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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Dates, Times and Agenda

The SSC will discuss and may make recommendations to the Council on the agenda items below. The order in which agenda items will be addressed can change.

Tuesday, May 16, 2000, 9 a.m.

1. Sustainable Fisheries Act amendment revisions
 - A. Bycatch (bottomfish, pelagics)
 - B. Overfishing (bottomfish, crustaceans, pelagics)
2. Ecosystems and habitat (coral reefs)
 - A. Draft Coral Reef Ecosystem Fishery Management Plan (FMP)/Preliminary Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
 - B. Federal and state initiatives and research plans
 - (1) Federal agencies (NMFS, Fish and Wildlife Service)
 - (2) Islands (American Samoa, Guam, Hawaii, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI))
 - (3) Congressional coral reef bills
 - (4) U.S. Coral Reef Task Force National Action Plan
 - C. Advisory body recommendations
 - (1) Coral Reef Ecosystem Plan Team (PT)
 - (2) Ecosystem & Habitat Advisory Panel (AP)
 - (3) Bottomfish PT/AP
 - (4) Crustaceans PT/AP
 - (5) Precious Corals PT/AP
 - (6) Native & Indigenous Rights AP

Wednesday, May 17, 2000, 8:30 a.m.

1. Pelagic FMP issues
 - A. 1st quarter 2000 Hawaii and American Samoa longline fishery report
 - B. American Samoa framework measure
 - C. Shark management
 - (1) Shark catch and disposition in 1st quarter 2000 in Hawaii longline fishery
 - (2) Blue shark stock assessment
 - (3) Pelagics FMP amendment for shark management
 - D. Seabird management: status of amendment
 - E. Turtle management
 - (1) Outcome of review of time/area closures
 - (2) Status of lawsuit

F. International: Outcome of 6th Multilateral High Level Conference (MHL6C)

G. Recreational Fisheries Data Task Force: Survey of small-vessel pelagics fisheries production in Hawaii

- H. Pelagics AP recommendations
- I. Pelagics PT recommendations

Thursday, May 18, 2000, 8:30 a.m.

1. Precious corals fishery
 - A. Status of framework amendment
 - B. Stock monitoring
2. Status of the Bottomfish, Crustaceans and Precious Corals EISs
 3. Status of amendment to add NMI and Pacific Remote Insular Areas to FMPs
 4. Crustaceans FMP issues
 - A. 1999 Annual Report
 - B. Status of the fishery/stock assessment strategy
 - C. Discards and high-grading: economic and biological review
 - D. Consideration of amendment to replace lobster assessment model
 - E. Research plans
 - F. Possible additions to Crustaceans Management Unit Species
 - G. Crustaceans PT/AP recommendations
 5. Bottomfish FMP issues
 - A. Annual report
 - B. Research plans
 - C. Mau Zone new entry criteria
 - D. Bottomfish PT recommendations
6. Other business

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Council for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, these 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 Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final actions to address such emergencies.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, 808-522-8220 (voice) or 808-522-8226 (fax) at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: April 24, 2000.

Richard W. Surdi,

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

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 041900D]

Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Issuance of a scientific research permit (1227) and modifications to existing permits (1136, 1141).

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 issued a permit to Dr. Peter Dutton, of NMFS' Southwest Fisheries Science Center (PD-SWFSC) (1227); and NMFS has issued modifications to scientific research permits to the Oregon Cooperative Fishery and Wildlife Research Unit at Corvallis, OR (OCFWRU) (1136) and Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County at Ephrata, WA (GCPUD) (1141).

ADDRESSES: The applications, permits, and related documents are available for review in the indicated office, by appointment:

For permits 1136 and 1141: Protected Resources Division, F/NWO3, 525 NE Oregon Street, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97232-2737 (ph: 503-230-5400, fax: 503-230-5435).

For permit 1227: Office of Protected Resources, Endangered Species Division, F/PR3, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (ph: 301-713-1401, fax: 301-713-0376).

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 permit 1227: Terri Jordan, Silver Spring, MD (ph: 301-713-1401, fax: 301-713-0376, e-mail: Terri.Jordan@noaa.gov).

For permits 1136 and 1141: Robert Koch, Portland, OR (ph: 503-230-5424, fax: 503-230-5435, e-mail: Robert.Koch@noaa.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority

Issuance of permits and permit modifications, as required by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531–1543) (ESA), is based on a finding that such permits/modifications: (1) Are applied for in good faith; (2) would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species which are the subject of the permits; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA. Authority to take listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permits. Permits and modifications are issued in accordance with and are subject to the ESA and NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 222–226).

All statements and opinions contained in the permit action summaries are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Species Covered in this Notice

The following species, runs, and evolutionarily significant units (ESU's) are covered in this notice:

Sea Turtles

Endangered leatherback turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*).

Fish

Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*): Threatened Snake River (SnR) fall, threatened SnR spring/summer, endangered upper Columbia River (UCR) spring.

Sockeye salmon (*O. nerka*): Endangered SnR.

Steelhead (*O. mykiss*): Endangered UCR.

Permits and Modifications Issued

Notice was published on April 26, 1999 (64 FR 20266), that OCFWRU had applied for a modification to permit 1136. Modification 1 to permit 1136 was issued on April 13, 2000, and authorizes OCFWRU to capture fish at two additional locations: Little Goose Dam on the Snake River and John Day Dam on the Columbia River. Modification 1 also authorizes OCFWRU annual takes of juvenile naturally produced and artificially propagated UCR spring chinook salmon. Lethal take and indirect mortalities of juvenile naturally produced and artificially propagated UCR spring chinook salmon associated with the research are also authorized. A second notice of receipt was published on May 13, 1999 (64 FR 25873) because NMFS had received an amended modification request seeking an increase in the annual take of ESA-

listed fish associated with the research. The additional take is authorized to accommodate expected increased abundance of some species in 1999. Modification 1 is valid for the duration of permit 1136, which expires on December 31, 2000.

Notice was published on March 25, 1999 (64 FR 14432), that GCPUD had applied for a modification to scientific research permit 1141. Modification 1 to permit 1141 was issued on May 5, 1999 (64 FR 25873) but did not include annual takes of UCR spring chinook salmon. Permit 1141 authorizes GCPUD annual takes of adult and juvenile naturally produced and artificially propagated UCR steelhead associated with four scientific research studies at or in the vicinity of Wanapum and Priest Rapids Dams located on the upper Columbia River in Washington. The purpose of Study 1 is to monitor outmigrating adult and juvenile steelhead condition, survival, and travel time relative to spill effectiveness at the dams. The purpose of Study 2 is to substantiate and document hydroacoustic accuracy at Wanapum Dam. The purpose of Study 3 is to evaluate the relative abundance of the fish fauna inhabiting the Priest Rapids project area. The purpose of Study 4 is to assess the survival of juvenile, artificially propagated, UCR steelhead as they migrate past Wanapum and Priest Rapids Dams. Notice is hereby given that NMFS issued an amendment to permit 1141 on April 13, 2000. The permit amendment authorizes GCPUD annual takes of adult and juvenile naturally produced and artificially propagated UCR spring chinook salmon associated with Studies 1 and 3. The permit amendment also authorizes the take of ESA-listed salmon and steelhead associated with Study 3 annually for the duration of the permit. The amendment is valid for the duration of permit 1141, which expires on December 31, 2002.

Notice was published on October 22, 1999 (64 FR 57069), that PD-SWFSC had applied for a scientific research permit. Permit 1227 was issued on April 18, 2000, and authorizes takes of leatherback turtles in Monterey Bay, CA as part of a stock identification and movement study. Permit 1227 expires on December 31, 2002.

Dated: April 23, 2000.

Wanda L. Cain,

Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request—Follow-Up Activities for Product-Related Injuries**

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35), the Commission announces that it has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for an extension of the existing approval of collections of information conducted during follow-up activities for product-related injuries.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before May 31, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be captioned "Product-Related Injuries" and mailed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for CPSC, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503. Copies of comments also may be mailed to the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207; delivered to the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Room 502, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland 20814, telephone (301) 504–0800; telefacsimiled to (301) 504–0127; or emailed to cpsc-os@cpsc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY

CONTACT: Linda Glatz, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D.C. 20207; 301–504–0416 ext. 2226 or by email to lglatz@cpsc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**1. Background**

Section 5(a) of the Consumer Product Safety Act (15 U.S.C. 2054(a)) requires the Commission to collect information related to the cause and prevention of death, injury, and illness associated with consumer products, and to conduct continuing studies and investigations of deaths, injuries, diseases, and economic losses resulting from accidents involving consumer products. The Commission uses this information to support rulemaking proceedings, development and improvement of voluntary standards, information and education programs, and administrative and judicial proceedings to remove unsafe products from the marketplace and consumers' homes.

Persons who have been involved with, or who have witnessed, incidents associated with consumer products are an important source of information