

Corp. (RMT Technologies); Western Atlas (Unova Inc.).

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Morton Schnabel,

Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce (DOC) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Pacific Billfish Angler Survey.

Agency Form Number: NOAA Form 88-10.

OMB Approval Number: 0648-0020.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 175 hours.

Needs and Uses: The "Migratory Game Fish Study Act" directs the Secretary to undertake a comprehensive continuing study of migratory marine fish of interest to recreational fisherpersons. This is a voluntary survey of recreational angler fishing catch and effort for billfish throughout the Pacific area. The data is used for fishery management.

Affected Public: Individuals.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: June 4, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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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 application for scientific research permit (1151) and for modifications to scientific research permits (899, 901, 902, 903, 908, 1057, 1116).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following actions regarding permits for takes of endangered and threatened species for the purposes of scientific research and/or enhancement: NMFS has received a permit application from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife at Portland, OR (ODFW) (1151); and NMFS has received applications for modifications to existing permits from: ODFW (899), Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife at Olympia, WA (WDFW) (901, 902), Idaho Department of Fish and Game at Boise, ID (IDFG) (903, 908), Umpqua National Forest of the U.S. Forest Service at Tiller, OR (UNF-USFS) (1057), and the Public Utility District No. 1 of Douglas County at East Wenatchee, WA (PUD DC) (1116).

DATES: Written comments or requests for a public hearing on any of the applications must be received on or before July 10, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The applications and related documents are available for review in the following office, by appointment: Protected Resources Division (PRD), F/NW03, 525 NE Oregon Street, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97232-4169 (503-230-5400).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For permits 899, 901, 902, 903, and 908: Robert Koch, Portland, OR (503-230-5424).

For permits 1057 and 1116: Tom Lichatowich, Portland, OR (503-230-5438).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority

Permits and modifications are requested 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).

Those individuals requesting a hearing on these requests for permits should set out the specific reasons why a hearing 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 the below application summaries are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Species Covered in this Notice

The following species are covered in this notice: Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*), Cutthroat trout (*Oncorhynchus clarki clarki*), Sockeye salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*), and Steelhead trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*).

To date, protective regulations for threatened Snake River steelhead and threatened lower Columbia River (LCR) steelhead under section 4(d) of the ESA have not been promulgated by NMFS. This notice of receipt of applications requesting takes of these species is issued as a precaution in the event that NMFS issues protective regulations that prohibit takes of Snake River steelhead and LCR steelhead. The initiation of a 30 day public comment period on the applications, including their proposed takes of Snake River steelhead and LCR, does not presuppose the contents of the eventual protective regulations.

New Application Received

ODFW requests a 5 year permit (1151) that would authorize an annual incidental take of adult and juvenile, endangered, Umpqua River cutthroat trout associated with non-listed fish hatchery operations in the Umpqua River Basin. ODFW hatchery operations in the basin include: one state-operated coho and chinook salmon hatchery (Rock Creek); one state-supervised Salmon Trout Enhancement Program hatchery (Gardiner); nineteen state-supervised volunteer projects operating 55 to 65 hatch boxes; salmon and steelhead broodstock collection at Winchester Dam, Galesville Dam, and Smith River fishway; and the volitional release or transfer of non-listed hatchery produced fish. Impacts on ESA-listed fish may include competition for food and habitat, disease transmission, predation by non-listed hatchery fish, and an increased vulnerability to predation by other predators. ODFW included a conservation plan in the