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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 (NOAA Fisheries), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Issuance of 32 scientific research permit actions.

SUMMARY: Between July 31 and September 27, 2002, NOAA Fisheries' Northwest Region issued 32 permits, permit modifications, and permit amendments allowing endangered and threatened species of Pacific salmon and steelhead to be taken for scientific research purposes under section 10(a)1(A) the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973, as amended. The research actions and the species they

affect are listed in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section below.

ADDRESSES: The permits, permit applications, and related documents are available for review by appointment at NOAA Fisheries' 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: Steve Stone, Portland, OR (phone: 503-231-2317, fax: 503-230-5435, e-mail: *steve.stone@noaa.gov*).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority

The ESA requires that permits, permit modifications, and permit amendments be issued based on a finding that such actions: (1) are applied for in good faith; (2) would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species that are the subject of the actions; 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, modifications, and amendments are issued in accordance with, and are subject to, the ESA and NOAA Fisheries regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 222-226).

Species Covered in This Notice

The ESA-listed species/evolutionarily significant units (ESUs) covered by this notice are identified below and listed in the subsequent table by the numbers that precede each of them in the following text:

- (1) Puget Sound chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*)
- (2) Lower Columbia River chinook salmon
- (3) Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon
- (4) Snake River fall chinook salmon
- (5) Upper Columbia River spring-run chinook salmon
- (6) Upper Willamette River chinook salmon
- (7) Hood Canal summer-run chum salmon (*O. keta*)
- (8) Columbia River chum salmon
- (9) Lower Columbia River steelhead (*O. mykiss*)
- (10) Middle Columbia River steelhead
- (11) Snake River steelhead
- (12) Upper Willamette River steelhead
- (13) Upper Columbia River steelhead
- (14) Southern Oregon/Northern California Coasts coho salmon (*O. kisutch*)
- (15) Oregon Coast coho salmon
- (16) Snake River sockeye salmon (*O. nerka*)
- (17) Ozette Lake sockeye salmon

TABLE 1.—THIRTY-TWO SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH PERMIT ACTIONS AFFECTING THREATENED AND ENDANGERED PACIFIC SALMON AND STEELHEAD

Permit Number	Af- fected Spe- cies/ ESU	Permittee	Federal Register Notice of Application Receipt
1135	2, 9	U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)	April 4, 2002 (67 FR 17970)
1140	1, 15	Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NWFSC)	June 11, 2002 (67 FR 39960)
1141	5	Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County	April 4, 2002 (67 FR 17970)
1156	14, 15	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	June 11, 2002 (67 FR 39960)
1177	14	Portland District Corps of Engineers	April 4, 2002 (67 FR 17970)
1256	6, 15	Bureau of Land Management	May 16, 2002 (67 FR 34909)
1291	16	USGS	June 25, 2002 (67 FR 42757)
1309	1	King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks (KCDNRP).	June 11, 2002 (67 FR 39960)
1315	1	U.S. Corps of Engineers Seattle District	April 4, 2002 (67 FR 17970)
1317	10	USGS	April 4, 2002 (67 FR 17970) June 25, 2002 (67 FR 42757)
1318	2, 6, 9, 12, 15	Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)	May 16, 2002 (67 FR 34909)
1322	3, 6, 5, 8	NWFSC	April 4, 2002 (67 FR 17970) June 25, 2002 (67 FR 42757)
1335	1, 7, 8, 9, 10	U.S. Forest Service	May 16, 2002 (67 FR 34909)
1336	2, 6, 9, 12, 15	Port Blakely Tree Farms	May 16, 2002 (67 FR 34909)
1345	1, 3, 5, 6, 10, 11, 13	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	May 16, 2002 (67 FR 34909)
1358	14	ODFW	February 22, 2002 (67 FR 8233)
1359	14	ODFW	February 22, 2002 (67 FR 8233)
1362	11	Idaho Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit	April 4, 2002 (67 FR 17970)

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Permit Number	Af- fected Spe- cies/ ESU	Permittee	Federal Register Notice of Application Receipt
1363	3, 11	Fish Passage Center	April 4, 2002 (67 FR 17970)
1364	4, 11	Idaho Fishery Resource Office of the U.S. Fish and Wild- life Service.	April 4, 2002 (67 FR 17970)
1365	10	Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation ..	April 4, 2002 (67 FR 17970)
1366	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16	Oregon Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit	April 4, 2002 (67 FR 17970)
1367	10	NWFSC	April 4, 2002 (67 FR 17970)
1369	1	KCDNRP	April 4, 2002 (67 FR 17970)
1370	3	Utah State University (USU)	April 4, 2002 (67 FR 17970)
1371	1	Battelle Marine Sciences Center	June 11, 2002 (67 FR 39960)
1372	1	Puget Sound Energy	April 4, 2002 (67 FR 17970)
1376	1	Washington Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit	April 4, 2002 (67 FR 17970)
1381	1	City of Bellingham	June 11, 2002 (67 FR 39960)
1382	10	USU	June 11, 2002 (67 FR 39960)
1383	1	USGS	June 11, 2002 (67 FR 39960)
1386	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 17	Washington Department of Ecology	June 25, 2002 (67 FR 42757)

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**COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING
COMMISSION**

**Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME):
Proposed Amendments to the Spot
Month Speculative Position Limits for
the Live Cattle Futures Contract**

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading
Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability of terms
and conditions of proposed
amendments to the CME's spot month
speculative position limits for the live
cattle futures contract.

SUMMARY: The Chicago Mercantile
Exchange (CME or Exchange) has
requested that the Commission approve
proposed amendments to the spot
month speculative position limits for
the live cattle futures contract. The
proposal was submitted pursuant to the
provisions of section 5c(c)(2) of the
Commodity Exchange Act (Act) and
Commission Regulation 40.4(a). Under
the proposal, the speculative position
limit that applies during the period at

the close of business on the first
business day following the first Friday
of the contract month through the
business day preceding the last five
business days would be reduced to 300
contracts from 600 contracts. The
Exchange intends to implement the
amendments with respect to positions
held in the December 2002 through the
October 2003 contract months.

The Director of the Division of Market
Oversight (Division) of the Commission,
acting pursuant to the authority
delegated by Commission Regulation
140.96, has determined that publication
of the Exchange's proposed
amendments for comment is in the
public interest, and will assist the
Commission in considering the views of
interested persons.

DATES: Comments must be received on
or before November 14, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons should
submit their views and comments to
Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity
Futures Trading Commission, Three
Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW.,
Washington, DC 20581. In addition,
comments may be sent by facsimile
transmission to (202) 418-5521 or by
electronic mail to *secretary@cftc.gov*.
Reference should be made to the CME's
proposed amendments to the spot
month speculative position limits for
the live cattle futures contract.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Please contact Martin G. Murray of the
Division of Market Oversight,
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The CME
live cattle futures contract's speculative
position limit rules currently specify an
individual contract month limit of 3,300
contracts, a "scale down" spot month
speculative position limit of 600
contracts that becomes effective at the
close of business on the first business
day following the first Friday of the
contract month, and a 300-contract spot
month limit that becomes effective at
the close of business on the business
day immediately preceding the last five
business days of the expiring contract
month.¹ The proposed amendments will
eliminate the "scale down" limit of 600
contracts, and require that speculative
positions be reduced immediately to
300 contracts as of the close of business
on the first business day following the
first Friday of the contract month.

In support of the proposal, the
Exchange states that the proposed level

¹ The last trading day is the last business day of
the contract month. Delivery notices may be issued
beginning with the first business day following the
first Friday of the contract month.