 1113: Terri Jordan, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, (301-713-1401).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science Center (1112) and Dr. Sylvia Galloway, Laboratory Director of the National Ocean Service - Marine Forensics Laboratory (1113) request permits, and CDFG (1025) requests modification 2 to permit 1025, 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).

NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science Center (1112) requests a scientific research permit for a take of juvenile, endangered, Sacramento River winter-run chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) associated with a study designed to determine the interannual variability of growth, development, health, and ecology of juvenile salmonids within the San Francisco Estuary and the Gulf of the Farallones. Parameters to be estimated include residence times and migration rates of juvenile salmonids through the estuary and growth, energy status, pathology, feeding ecology, and contaminant accumulation during residence in the estuary and Gulf. A small number of juvenile, ESA-listed, naturally-produced, winter-run chinook salmon are proposed to be collected (with midwater trawl, surface trawl, high-speed rope trawl, purse seine, beach seine, and hook-and-line). The permit is requested for 1998 through 2003.

Dr. Sylvia Galloway, Laboratory Director of the National Ocean Service - Marine Forensics Laboratory (1113) requests authorization to possess and conduct research on listed, non-marine mammal, non-reptilian species using tissue samples (fin clips, barbels, blood, muscle, skin) to provide technical support that is responsive to NOAA goals involving protected and endangered species, via law enforcement. The applicant requests the ability to maintain samples of listed non-marine mammal, non-reptilian species obtained from permitted individuals and by Federal, state, or

local law enforcement agents for archival purposes.

Permit 1025 authorizes CDFG annual takes of adult and juvenile, endangered, naturally-produced Sacramento River winter-run chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) associated with scientific research. For modification 2, CDFG requests an increase in the take of juvenile, ESA-listed fish associated with Study 1 of their permit. CDFG greatly underestimated the take associated with this study for the 1997 brood year and hence, exceeded their take authorization for this study. Study 1 evaluates the timing and relative abundance of juvenile anadromous salmonids emigrating to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. An increase in indirect mortalities of juvenile, ESA-listed fish associated with study 1 is also requested. Modification 2 to permit 1025 is requested for the 1997-1998 emigration season only. Permit 1025 expires on June 30, 2001.

Those individuals requesting a hearing should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on any of these applications 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 these application summaries are those of the applicants and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Dated: December 23, 1997.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)

Advisory Committee on Public Interest Obligations of Digital Television Broadcasters; Notice of Open Meeting

December 31, 1997.

ACTION: Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Public Interest Obligations of Digital Television Broadcasters, created pursuant to Executive Order 13038.

SUMMARY: The President established the Advisory Committee on Public Interest Obligations of Digital Television Broadcasters (PIAC) to advise the Vice President on the public interest