

data. This change is necessary to provide more complete documentation on the quantity of red snapper that are caught by fishermen with commercial red snapper endorsements. By submitting a signed form, dealers will provide verifiable data on the landings that are counted towards the commercial red snapper quota.

II. Method of Collection

Reporting will be by U.S. mail or rapidfax.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0013.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit (seafood dealers).

Estimated Number of Respondents: 70.

Estimated Time Per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 210.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$270.

IV. Request for Comments

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 shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: September 22, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 082698C]

Caribbean Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting; Cancellation

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

ACTION: Notice of cancellation of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The 95th meeting of the Caribbean Fishery Management Council's which is scheduled for September 29, 1998 is cancelled.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 268 Munoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 1108, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918-2577; telephone: (787) 766-5926; fax: (787) 766-6239 or Andrew Kemmerer, Regional Administrator, Southeast Region, NOAA/NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive, St. Petersburg, FL 33702; telephone: (727) 570-5301.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Caribbean Council meeting was published in the **Federal Register** on September 4, 1998 (63 FR 47268). Due to hurricane George, the meeting is being cancelled until further notice.

Dated: September 23, 1998.

Bruce C. Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 091798E]

New England 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 New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Whiting Advisory Panel and Whiting Committee in October, 1998 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from these groups will be brought to the full Council for

formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: The meetings will be held on October 9 and October 20, 1998, respectively. See SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held in Saugus, MA and Mansfield, MA, respectively. See SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for specific locations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; (781) 231-0422. Requests for special accommodations should be addressed to the New England Fishery Management Council, 5 Broadway, Saugus, MA 01906-1036; telephone: (781) 231-0422.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Dates and Agendas

Friday, October 9, 1998, 10:00 a.m.— Whiting Advisory Panel Meeting.

Location: New England Fishery Management Council Office, 5 Broadway, Saugus, MA 01906-1036; telephone (781) 231-0422.

Preparation of formal Whiting Advisory Panel comments on the public hearing document for Amendment 11 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP), a program to manage whiting, red hake and offshore hake, and comments on the associated Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

Tuesday, October 20, 1998, 10:00 a.m.— Whiting Committee Meeting.

Location: Holiday Inn, 31 Hampshire Street, Mansfield, MA 02048; telephone: (508) 339-2200.

Development of recommendations on final management measures to be included in Amendment 11 to the Northeast Multispecies FMP, a program to manage whiting, red hake and offshore hake.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard (see ADDRESSES) at least 5 days prior to the meeting dates.

Dated: September 21, 1998.

Bruce C. Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 091798A]

Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Receipt of an application for a scientific research permit (1083) and modifications to scientific research permits (994, 1025, 1058).

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 permit applications from the Monterey Bay Salmon and Trout Project in Davenport, CA (MBSTP)(1083); NMFS has received applications for modifications to existing permits from: the Idaho Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Unit at Moscow, ID (994) (ICFWU), the California Department of Fish and Game, Inland Fisheries Division, Sacramento, CA (CDFG)(1025), and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at Ushahka, ID (FWS)(1058).

DATES: Written comments or requests for a public hearing on any of the applications must be received on or before October 26, 1998.

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

For permits 1025 and 1083: Protected Species Division, NMFS, 777 Sonoma Avenue, Room 325, Santa Rosa, CA 95404-6528 (707-575-6066).

For permits 994 and 1058: Protected Resources Division, F/NW03, 525 NE Oregon Street, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97232-4169 (503-230-5400).

All documents may also be reviewed by appointment in the Office of Protected Resources, F/PR3, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For permits 1025 and 1083: Tom Hablett, Santa Rosa, CA, (707-575-6066).

For permits 994 and 1058: Robert Koch, Portland, OR (503-230-5424).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority

Permits 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 through 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*), Coho salmon (*O. kisutch*), and Steelhead trout (*O. mykiss*).

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

New Application Received

MBSTP (1083) requests a 5-year permit for takes of adult and juvenile, threatened, CCC coho salmon, and adult and juvenile, threatened, CCC and SCCC steelhead, associated with population studies, obtaining broodstock for propagation purposes, and releasing artificially-reared juveniles into area watersheds. MBSTP will conduct a cooperative adult sampling program in Santa Cruz County. These studies are to determine: (1) population estimates; (2) hatchery to wild salmonid ratios; (3) stream utilization; and (4) genetic heritage. Adults will be trapped, measured, sampled for tissues and/or scales, marked and released (if not being retained for broodstock). Spawner surveys are also proposed, including the handling and sampling of carcasses. The

propagation program conducted at the MBSTP's Big Creek Hatchery is to rebuild depleted populations of coho salmon and steelhead to naturally self-sustaining levels. Both wild and hatchery produced adults will be used for broodstock. The control of disease, maintenance of genetic viability, and the annual releases of juveniles are in accordance with the guidance of NMFS, CDFG, and (for coho salmon) the State of California's Coho Salmon Biological Recovery Team. The coho salmon element includes the taking of broodstock from Scott and Waddell Creeks, and outplanting of fry or pre-smolts into Scott, Waddell and Gazos Creeks. The steelhead element includes the taking of broodstock from the San Lorenzo River and Scott and Waddell Creeks, and outplanting of fry or pre-smolts into watersheds of Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties.

Modification Requests Received

ICFWU requests modification 5 to scientific research permit 994. Permit 994 authorizes takes of ESA-listed adult Snake River (SnR) spring and summer chinook salmon as well as SnR fall chinook salmon for migration research. For modification 5, ICFWU requests authorization for takes of threatened, adult SnR steelhead associated with a research study. Adult steelhead that were PIT tagged as smolts would be radio tagged at Lower Granite Dam and released to determine if PIT-tagged fish will return to the original point of release. Modification 5 is requested to be valid until December 31, 1998.

CDFG requests modification 3 to permit 1025 for authorization to include an additional study site location above Knights Landing, and increase take numbers of adult and juvenile, endangered, Sacramento River winter-run chinook salmon associated with extant fish population studies in the Sacramento River. 1997-98 carcass surveys indicate that juvenile salmon emigration numbers will be significantly higher than in previous study years. Requested limits would increase the take: (1) of juveniles from 2,500 to 3,500 for Study One; (2) of juveniles from 6,000 to 12,000 for Study Two, and (3) of adult carcasses from 100 to 4,000 for Study Two. ESA-listed juvenile fish are proposed to be observed or captured, anesthetized, handled, allowed to recover from the anesthetic, and released. ESA-listed juvenile salmon indirect mortalities are also requested. Modification 3 is requested to be valid for the duration of permit 1025, which expires on June 30, 2001.

FWS requests modification 1 to scientific research permit 1058. Permit