

Species Covered in this Notice

The following species and evolutionarily significant units (ESUs) are covered in This notice:

Chinook salmon (*O. tshawytscha*): endangered, naturally produced and artificially propagated, upper Columbia River (UCR) spring; threatened, naturally produced and artificially propagated, SnR spring/summer; threatened SnR fall; threatened lower Columbia River (LCR); threatened upper Willamette River (UWR); threatened, naturally produced and artificially propagated, Puget Sound.

Steelhead (*O. mykiss*): endangered, naturally produced and artificially propagated, UCR; threatened SnR; threatened middle Columbia River (MCR); threatened UWR.

New Applications Received

NWFSC requests a 5-year permit (1322) for annual takes of the juvenile life stage of 7 of the 10 anadromous fish ESUs identified in this document (all ESUs except endangered UCR spring chinook salmon, endangered UCR steelhead, and threatened Puget Sound chinook salmon) associated with a scientific research project proposed to occur in the lower Columbia River and estuary. The objective of the research is to identify associations between salmon and habitat. The approach will be to (1) determine the relationship between habitat and the presence, use, and benefit to juvenile salmon, with an emphasis on subyearling chinook salmon, and (2) understand the relationships between changes in flow, sediment input, and availability of habitat in the lower Columbia River and estuary. The need to develop effective restoration strategies requires that the benefits of estuarine habitats to juvenile salmon be identified by evaluating habitat-salmon linkages. The long history of wetland loss in the Columbia River estuary coupled with changes in flow patterns suggests that restoration of these habitats may benefit depressed salmon stocks. Information obtained from the research will serve as the basis for developing habitat restoration and preservation plans. NWFSC proposes to sample for the presence and abundance of salmon species in the estuary and lower Columbia River at monthly intervals throughout each annual period. ESA-listed juvenile salmon and steelhead are proposed to be captured with beach seines and trapnets, sampled for biological information, and released. ESA-listed juvenile fish indirect mortalities associated with the research are requested. In addition, NWFSC is also requesting intentional lethal takes

of ESA-listed juvenile salmon for stomach content identification and the collection of scales and otoliths.

HMC requests a 5-year permit (1344) for annual takes of juvenile, threatened, naturally produced and artificially propagated, SnR spring/summer chinook salmon and juvenile, threatened, SnR steelhead associated with research designed to monitor the aquatic fish populations in Jordan Creek and the Yankee Fork of the Salmon River in the vicinity of HCM's Grouse Creek Mine. Grouse Creek Mine is an open pit gold/silver mine operation located adjacent to Jordan Creek, a tributary of the Yankee Fork of the Salmon River. In early 2000, the operations at Grouse Creek Mine were permanently suspended. Annual biological monitoring is proposed to determine the effects of mine operations on the aquatic life in Jordan Creek and the Yankee Fork. The monitoring is required by the U.S. Forest Service and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under a National Pollutant Discharge and Elimination System permit and an Administrative Order on Consent. The biomonitoring project will benefit all aquatic species, including chinook salmon and steelhead, in that annual monitoring will detect any adverse impacts to the aquatic species as a result of mining operations. ESA-listed juvenile salmon and steelhead are proposed to be observed/harassed during snorkel surveys. ESA-listed juvenile fish are also proposed to be captured using electrofishing, sampled for biological information, and released. ESA-listed juvenile fish indirect mortalities associated with the research are also requested.

WDFW requests a 5-year permit (1345) for annual takes of both the adult and juvenile life stages of 6 of the 10 anadromous fish ESUs identified in this document (all ESUs except threatened SnR fall chinook salmon, threatened LCR chinook salmon, threatened UWR chinook salmon, and threatened UWR steelhead) associated with two scientific research projects proposed to occur in selected rivers and tributaries throughout the state of Washington. The objective of Project 1 is to conduct annual warmwater fish stock assessment surveys necessary for inland fish management purposes. Surveys of warmwater fish species are usually conducted in the backwater sloughs, oxbow lakes, and ponds associated with major river systems. Boat electrofishing is a critical component of WDFW's standardized sampling methodology for warmwater fish species. ESA-listed adult and juvenile salmon and steelhead are proposed to be captured using boat

electrofishing, sampled for biological information, and released. The objective of Project 2 is to evaluate the fish populations present in gravel pit ponds connected to the Yakima River. Current proposals for increased gravel extraction and the requirement to protect fish listed under the ESA highlight the need for a better understanding of the impacts of floodplain gravel mining. Gravel pit avulsion (being captured by the river) may be detrimental to ESA-listed fish due to increases in suspended fine sediments, increased temperatures, the introduction of exotic fish species from a formerly stocked pond, and the creation of habitat preferred by native and non-native piscine predators. In order to better plan future mining operations in the state and manage existing gravel pit ponds, WDFW proposes to assess the possible impacts of connecting the Yakima River to the gravel pits by comparing the assemblages, densities, stomach fullness, and stomach contents of all species of fish present at sites adjacent to the gravel pit ponds with those at sites away from the ponds. Adult and juvenile, threatened, MCR steelhead are proposed to be observed/harassed during snorkel surveys. In addition, adult and juvenile, threatened, MCR steelhead are proposed to be captured using boat electrofishing or beach seines, sampled for biological information and stomach contents, and released. ESA-listed juvenile salmon and steelhead indirect mortalities associated with both of WDFW's proposed projects are also requested.

Dated: July 19, 2001.

Phil Williams,

*Acting 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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Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish

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

ACTION: Issuance of modifications to scientific research permits 1114, 1115, 1119, 1141, 1203 and issuance of scientific research permit 1292.

SUMMARY: NMFS has issued permit modifications to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife at Olympia, WA (WDFW); Chelan County Public Utility District (PUD) No. 1 at Wenatchee, WA; the Mid-Columbia River Fisheries Resource Office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at Leavenworth, WA (USFWS); Grant County PUD No. 2 at Ephrata, WA and has issued a permit to the Pacific Northwest Research Station of the U.S. Forest Service at La Grande, OR (USFS).

ADDRESSES: Copies of the permits may be obtained from Protected Resources Division, F/NWO3, 525 NE Oregon Street, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97232-2737, phone: 503-230-5400, fax: 503-230-5435.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Koch, Portland, OR, phone: 503-230-5424, fax: 503-230-5435, e-mail: robert.koch@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following species and evolutionary significant units (ESUs) are covered in this notice:

Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*): endangered, naturally produced and artificially propagated, upper Columbia River (UCR).

Steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*): endangered, naturally produced and artificially propagated, UCR.

Permit Modifications Issued

Notice was published on April 21, 1999 (64 FR 19515) that WDFW applied for a modification to scientific research/enhancement permit 1094. The permit modification request was subsequently converted to modification 3 to scientific research permit 1114. Modification 3 to permit 1114 was issued to WDFW on July 6, 2001. Permit 1114 authorizes WDFW annual takes of Endangered Species Act (ESA) listed adult and juvenile salmon and steelhead associated with two scientific research studies conducted at Rock Island Dam on the Columbia River. For modification 3, WDFW is authorized annual takes of ESA-listed adult steelhead associated with an additional study. The purpose of the additional study is to assess ESA-listed adult steelhead hydroelectric project passage and fallback rates (at the five dams on the mainstem upper Columbia River), migratory behavior, and spawning distribution within the upper Columbia River watersheds. ESA-listed adult steelhead will be collected at Priest Rapids Dam, tagged with gastrically implanted radiotransmitters, released, and tracked electronically. ESA-listed adult steelhead indirect mortalities associated with the research are also authorized. Modification 3 is

valid for the duration of the permit which expires on December 31, 2002.

Notice was published on April 19, 2000 (65 FR 20954), that Chelan County PUD applied for modification 3 to scientific research permit 1115. Modification 3 to permit 1115 was issued on July 6, 2001. Permit 1115 authorizes Chelan County PUD annual takes of ESA-listed adult and juvenile salmon and steelhead associated with six scientific research studies. For modification 3, increases in annual takes of ESA-listed salmon and steelhead juveniles associated with four of the six studies are authorized. Chelan County PUD requires take increases because more effort and resources are being devoted to the research and thus, more fish are being handled. Take increases are also requested because in recent years, Chelan County PUD researchers have had to sort through more fish to find test animals for study purposes. Also for modification 3, Chelan County PUD is authorized an annual take of adult, endangered, UCR spring chinook salmon associated with a fish salvage operation at Rocky Reach Dam. Some ESA-listed adult chinook salmon that fallback after passing the dam tend to inadvertently enter and get trapped in the juvenile fish bypass system at the dam. The trapped adult fish will be collected using sanctuary nets and carefully returned to the Columbia River. Also for modification 3, Chelan County PUD is authorized annual takes of ESA-listed adult and juvenile salmon and steelhead associated with a new study designed to assess the abundance, distribution, and timing of the species' spawning activity in the Chiwawa River, White River, Nason Creek, and the Little Wenatchee River in WA. ESA-listed adult and juvenile salmon and steelhead will be observed/harassed during snorkel surveys and spawning ground surveys. ESA-listed adult fish carcasses will also be collected and sampled for tissues and scales. Modification 3 is valid for the duration of the permit which expires on December 31, 2002.

Notice was published on March 22, 2000 (65 FR 15312), that USFWS applied for modification 2 to scientific research permit 1119. Modification 2 to permit 1119 was issued on July 6, 2001. Permit 1119 authorizes USFWS annual takes of ESA-listed adult and juvenile salmon and steelhead associated with four scientific research studies. For modification 2, USFWS is authorized an increase in the annual take of ESA-listed juvenile steelhead associated with the study (Study 1) designed to assess the annual emigration of emerging juvenile salmonids in the Entiat River Basin.

USFWS determined that the previous level of steelhead take for the study is not enough to conduct a statistically valid assessment of the juvenile steelhead emigration from the Entiat River throughout the annual outmigration season. Also for modification 2, USFWS will obtain tissue samples from the ESA-listed adult spring chinook salmon carcasses that are authorized to be handled during routine spawning ground surveys in the Entiat River Basin and from the ESA-listed juvenile spring chinook salmon that are authorized to be handled under Study 1. Tissue samples will be transferred to the Northwest Fisheries Science Center, NMFS for genetic analysis. Modification 2 is valid for the duration of the permit which expires on December 31, 2002.

Notice was published on April 7, 2000 (65 FR 18310), that Grant County PUD applied for modification 2 to scientific research permit 1141. Modification 2 to permit 1141 was issued on July 6, 2001. Permit 1141 authorizes Grant County PUD annual takes of ESA-listed adult and juvenile salmon and 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 WA. For modification 2, Grant County PUD is authorized an increase in the annual take of juvenile, endangered, artificially propagated, UCR steelhead associated with the steelhead survival study at Wanapum and Priest Rapids Dams. Also for modification 2, Grant County PUD is authorized annual takes of adult and juvenile, endangered, UCR spring chinook salmon and adult and juvenile, endangered, UCR steelhead associated with fish salvage efforts at Wanapum and Priest Rapids Dams. Each year, migrating fish are inadvertently entrained within the project's wheelgate bulkhead gatewell slots during the annual spring and summer migration periods. Without assistance, the fish would remain within the gatewells for periods ranging from a few days to weeks and even months. Migrating fish, including some downstream migrating steelhead kelts, will be removed from the gatewells via boom truck, gatewell dip-net, hopper box, or sanctuary box and transported to a temporary holding tank until release. Grant County PUD is also authorized annual takes of ESA-listed juvenile salmon and steelhead associated with efforts to monitor the condition of smolts subjected to salvage. ESA-listed juvenile fish indirect mortalities associated with fish salvage and monitoring activities are

authorized. Modification 2 is valid for the duration of the permit which expires on December 31, 2002.

Notice was published on June 3, 1999 (64 FR 29839), and on March 22, 2000 (65 FR 15312), that WDFW applied for a modification to scientific research permit 1203. Modification 1 to permit 1203 was issued on July 6, 2001. Permit 1203 authorizes WDFW annual takes of ESA-listed adult and juvenile salmon and steelhead associated with four scientific research studies in the UCR Basin. For modification 1, WDFW is authorized annual takes of juvenile, endangered, artificially propagated, UCR spring chinook salmon and adult and juvenile, endangered, UCR steelhead associated with the Wenatchee River Basin production research. Also, an increase in the annual take of juvenile, endangered, naturally produced, UCR spring chinook salmon is authorized for the study. Also for modification 1, annual takes of adult and juvenile, endangered, UCR spring chinook salmon and adult and juvenile, endangered, artificially propagated, UCR steelhead are added to the UCR Basin spawning ground assessment study. Also for the permit modification, annual takes of juvenile, endangered, naturally produced, UCR steelhead are added to the salmonid habitat carrying capacity study and the salmonid distribution study. Also for modification 1, WDFW is authorized annual takes of ESA-listed adult and juvenile salmon and steelhead associated with fish salvage operations in dewatered areas in the Wenatchee River Basin. ESA-listed fish indirect mortalities associated with the research and/or enhancement activities are authorized. Modification 1 is valid for the duration of the permit which expires on December 31, 2003.

Notice was published on February 21, 2001 (66 FR 11002), that USFS applied for a scientific research permit (1292). Permit 1292 was issued to USFS on July 6, 2001. Permit 1292 authorizes USFS annual takes of ESA-listed juvenile salmon and steelhead associated with research to be conducted in the Yakima River, the Wenatchee River, the Entiat River, and the Methow River in WA. The purpose of the research is to determine the extent and distribution of hybridization between westslope cutthroat trout, rainbow trout, and anadromous steelhead for selected populations in the middle Columbia River and UCR Basins. The research will benefit the ESA-listed species by providing information on westslope cutthroat trout and rainbow trout/steelhead interactions and could provide insight into possible genetic introgression of introduced rainbow

trout stocks in the areas of native rainbow trout/steelhead distribution. Permit 1292 expires on December 31, 2002.

The issuance of the permit modifications and the new permit is based on a finding that such permits: (1) were 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.

Dated: July 20, 2001.

Donna Brewer,

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

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Singapore

July 20, 2001.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs adjusting limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 26, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Naomi Freeman, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on the quota status of these limits, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port, call (202) 927-5850, or refer to the U.S. Customs website at <http://www.customs.ustreas.gov>. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, refer to the Office of Textiles and Apparel website at <http://otexa.ita.doc.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended.

The current limits for certain categories are being adjusted for swing, carryover, carryforward and the recrediting of unused carryforward.

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of HTS numbers is available in the

CORRELATION: Textile and Apparel Categories with the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (see **Federal Register** notice 65 FR 82328, published on December 28, 2000). Also see 65 FR 66727, published on November 7, 2000.

J. Hayden Boyd,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

July 20, 2001.

Commissioner of Customs, Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on October 27, 2000, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in Singapore and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 2001 and extends through December 31, 2001.

Effective on July 26, 2001, you are directed to adjust the limits for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹
222	763,503 kilograms.
331	666,041 dozen pairs.
338/339	1,932,522 dozen of which not more than 1,129,383 dozen shall be in Category 338 and not more than 1,214,309 dozen shall be in Category 339.
347/348	1,317,144 dozen of which not more than 801,369 dozen shall be in Category 347 and not more than 658,240 dozen shall be in Category 348.
604	1,116,607 kilograms.
639	4,241,085 dozen.
642	388,387 dozen.
648	1,790,693 dozen.

¹ The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 2000.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that these actions fall within the foreign affairs exception to the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

J. Hayden Boyd,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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