

stream where captured without additional handling. The information will be used to determine the appropriateness of utilizing selected surrogate stocks in future survival studies in the mid-Columbia River. ESA-listed juvenile fish indirect mortalities associated with the research are also requested.

Permits Issued

Notice was published on September 18, 1997 (62 FR 48995) that an application had been filed by DWAA (1066) to take threatened central California coast coho salmon as authorized by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) and the NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217-222). Permit 1066 was issued to DWAA on December 23, 1997. Permit 1066 expires on June 30, 2002.

Notice was published on September 11, 1997 (62 FR 47790) that an application had been filed by GPWI (1079) to take threatened central California coast coho salmon as authorized by the ESA. Permit 1079 was issued to GPWI on December 23, 1997. Permit 1079 expires on June 30, 2002.

Notice was published on September 11, 1997 (62 FR 47790) that an application had been filed by SJSU (1080) to take threatened central California coast coho salmon as authorized by the ESA. Permit 1080 was issued to SJSU on December 23, 1997. Permit 1080 expires on June 30, 2002.

Notice was published on September 18, 1997 (62 FR 48995) that an application had been filed by STMA (1082) to take threatened central California coast coho salmon as authorized by the ESA. Permit 1082 was issued to STMA on December 23, 1997. Permit 1082 expires on June 30, 2002.

Notice was published on August 22, 1997 (62 FR 44646) that an application had been filed by CDFFP (1103) to take threatened central California coast coho salmon as authorized by the ESA. Permit 1103 was issued to CDFFP on December 23, 1997. Permit 1103 expires on June 30, 2002.

Notice was published on August 22, 1997 (62 FR 44646) that an application had been filed by LPC (1104) to take threatened central California coast coho salmon as authorized by the ESA. Permit 1104 was issued to LPC on December 23, 1997. Permit 1103 expires on June 30, 2002.

Modifications Issued

Notice was published on October 14, 1997 (62 FR 53319) that an application had been filed by the Corps for modification 3 to enhancement permit

895. Modification 3 to permit 895 was issued on December 24, 1997. Permit 895 authorizes the Corps annual takes of adult and juvenile, endangered, Snake River sockeye salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*); adult and juvenile, threatened, naturally-produced and artificially-propagated, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*); and adult and juvenile, threatened, Snake River fall chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) associated with the operation of the Juvenile Fish Transportation Program at four hydroelectric projects on the Snake and Columbia Rivers (Lower Granite, Little Goose, Lower Monumental, and McNary Dams). For modification 3, the Corps is authorized an increase in the annual incidental take of adult, threatened, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon associated with fallbacks through the juvenile fish bypass systems at the projects. A corresponding increase in ESA-listed adult salmon incidental mortalities are also authorized. Modification 3 is valid for the duration of the permit. Permit 895 expires on December 31, 1998.

Amended Permits

Amendments to scientific research and/or enhancement permits 795, 1005, 822, and 825 were issued on December 29, 1997. The amendments authorize an extension of each of the permits through May 31, 1998. The permits were all due to expire on December 31, 1997. Extensions of the permits are necessary to allow the permit holders to continue activities while new permits are applied for and/or to allow them the opportunity to develop take estimates of ESA-listed steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) for the applications. Permits 795 and 1005 authorize IDFG and NWFSC takes of adult and juvenile, endangered, Snake River sockeye salmon associated with a captive broodstock program. Permits 822 and 825 authorize FPC and CRITFC takes of juvenile, endangered, Snake River sockeye salmon; adult and juvenile, threatened, naturally-produced and artificially-propagated, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon; and adult and juvenile, threatened, Snake River fall chinook salmon associated with scientific research and monitoring activities.

Dated: January 9, 1998.

Barbara A. Schroeder,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Marine Mammals; Scientific Research Permits (PHF# 782-1438 and PHF# 774-1437)

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Receipt of applications.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the National Marine Mammal Laboratory, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE, BIN C15700, Bldg. 1, Seattle, Washington 98115-0700 has applied in due form for a permit to take multiple cetacean and pinniped species for purposes of scientific research. In addition the Southwest Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, P.O. Box 271 La Jolla, CA 92038-0271 has applied in due form for a permit to take multiple pinniped species for the purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before February 17, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The applications and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s): Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Regional Administrator, Northwest Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE, BIN C15700, Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0070 (206/526-6150).

Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (562/980-4001).

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on these applications should be mailed to the Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on these particular requests would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301) 713-0376, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no

later than the closing date of the comment period. Please note that comments will not be accepted by email or other electronic media.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permits are requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR 222.23), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

The National Marine Mammal Laboratory seeks to conduct aerial surveys of large and small cetaceans in the waters off the coasts of Alaska, Washington, Oregon, and California. During the course of these surveys, some pinniped species may also be inadvertently harassed.

The Southwest Fisheries Science Center seeks to conduct photographic aerial surveys of pinniped rookeries and/or haulouts in California, Oregon, Washington, and Alaska. These surveys will assess pinniped populations and determine distribution, length frequencies, breeding densities, nearest neighbor distances, and population indices.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activities proposed are categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Dated: January 8, 1988.

Ann D. Terbush,

Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

[CPSC Docket No. 98-1]

Black & Decker Corporation, et al.; Prehearing Conference

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice of first prehearing conference.

DATES: This notice announces a prehearing conference to be held in the matter of The Black & Decker Corporation, et al. on January 29, 1998, at 10:00 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The prehearing conference will be in hearing room 420 of the East-West Towers Building, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland 20814.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information contact Sadye E. Dunn, Secretary, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D.C.; telephone (301) 504-0500; telefax (301) 504-0127.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This public notice is issued pursuant to 16 CFR 1025.21(b) of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's Rules of Practice for Adjudicative Proceedings to inform the public that a prehearing conference will be held in an administrative proceeding under Section 15 of the Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA) captioned CPSC Docket No. 98-1, In the Matter of The Black & Decker Corporation; and Charles E. Fenton, Barbara B. Lucas, and Thomas M. Schoewe, Directors, Black & Decker (U.S.) Inc.; and Black & Decker (U.S.) Inc. The Presiding Officer in the proceeding is United States Administrative Law Judge William B. Moran. The Presiding Officer has determined that, for good and sufficient cause, the time period for holding this first prehearing conference had to be extended to the date announced above, which date is beyond the fifty (50) day period referenced in 16 CFR 1025.21(a).

The public is referred to the Code of Regulations citation listed above for identification of the issues to be raised at the conference and is advised that the date, time and place of the hearing also will be established at the conference.

Substantively, the issue being litigated in this proceeding is described by the Presiding Officer as whether the Black and Decker Spacemaker Toaster, Model T1000, Type 1, ("Spacemaker Toaster") presents a fire hazard as a consequence of an allegedly defective electronic timer; whether the allegedly defective timer constitutes a design defect under 15 U.S.C. 2064; whether the allegedly defective timer creates a substantial risk of injury to consumers within the meaning of Section 15(a)(2), (c) and (d) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. 2064(a)(2), (c) and (d); and whether, consequently, the Spacemaker Toaster presents a substantial product hazard, as described in sections 15(a)(2), (c) and (d) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. 2064(a)(2), (c)

and (d). Should the allegations be proven, Complaint Counsel for the Office of Compliance of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission seeks a finding that the product presents a substantial product hazard and that public notification be made pursuant to section 15(c) of the CPSA and that other appropriate relief be directed, as set forth in the Complaint.

Dated: January 12, 1998.

Sadye E. Dunn,

Consumer Product Safety Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

[OMB Control Number 0704-0225]

Notice and Request for Comments Regarding an Information Collection Requirement

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments regarding a proposed extension of an approved information collection requirement.

SUMMARY: In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), DoD announces the proposed extension of a public information collection requirement and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. This information collection requirement is currently approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for use through June 30, 1998. DoD proposes that OMB extend its approval for use through June 30, 2001.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by March 16, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection requirement should be sent to: Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, Attn: Ms. Melissa D. Rider, PDUSD (A&T) DP (DAR), IMD 3D139, 3062 Defense Pentagon,