

to PUDDC on April 10, 1998 and authorizes takes of juvenile, endangered, naturally produced and artificially propagated, upper Columbia River steelhead associated with two research studies. Study 1 is designed to determine the survival and migration differences of juvenile fish as they pass downstream through Lake Pateros and Wells Dam. The information will be used to determine the appropriateness of utilizing selected surrogate stocks in future survival studies in the mid-Columbia River. Study 2 is designed to understand the status of juvenile salmonid migration at Wells Dam. ESA-listed juvenile fish will be lethally taken by fyke nets. Permit 1116 expires on December 31, 2002.

Notice was published on December 17, 1997 (62 FR 66053) that an application had been filed by HFAC for a scientific research permit. Permit 1065 was issued to HFAC on April 15, 1998. Permit 1065 authorizes takes of adult and juvenile, threatened, southern Oregon/northern California coast coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) in California, associated with fish population studies in the Freshwater Creek drainage within the evolutionarily significant unit. The studies consist of coho salmon abundance and spawner surveys for which ESA-listed fish are proposed to be taken. ESA-listed fish will be captured, handled, and released. ESA-listed salmon indirect mortalities associated with the research are also authorized. Permit 1065 expires on June 30, 2003.

Dated: April 20, 1998.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 041698F]

#### Marine Mammals; Permit No. 1031 (P623)

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

**ACTION:** Receipt of application for amendment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Ms. D. Ann Pabst, Biological Sciences and Center for Marine Science Research, The University of North Carolina at Wilmington, 601 South College Road,

Wilmington, North Carolina 28403-3297, has requested an amendment to Permit No. 1031.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before May 26, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** The amendment request and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

Regional Administrator, Northeast Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298 (508/281-9250);

Regional Administrator, Southeast Region, National Marine

Fisheries Service, 9721 Executive Center Drive, North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432 (813/570-5301).

Written data or views, or requests for a public hearing on this request should be submitted to the Chief, Permits Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular request would be appropriate.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeannie Drevenak, 301/713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject amendment is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The Permit Holder is currently authorized to conduct photo-identification studies, acoustic recording, and aerial and vessel surveys, on up to 1,200 humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) annually over a five year period. In addition, the following non-target species may be harassed during the course of the research: North Atlantic right whales (*Eubalaena glacialis*), fin whales (*Balaenoptera physalus*), Atlantic bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*), harbor porpoise (*Phocoena phocoena*), beaked whales (*Mesoplodon sp.*), and pelagic dolphins (*Stenella sp.*). The primary goal of the research is to identify potential anthropogenic causes of mortality of humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) in the mid-Atlantic Ocean.

The Holder is now requesting that the Permit be amended to: (1) expand the geographic coverage of the research to include offshore waters to the continental shelf from Cape Fear, North

Carolina north to the mouth of Delaware Bay; (2) increase the number of takes of animals currently authorized to be harassed under the permit; and to add sperm whales (*Physeter macrocephalus*) and common dolphins (*Delphinus delphis*) to the species authorized to be harassed. The purpose of the amendment is to conduct increased numbers of offshore aerial and vessel surveys to more thoroughly identify the temporal and spatial distribution of humpback whales and other cetacean species.

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 activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

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.

Dated: April 20, 1998.

**Ann D. Terbush,**  
Chief, Permits and Documentation Division,  
Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.  
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## CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**AGENCY:** U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207.

**"FEDERAL REGISTER" CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT:** 63 FR 17994 April 13, 1998.

**PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED TIME AND DATE OF MEETING:** 10:00 a.m., Thursday, April 23, 1998.

**CHANGES IN MEETING:** The Commission briefing on the FY 1998 Mid-Year Review is canceled. The meeting has been rescheduled for Thursday, April 30, 1998.

For a recorded message containing the latest agenda information, call (301) 504-0709.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Sadye E. Dunn, Office of the Secretary, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20207 (301) 504-0800.