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### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

#### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene public meetings of the Socioeconomic Panel (SEP).

**DATES:** A joint meeting of the SEP Coastal Pelagics Subgroup and the Coastal Migratory Pelagics (Mackerel) Stock Assessment Panel will be held beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, March 23, 1998 and will continue through Tuesday, March 24, 1998. On Wednesday, March 25, the entire SEP will hold their meeting, which will conclude by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 26, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** The joint meeting will be held at NMFS Southeast Fisheries Science Center, 75 Virginia Beach Drive, Miami, FL. The separate SEP meeting will be held at the Club Hotel & Suites by Doubletree, 100 SE 4th Street, Miami, FL.

*Council address:* Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Antonio B. Lamberte, Economist; telephone: 813-228-2815.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The SEP members will meet to review available social and economic information on the Gulf migratory group of king and Spanish mackerels and to determine the social and economic implications of the levels of acceptable biological catches recommended by the Council's Mackerel Stock Assessment Panel. The SEP may recommend to the Council total allowable catch levels for the 1998-99 fishing year. In addition, the SEP will address certain issues related to the assessment of regulatory impacts on fishing communities.

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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 a scientific research permit (1122, 1137) and modifications to permits 948 and 994.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management, Roseburg District Office at Roseburg, OR (BLM) (1122) and the Fish Ecology Division, Northwest Fisheries Science Center, NMFS at Seattle, WA (NWFSC) (1137) have applied in due form for permits; and that the Northern Wasco County People's Utility District at The

Dalles, OR (NWCPUD) (948) and the Idaho Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit at Moscow, ID (ICFWRU) (994) have applied in due form for modifications to permits that would authorize takes of listed species for the purpose of scientific research.

**DATES:** Written comments or requests for a public hearing on these applications must be received on or before April 6, 1998.

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

Protected Resources Division (PRD), F/NWO3, NMFS, 525 NE Oregon Street, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97232-4169 (503-230-5400).

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR3, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401); and

Written comments or requests for a public hearing should be submitted to the Chief, PRD, Portland.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For permit 1122 - Tom Lichatowich, PRD (503-230-5438);

For permits 1137, 948, and 994 - Robert Koch, PRD (503-230-5424).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** BLM (1122) and NWFSC (1137) request permits; and NWCPUD (948) and ICFWRU (994) request modifications to permits 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).

BLM (1122) requests a five-year permit for an annual direct take of juvenile, endangered, Umpqua River cutthroat trout (URCT) *Oncorhynchus clarki clarki* associated with a research project designed to determine sub-basin contribution to the migratory population. This information will benefit wild populations by identifying important habitat areas where restoration efforts will have the most impact. BLM proposes to use screw traps to estimate abundance from selected sub-basins and will radio-tag up to 20 of the fish captured in each sub-basin to determine whether the fish are resident, fluvial, or anadromous. The proposal will concentrate on Canton, Rock, Calapooya and Myrtle Creeks as well as Little River of the Umpqua River during the outmigration period of March through June. URCT will be captured, anesthetized, handled (measured, tagged, marked as appropriate) and allowed to recover before release. ESA-listed juvenile fish