

River. ESA-listed juvenile fish are proposed to be captured or acquired from Smolt Monitoring Program personnel, anesthetized, examined, allowed to recover from the anesthetic, and released. ESA-listed juvenile fish indirect mortalities are also requested. The modification is requested to be valid for the duration of the permit, which expires on December 31, 2000.

NWFSC requests a modification to permit 1140. Permit 1140 authorizes annual direct takes of juvenile, endangered, SnR fall chinook salmon and juvenile, threatened, SONCC coho salmon associated with a research study designed to assess the relationship between environmental variables, selected anthropogenic stresses, and bacterial and parasitic pathogens on disease-induced mortality of juvenile salmon in selected coastal estuaries in Oregon and Washington. Annual incidental takes of ESA-listed anadromous fish are also authorized by the permit. The results of the study will benefit ESA-listed species by providing a better understanding of how environmental factors influence disease. For the modification, NWFSC requests an annual direct take of juvenile, threatened, OC coho salmon. NWFSC proposes to collect ESA-listed juvenile coho salmon with seines, purse seines, and/or fyke nets in Salmon River and Tillamook, Yaquina, Alsea and Coos Bays. ESA-listed juvenile coho salmon are proposed to be lethally taken and analyzed for pathogen prevalence and intensity, chemical analyses, histopathology and stomach contents. NWFSC also requests an annual incidental take and incidental mortalities of juvenile, endangered, UCR spring chinook salmon. The modification is requested to be valid for the duration of the permit, which expires on December 31, 2002.

Permits and Modifications Issued

Notices were published on September 25, 1998 (63 FR 5134), and February 2, 1999 (64 FR 5030), that the USFWS had applied for modifications to scientific research permit 1058. Modification 1 to permit 1058 was issued on April 19, 1999, authorizing an increase in the annual take of adult, threatened, SnR fall chinook salmon associated with an effort to collect biological information from returning adults at Lower Granite Dam on the Snake River in Washington. Data from the larger sample will be used to estimate age composition of the run to provide better information for regulating Columbia River harvest. FWS is also authorized annual takes of juvenile, threatened, SnR fall chinook salmon

associated with a new study designed to examine hatchery steelhead residualism in the Clearwater River Basin of ID. The purpose of the research is to gain a better understanding of factors leading to residualism and interactions between residuals and wild or natural stocks of fish. Modification 1 is valid for the duration of the permit, which expires on December 31, 2001.

On April 15, 1999, NMFS issued modification 2 to scientific research permit 1174 to ERCI. Permit 1174 authorizes sampling for and collection of shortnose sturgeon in the Delaware River and Estuary system and in the lower Susquehanna River/Chesapeake Bay Complex. This sampling program is under contract to the NMFS Northeast Region, Protected Resources Division. The objectives of the study are to collect data on current distribution, abundance, length structure and movements of shortnose sturgeon in the Delaware River Estuary and in the lower Susquehanna River and Chesapeake Bay. Modification 2 increases the authorized annual incidental take of shortnose sturgeon in the Delaware River Estuary and in the lower Susquehanna River and Chesapeake Bay, due to evidence that the population of shortnose sturgeon in the Delaware River may be substantially higher than previously thought. This modification follows modification 1, which increased the authorized annual non-lethal take of shortnose sturgeon in the Delaware River. Modification 2 is valid for the duration of the permit, which expires on August 31, 2003.

Dated: April 20, 1999.

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

[I.D. 033099A]

Marine Mammals; Permit No. 917 (P774#2)

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

ACTION: Scientific research permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a request for amendment of scientific research permit no. 917 submitted by

The Northeast Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service, 166 Water Street, Woods Hole, MA 02543-1097, has been granted.

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

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

Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298 (508/281-9250); and

Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432 (813/570-5312).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 9, 1999, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 6326) that an amendment of permit no. 917, issued May 12, 1994 (59 FR 25892), had been requested by the above-named organization. The requested amendment has been granted under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the provisions of § 216.39 of the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the provisions of § 222.25 of the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR 222.23).

Issuance of this amendment, as required by the ESA was based on a finding that such permit: (1) Was applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species which is the subject of this permit; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: April 16, 1999.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

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36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification

AGENCY: Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice.