

artificially propagated, upper Columbia River steelhead associated with two scientific research studies. The studies are designed to assess the migration timing and relative survival of chinook salmon smolts transported by barge to below Bonneville Dam on the Columbia River with the survival to adulthood of smolts migrating voluntarily inriver to Bonneville Dam and to the mouth of the Columbia River. For modification 5, NWFSC is authorized an increase in the takes of ESA-listed juvenile fish associated with both studies. Actual field conditions to date in 1998 indicate that NWFSC underestimated the amount of ESA-listed fish takes needed to complete the studies. Modification 5 is valid for the duration of the permit which expires on December 31, 1999.

Notice was published on March 6, 1998 (63 FR 11220) that an application had been filed by NWCPUD for modification 2 to scientific research permit 948. Modification 2 to permit 948 was issued to NWCPUD on September 2, 1998, and authorizes annual direct takes of juvenile, endangered, Snake River sockeye salmon; juvenile, threatened, naturally produced and artificially propagated, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon; and juvenile, threatened, Snake River fall chinook salmon associated with a study designed to assess run-of-the-river juvenile anadromous fish condition after passage through the screened turbine intake channel at The Dalles Dam, located on the Columbia River. For modification 2, NWCPUD is authorized an annual direct take of juvenile, endangered, naturally produced and artificially propagated, UCR steelhead associated with the research. Modification 2 is valid for the duration of the permit. Permit 948 expires on September 30, 1999.

Notice was published on May 29, 1998 (63 FR 29382) that an application had been filed by ICFWRU for modification 4 to scientific research permit 994. Modification 4 to permit 994 was issued to ICFWRU on September 2, 1998, and authorizes annual direct takes of adult, threatened, Snake River spring/summer and fall chinook salmon and adult, endangered, Snake River sockeye salmon associated with two studies. Study 1 is designed to assess the passage success of migrating adult salmonids at the four dams and reservoirs in the lower Columbia River. Study 2 is designed to determine if adult salmon successfully return to natal streams or hatcheries after passing Lower Granite Dam on the Snake River. For modification 4, ICFWRU is authorized an annual direct take of adult, endangered, UCR steelhead

associated with a new study designed to determine the effects of transporting steelhead smolts on the homing of returning adults. Modification 4 is valid for the duration of the permit, which expires on December 31, 2000.

Dated: September 9, 1998.

Kevin Collins,

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; File Nos. 594-1467, 914-1470 and 772#69

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

ACTION: Receipt of applications and request to amend Permit No. 1024.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that two applicants have applied in due form for a permit to take marine mammals for purposes of scientific research, and a permit holder has requested an amendment to Permit No. 1024. The applications are from:

(File No. 594-1467): Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Nongame/Endangered Wildlife Program Coastal Office, One Conservation Way, Brunswick, GA 31520-8687;

(File No. 914-1470): University of Southern Mississippi, Department of Biological Sciences, USM Box 5018, Hattiesburg, MS 39401; and

(File No. 772#69): NMFS, Southwest Fisheries Science Center, 8604 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla, CA 92037.

DATES: Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before October 15, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The applications and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment. (see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**).

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 13705, 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 e-mail or by other electronic media.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ruth Johnson or Sara Shapiro 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permits are requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 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.*).

Georgia Department of Natural Resources (No. 594-1467) requests a permit to conduct aerial and vessel surveys on Northern right whales (*Eubalaena glacialis*) in areas within and adjacent to the Southeast U.S. (SEUS) calving area critical habitat. The objective of the research is to determine right whale distribution in the SEUS as well as to determine if the present placement of the SEUS calving areas critical habitat requires revision. Opportunistic Level B harassment will be conducted on Atlantic bottlenose dolphin (*Tursiops truncatus*), Atlantic spotted dolphin (*Stenella frontalis*), Pantropical spotted dolphin (*S. attenuata*) and humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*).

University of Southern Mississippi (No. 914-1470) requests authority to import samples taken from captive animals. Samples will include fluids (serum or plasma, tears, sputum, feces, colostrum or milk, and bronchiolavage), and tissue samples (lung, spleen, kidney, ovary, testes, liver, lymph nodes, brain, and skin). Samples will be from Atlantic bottlenose dolphins, Pacific bottlenose dolphins, beluga whales, and Pacific white-sided dolphins. The objectives are to: establish standard cetacean cell lines for viral isolation and viral diagnostic studies; and isolate viruses from cetacean tissues.

Southwest Fisheries Science Center (No. 772#69) requests amendment to Permit No. 1024 to capture 30 juvenile Antarctic fur seals (*Arctocephalus gazella*) over the next 3 austral summers, and to take blubber biopsy

samples from 150 of the 1000 pups already authorized to be taken.

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.

Documents may be reviewed in the following locations:

Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

(File Nos. 594-1467 and 914-1470): Regional Administrator, Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432 (813/570-5312);

(File No. 594-1467): Regional Administrator, Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930, (978/281-9250); and

(File No. 772#69): Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (562/980-4001).

Dated: September 8, 1998.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

“FEDERAL REGISTER” CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT: 63 F.R. 48199. PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED TIME AND DATE OF MEETING: 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 30, 1998.

CHANGES IN THE MEETING: The Commodity Futures Trading Commission changed the meeting to discuss enforcement matters to Monday, September 28, 1998 at 3:00 p.m.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jean A. Webb, 418-5100.

Jean A. Webb,

Secretary of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Proposed Implementation of the Defense Table of Official Distances (DTOD) for the DoD Freight Movements Program

AGENCY: Military Traffic Management Command, DoD.

ACTION: Notice (request for comments).

SUMMARY: The Military Traffic Management Command (MTMC), as the Department of Defense (DoD) Traffic Manager for surface and surface intermodal traffic management services (DTR Vol 1, Pg 101-113), intends to utilize a new automated distance calculation product known as the Defense Table of Official Distances (DTOD) in the DoD freight program. The DTOD will replace existing distance calculation products used within the DoD, such as the Rand McNally TDM Milemaker System, and the Household Goods Carriers' Mileage Guide. The DTOD will become the DoD standard source for distance information worldwide. Commercially, DTOD is known as PC*MILER by ALK Associates, Inc. The DTOD/PC*MILER will be used by the DoD for all distance calculations, analysis, and for transportation payment/audits. Carriers and third party providers may continue to use other mileage sources for their own business purposes. However, carriers and third party providers participating in the DoD freight program must agree to be bound by the DTOD/PC*MILER distance calculations for payment and audit purposes.

DATES: Comments must be submitted by November 16, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to: Headquarters, Military Traffic Management Command, ATTN: MTTM-O, Room 108, 5611 Columbia Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-5050.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Additional information concerning use of the DTOD in the MTMC Freight Movement Program can be obtained by contacting Mr. Ed Dickerson (703) 681-6870 or Ms. Patty Maloney (703) 681-6586. Information regarding DTOD complaint commercial software and other technical information can be provided by contacting ALK Associates, Inc. at 1-800-377-MILE, or on the Internet at www.pcmiler.com.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. The proposed effective date for the use of the DTOD in the DoD freight movement program will be 1 March 1999 and will effect all MTMC sponsored freight traffic programs where

mileage is used for negotiation, analysis and/or payment purposes. All shipments picked up on or after the effective date will be governed by the DTOD.

2. In accordance with the implementation process the following MTMC rules publications will be amended to remove any reference to existing mileage guides or tables and replace them with DTOD with an effective date of 1 March 1999:

(a) Military Traffic Management Command (MTMC) Freight Tariff Rules Publication No. 1A, Page 9, Item 5, Paragraph 2b.

(b) MTMC Freight Tariff Rules Publication No. 10, Page 12, Item 20 Paragraph 1b, 1f, and 1g.

(c) MTMC Guaranteed Traffic Rules Publication No. 50, Page 1-3, Item 15, Paragraph 1c.

(d) MTMC Freight Rules Publication No. 4A, Page 1-7, Item 50, Paragraph 1b.

(e) MTMC Standard Tender Instructions Publications 364A, Page 12, Item 200.

3. Where rates or other services are based on mileage, the distance or mileage computations shall be those provided in the Defense Table of Official Distances (DTOD). Mileage for freight shipments, except certain hazardous materials (HAZMAT), will be based on DTOD shortest distance. Mileage for munition shipments will be based on the DTOD HAZMAT Module and the mileage for overdimensional/overweight shipments will be based on DTOD practical mileage calculation. DTOD and PC*MILER will produce identical distance calculations. Carriers and other parties who seek more information about PC*MILER may contact ALK Associates, Inc. at telephone 1-800-377-MILE, or via internet at www.pcmiler.com.

4. Proposed Implementation Dates: The schedule for use of the DTOD/PC*MILER in distance calculation, payment, pre- and post-payment audits for shipments under the DoD freight movement program will be 1 March 1999.

5. Background. Currently, several sources for highway distance information are being used to support various DoD transportation programs, such as travel, travel entitlement reimbursement, freight and personal property movements. Moreover, separate products are used to calculate overseas distances. The result is a variance in distance computation produced by different products and a high cost to DoD of licensing and maintaining multiple mileage sources.

a. Until 1996, DoD was required by law to maintain an official mileage table for payment of travel and transportation allowances, known as the Official Table