

F. A proposed plan for the annual evaluation of the success of the Center by the Program, including appropriate criteria for consideration, and weighting of those criteria.

G. A plan to focus the Center's technology emphasis on areas consistent with NIST technology research programs and organizational expertise.

H. A description of the planned Center sufficient to permit NIST to evaluate the proposal in accordance with 15 CFR 290.6.

The proposal must not exceed 25 typewritten pages in length. The proposal must contain both technical and cost information. The proposal page count shall include every page, including pages that contain words, table of contents, executive summary, management information and qualifications, resumes, figures, tables, and pictures. All proposals shall be printed such that pages are single-sided, with no more than fifty-five (55) lines per page. Use 21.6 x 27.9 cm (8½" x 11") paper or A4 metric paper. Use an easy-to-read font of not more than about 5 characters per cm (fixed pitch font of 12 or fewer characters per inch or proportional font of point size 10 or larger). Smaller type may be used in figures and tables, but must be clearly legible. Margins on all sides (top, bottom, left and right) must be at least 2.5 cm. (1"). The applicant may submit a separately bound document of appendices containing other supporting information. The proposal should be self-contained and not rely on the appendices for meeting criteria. Excess pages in the proposal will not be considered in the evaluation. Applicants must submit one signed original plus two (2) copies of the proposal.

Additional Information

The Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements contained in the **Federal Register** notice of October 1, 2001 (66 FR 49917), as amended by the **Federal Register** notice published on October 30, 2002 (67 FR 66109), are applicable to this solicitation.

Where Web sites are referenced within this notice, those who do not have access to the Internet websites may contact the appropriate Program official to obtain information.

Unsuccessful Applications: Unsuccessful applicants will be held in the Program Office for two years and then destroyed.

Fees and/or Profit: It is not the intent of NIST to pay fee or profit for any of the financial assistance awards that may

be issued pursuant to this announcement.

Automated Standardized Application for Payment System (ASAP): The Department of Commerce is using the Department of Treasury's ASAP. In order to receive payments for services under these awards, recipients will be required to register with the Department of Treasury and indicate whether or not they will use the on-line or voice response method of withdrawing funds from their ASAP established accounts. More information regarding ASAP can be found on-line at <http://www.fms.treas.gov/asap/index.html>.

Paperwork Reduction Act: The standard forms in the application kit involve collections of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act. The use of Standard Forms 424, 424A, 424B, SF-LLL, and CD-346 have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the respective Control Numbers 0348-0043, 0348-0044, 0348-0040, 0348-0046, and 0605-0001.

Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

Classification: This funding notice was determined to be "not significant" for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

It has been determined that this notice does not contain policies with Federalism implications as that term is defined in Executive Order 13132.

Applications under these programs are not subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

Because notice and comment are not required under 5 U.S.C. 553, or any other law, for notices relating to public property, loans, grants, benefits or contracts (5 U.S.C. 553(a)), a Regulatory Flexibility Analysis is not required and has not been prepared for this notice, 5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*

Dated: March 11, 2003.

Karen H. Brown,

Deputy Director, NIST.

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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: Receipt of application for scientific research permits (1415 and 1419) and request for comment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has received an application for scientific research from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) in Sacramento, CA (1415) and California Departments of Fish and Game and Water Resources (CDFG/CDWR) in Oroville and Sacramento, CA (1419). These permits would affect three Evolutionarily Significant Units (ESUs) of salmonids identified in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section below. This document serves to notify the public of the availability of the permit applications for review and comment.

DATES: Written comments on the permit applications must be received at the appropriate address or fax number (see **ADDRESSES**) no later than 5 p.m. Pacific Standard Time on April 17, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on this request should be sent to the appropriate office as indicated below. Comments may also be sent via fax to the number indicated for the request. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or the Internet. The applications and related documents are available for review, by appointment. For permits 1415 and 1419: Protected Resources Division, NMFS, 650 Capitol Mall, Suite 8-300, Sacramento, CA 95814 (ph: 916-930-3600, fax: 916-930-3629). 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: Rosalie del Rosario at phone number 916-930-3600, or e-mail: Rosalie.delRosario@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).

Those individuals requesting a hearing on an application listed in this notice should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on that application would be appropriate (see ADDRESSES). The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. 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

This notice is relevant to 3 federally listed salmonid ESUs: endangered Sacramento River Winter-run Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*), threatened Central Valley spring-run Chinook salmon (*O. tshawytscha*), and threatened Central Valley steelhead (*O. mykiss*).

New Applications Received

USFWS requests a 5-year permit to conduct monitoring and research on Sacramento River winter-run Chinook salmon, Central Valley spring-run Chinook salmon, and Central Valley steelhead throughout the Central Valley of California.

CDFG/CDWR requests a 1-year permit to extend normal fish ladder operations at the Feather River Hatchery to allow for additional genetic, life history, and population assessments of wild and hatchery adult Central Valley spring-run Chinook salmon and Central Valley steelhead in the Feather River.

Dated: March 12, 2003.

Barbara Schroeder,

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. 031003E]

North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

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

DATES: The meetings will be held on Monday, March 31, 2003 through Tuesday, April 8, 2003. See

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Anchorage Hilton Hotel, 500 W 3rd Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Council staff, telephone: 907–271–2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council's Advisory Panel will begin at 8 a.m., Monday, March 31 and continue through Saturday, April 5, 2003. The Scientific and Statistical Committee will begin at 8 a.m. on Monday, March 31, and continue through Wednesday, April 2, 2003.

The Council will begin its plenary session at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, April 2 continuing through Tuesday April 8th. All meetings are open to the public except executive sessions.

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) NMFS Management Report
 - (c) Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G) Management Report
 - (d) Coast Guard Report
 - (e) U.S. Fish & Wildlife Report
2. Gulf of Alaska Rationalization (GOA): Receive draft analytical outline, refine Alternatives as necessary.
3. Crab Rationalization: (a) Receive Committee reports and finalize action on trailing amendments; (b) Department of Justice opinion on anti-trust issues.
4. Steller Sea Lion (SSL) Issues: (a) Review draft response to Biological Opinion (BiOp) remand; (b) National

Academy of Science SSL Report - Schedule discussion for future action; (c) Report on Aleutian Island pollock closure analysis.

5. Essential Fish Habitat (EFH): Receive progress report on Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) development, objectives, and research plan.

6. Programmatic Groundfish Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (PGSEIS): Receive progress report.

7. Bering Sea/Aleutian Island (BSAI) Pacific Cod Allocation: Initial review of Amendment 77 (allocations among fixed gear components).

8. Improved Retention/Improved Utilization (IR/IU): (a) Review proposal for Trailing Amendment A (multi-species head & Gut (H&G) co-ops), and associated allocation issues; (b) Initial review of Trailing Amendment C (minimum retention standards); (c) Final review of Trailing Amendment D (5% exemption); and (d) Discussion of relationship of Amendment A & C.

9. Observer Program: Review timeline and analytical outline for restructuring observer program.

10. Halibut Subsistence: (a) Final action on Niniilchik inclusion; (b) Report on other potentially eligible communities.

11. Community Development Quota (CDQ) Program: Final action on "other species" exemption

12. Groundfish Issues: (a) Discuss future actions resulting from F40 Report; (b) Receive progress report on rockfish/non-target species management; (c) Review status of TAC-setting amendment package; (d) Review request(s) for Experimental Fishing Permits (halibut donation and salmon excluder device); (e) Recommend VIP rates for latter half of 2003; (f) SSC comments on National Standards 1 guidelines; and (g) Review research priorities.

13. Staff Tasking: Review tasking and committees and provide direction to staff.

14. Other Business.

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

1. C–1 GOA Rationalization
 2. C–3 Steller Sea Lion
 3. C–4 Essential Fish Habitat
 4. C–5 PGSEIS
 5. C–6 BSAI Cod Allocation
 6. C–7 IR/IU
 7. C–8 Observer Program
 8. D–1 Groundfish Issues
- Advisory Panel:* The Advisory Panel will address the same agenda issues as the Council.
- Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come