

and receipt of reports required by the LOA.

Dated: January 15, 2002.

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*Acting Director, Office of Protected Resources,  
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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 011402F]

#### North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Notice of Public Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Meetings of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council and its advisory committees.

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory committees will hold public meetings.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held February 4-12, 2002, in Anchorage, AK. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

**ADDRESSES:** All meetings will be held at the Anchorage Hilton Hotel, 500 W. 3rd Avenue, Anchorage, AK.

*Council address:* North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Council staff, Phone 907-271-2809.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **Meeting Dates, Times, and Agendas**

The Council's Advisory Panel will begin at 8 a.m. Monday, February 4, and continue through Friday, February 8, 2002.

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will begin at 8 a.m. on Monday, February 4, and continue through Wednesday, February 6, 2002.

The Joint Protocol Committee for the Council and Alaska Board of Fisheries will meet from Noon until 5 p.m. on Monday, February 4, 2002.

The full Council and Board will meet from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. on February 5, 2002.

The Council will begin its plenary session at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, February 6, continuing through Tuesday, February 12, 2002.

All meetings are open to the public except executive sessions. An Executive

Session of the Council has been scheduled during the lunch hour on Wednesday, February 6, 2002 to discuss personnel issues.

*Joint Board/Council Meeting:* The agenda will include the following issues of mutual interest to the Board and Council:

*Council Plenary Session:* The agenda for the Council's plenary session will include the following issues. The Council may take appropriate action on any of the issues identified.

1. Reports:
  - (a) Executive Director's Report.
  - (b) State Fisheries Report by Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game.
  - (c) National Marine Fisheries Service Management Report.
  - (d) Enforcement and Surveillance reports by NMFS and the U.S. Coast Guard.
  - (e) Annual meeting report from the International Pacific Halibut Commission.
  - (f) Presentation of results of sea lion research on eastside of Kodiak Island.
  - (g) Status report on an amendment to the Community Development Quota Program policies.
  - (h) World Wildlife Fund report on Russian Far East fisheries.

2. Programmatic Groundfish Supplementary Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS): The Council will approve alternatives for analysis and provide direction to the Ecosystem Committee regarding involvement in the process.

3. Essential Fish Habitat: Receive a progress report and discuss alternatives for mitigating fisheries impact; provide direction to staff.

4. Halibut/Sablefish Individual Fishing Quota Program: Review Committee report: review of an amendment of alternatives for community purchase of quota shares. Provide direction to staff.

5. Gulf of Alaska Groundfish Rationalization: Review staff discussion paper and provide direction.

6. Bering Sea/Aleutian Island Crab Rationalization:

- (a) Initial review of amendment analysis.
  - (b) Discuss the environmental impact statement for the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands King and Tanner Crab Fishery Management Plan and potential alternatives. Provide direction to staff.
7. American Fisheries Act (AFA):
- (a) Review final pollock co-op reports for 2001.
  - (b) Review final AFA report to Congress.

(c) Initial review of an amendment to relax single geographic location restrictions for floating processors (if analysis is available).

8. Observer Program:

- (a) Review Committee report.
- (b) Initial review of regulatory amendment package.
- (c) Discuss status of long-term program adjustments.

9. Discuss amendment for additional Steller Sea Lion protection measures and provide direction to staff.

10. Salmon Bycatch:
 

- (a) Review general information on impacts of Steller sea lion protection measures on salmon bycatch.
- (b) Review discussion paper on Gulf of Alaska salmon bycatch, if available.

11. Review research priorities.

12. Groundfish Management:
 

- (a) Develop problem statement and provide staff direction for differential gear impact analysis.
- (b) Review information and discussion paper on license limitation recency issues.
- (c) Discuss independent review of the Council's F<sub>40</sub> harvest strategy.
- (d) Review discussion paper on disclosure of catch and bycatch information (if paper available).

13. Staff Tasking:
 

- (a) Review existing tasking and provide direction as necessary.
- (b) Review NMFS initiative for mandatory data collection.

*Scientific and Statistical Committee:* The SSC agenda will include the following issues:

1. Groundfish SEIS: (Item #2 on the Council agenda)
2. Essential Fish Habitat (Item #3 on the Council agenda)
3. Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Crab Rationalization (Item #6 on the Council agenda)
4. Observer Program Issues (Item #8 on the Council agenda)
5. Research priorities (#11 on the Council agenda)
6. Independent review of the Council's F<sub>40</sub> harvest strategy (Item #12(c) on the Council agenda)

*Advisory Panel:* The Advisory Panel will address the same agenda issues as the Council, with the exception of the Reports under Items 1 and 11 of the Council agenda.

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 the meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda 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 Helen Allen at 907-271-2809 at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: January 16, 2002.

**Richard W. Surdi,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 090297A]

#### Endangered and Threatened Species; Amendment to Permit 1056

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Issuance of an amendment to scientific research permit 1056.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS has issued a permit amendment to the Fish Ecology Division of the Northwest Fisheries Science Center, NMFS, at Seattle, WA (NWFSC).

**DATES:** Written comments on the amended permit application must be received no later than 5 p.m. Pacific standard time on February 21, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on the application should be sent to Protected Resources Division (PRD), F/NWO3, 525 NE Oregon Street, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97232-2737. Comments may also be sent via fax to 503-230-5435.

Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or the internet.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert Koch, Portland, OR (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*): threatened, naturally produced and artificially propagated, Snake River (SnR) spring/summer.

#### Permit Amendment Issued

Permit 1056 authorizes NWFSC annual takes of adult and juvenile, threatened, naturally produced and artificially propagated SnR spring/summer chinook salmon. These takes are associated with two scientific research studies conducted in various tributaries of the Salmon River in Idaho, the Grande Ronde River in Oregon, and the Imnaha River in Oregon. The objective of Study 1 is to characterize

the run-timing of naturally produced chinook salmon over a period of years to determine whether consistent patterns are apparent and to use this information for real-time management decisions regarding water allocation during the smolt outmigrations. The long-term objectives of Study 2 are to monitor the nature and extent of genetic change over time in supplemented and unsupplemented populations and to correlate the genetic changes with measures of productivity. For the permit amendment, permit 1056 has been extended to expire on April 30, 2002. Permit 1056 was due to expire on December 31, 2001. The extension is necessary to allow NWFSC scientists to continue their research activities in 2002 while NMFS completes a new section 7 consultation on the issuance of ESA section 10(a)(1)(A) permits for takes of threatened SnR spring/summer chinook salmon for scientific research purposes.

Dated: January 15, 2002.

**Margaret Lorenz,**

*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; Withdrawal of Permit

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

**ACTION:** Withdrawal of a scientific research permit application (1169).

**SUMMARY:** NMFS has received notice from the United States Forest Service, Mt. Hood National Forest in Sandy, OR (MHNH), to withdraw its application for a permit for take of an Endangered Species Act (ESA) - listed species associated with scientific research.

**ADDRESSES:** Protected Resources Division (PRD), F/NWO3, 525 NE Oregon Street, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97232-2737 (503-230-5400).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Leslie Schaeffer, Portland, OR (503-230-5424, fax: 503-230-5435, e-mail: leslie.schaeffer@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following ESA-listed species and

evolutionarily significant unit (ESU) is covered in this notice:

Steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*): threatened lower Columbia River (LCR).

#### Permit Application Withdrawn

Notice was published on August 27, 1998 (63 FR 45799) that MHNH applied for a scientific research permit under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA. The permit was requested for take of adult and juvenile, threatened, LCR steelhead associated with four routine fish distribution and monitoring research studies. At the time the permit was requested, protective regulations for threatened LCR steelhead under section 4(d) of the ESA had not been promulgated by NMFS. After the protective regulations for threatened LCR steelhead were established (see 65 FR 42422, July 10, 2000), NMFS determined that MHNH take of LCR steelhead associated with the proposed scientific research in the MHNH would best be handled under Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's scientific research take limit under their 4(d) rule for that species. As such, on August 27, 2001, MHNH notified NMFS to withdraw its permit application from consideration.

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

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## COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Notice of Intent to Renew Collection 3038-0013, Exemptions From Speculative Limits

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on exemptions from speculative limits.