

households, and not-for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 4,100.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 2 hours for a fee submission form; 2 hours for a Register Buyer Ex-vessel Value and Volume Report; 2 hours for an appeal; and 30 minutes for a prepayment of fees.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 8,400.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$17,116.

#### IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: October 9, 2002.

#### Gwellnar Banks,

*Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

#### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 102102D]

#### Endangered and Threatened Species; Issuance of Permit 1094

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

**ACTION:** Issuance of amendment to enhancement permit 1094.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS has amended research and enhancement permit 1094 held by the State of Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA).

**ADDRESSES:** Requests for copies of the decision documents or any of the other associated documents should be directed to the Hatcheries and Inland Fisheries Branch, Sustainable Fisheries Division, NOAA Fisheries, 525 NE Oregon Street, Suite 510, Portland, OR, 97232.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kristine Petersen, Portland, OR at phone number: (503) 230-5409, e-mail: [Kristine.Petersen@noaa.gov](mailto:Kristine.Petersen@noaa.gov)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following species and evolutionarily significant units (ESUs) are covered in the permit:

Steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*): endangered Upper Columbia River.

Chinook salmon (*O. tshawytscha*): endangered Upper Columbia River spring run.

#### Decision

Notice of proposed actions similar in scope to the proposed amendment actions was published on August 1, 2002 (67 FR 49906). A public meeting was held in Wenatchee, WA on August 27, 2002. The amended permit authorizes WDFW to manage adult hatchery steelhead returns that are surplus to recovery and broodstock needs. Permit 1094 authorizes WDFW's activities related to carrying out the steelhead artificial propagation enhancement program in the Upper Columbia River. After evaluating the potential effects of this amendment on listed salmon and steelhead in the Upper Columbia River ESUs and the environmental consequences, NOAA Fisheries issued an amended permit with conditions authorizing takes of the ESA-listed anadromous fish species. NOAA Fisheries' conditions will ensure that the takes of ESA-listed anadromous fish will not appreciably reduce the likelihood of the survival and recovery of the species in the wild. The permit expires May 31, 2003.

#### Rationale for Decision

Favorable environmental conditions leading to a return of hatchery steelhead surplus to the number needed on spawning grounds precipitate the need to provide additional scope to available techniques for managing these experimental enhancement program fish, responsive to conservation needs of natural spawning populations in the Upper Columbia River basin. This amendment provides additional mitigation measures to avoid, minimize, and/or compensate for the anticipated takes of ESA-listed anadromous fish.

The amended permit was granted only after NOAA Fisheries determined

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: October 24, 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

[I.D. 093002B]

#### Marine Mammals; File No. 42-1642

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

**ACTION:** Issuance of permit amendment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Mystic Aquarium, 55 Coogan Blvd., Mystic, CT 06355 (Dr. Lisa Mazarro, Principal Investigator) has been issued a permit amendment to take Steller sea lions for purposes of scientific research and enhancement.

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

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NOAA Fisheries, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)713-0376; and

Northeast Region, NOAA Fisheries, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298; phone (978)281-9200; fax (978)281-9371.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Amy Sloan or Tammy Adams, (301)713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On July 11, 2002, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 45958) that a request for an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 42-1642-01 to take Steller sea lions had been submitted by the above-named organization. The requested permit amendment has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR