

steelhead, and threatened UWR steelhead. Protective regulations are currently proposed for LCR and UWR chinook salmon (65 FR 169, January 3, 2000) and SnR, MCR, LCR, and UWR steelhead (64 FR 73479, December 30, 1999). NMFS did not act on that part of ODFW and WDFW's permit application. In the future, when NMFS promulgates final rules under section 4(d) of the ESA that will provide take prohibitions for threatened LCR chinook salmon, threatened UWR chinook salmon, threatened SnR steelhead, threatened MCR steelhead, threatened LCR steelhead, and threatened UWR steelhead, NMFS may amend the permit to include the authorization for incidental takes of these species as ODFW and WDFW requested in their application. Issuance of the permit does not presuppose the contents of the eventual protective regulations.

#### Rationale for Decision

The decision to issue the permit was made because the Conservation Plan proposed by ODFW and WDFW meets the statutory criteria for issuance of an incidental take permit under section 10 of the ESA. In issuing the permit, NMFS determined that ODFW and WDFW's Conservation Plan provides adequate mitigation measures to avoid, minimize, and/or compensate for the anticipated takes of ESA-listed anadromous fish.

The permit was granted only after NMFS determined that the permit was applied for in good faith, that all permit issuance criteria were met, including the requirement that granting the permit would not jeopardize the continued existence of the species, and that the permit is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended.

Dated: March 29, 2000.

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*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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#### 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 Capacity Committee in April, 2000. Recommendations from the committee will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on April 19, 2000, at 10:00 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, 300 Woodbury Avenue, Portsmouth, NH 03801; telephone: (603) 431-8000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; (978) 465-04922.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Committee will continue its exploration of fishing capacity issues. The Committee will discuss two proposals that may help alleviate problems caused by excess fishing capacity. These two proposals would allow the transfer of permits under certain conditions. The Committee will also discuss other ways to reduce fishing capacity, such as vessel buybacks, allowing vessels to defer fishing effort until stocks rebuild, or combinations of these and other options. The Committee will receive a qualitative report on fisheries in New England that have excessive fishing capacity.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, 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 and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

#### Special Accommodations

This meeting is 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: March 29, 2000.

**Bruce C. Morehead,**

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

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## CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

### Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Corporation for National and Community Service.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter the "Corporation"), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) (44 U.S.C. § 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirement on respondents can be properly assessed.

Currently, the Corporation is soliciting comments concerning its proposed applications entitled: AmeriCorps Promise Fellows Continuation Application Instructions. Copies of the information collection requests can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section by June 5, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to the Corporation for National and Community Service, Tracy Stone, Director, AmeriCorps Promise Fellows, 1201 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20525.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tracy Stone (202) 606-5000, ext. 173.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### Comment Request

The Corporation is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Corporation, including whether the information will have practical utility;

- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- Enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and