

chinook salmon, juvenile and adult UCR chinook salmon, juvenile and adult LCR chinook salmon, juvenile and adult UWR chinook salmon, juvenile CR chum salmon, juvenile Ozette Lake sockeye salmon, and juvenile SR steelhead during an ongoing investigation on the distribution, abundance, condition, and health of juvenile salmon in relation to oceanographic conditions in the Columbia River plume and surrounding ocean environment. The purpose of the study is to help researchers and managers better understand the factors controlling estuarine and marine survival. The study will provide information to help forecast survival potential as a function of plume and ocean conditions. Further, the information will help hydropower operators develop a set of management scenarios that could benefit survival, growth, and health of juvenile salmon by changing the dynamics of the Columbia River plume. The NWFSC is requesting authorization to intentionally kill juvenile fish for endocrine assessments, genetic stock identification, pathogen prevalence and intensity, otolith and stomach content analysis, and histopathological attributes. The NWFSC does not intend to kill any of the adult fish being captured, but some may die as an unintended result of the research activities.

#### Permit 1458

Ducks Unlimited is seeking a 5-year permit to annually take juvenile SR spring/summer chinook salmon at up to six locations in the Grande Ronde and Wallowa River drainages in Oregon. Under the study, the fish would be trapped, anesthetized, weighed and measured, allowed to recover, and released back from which they were taken.

The purpose of the research is to describe native and introduced fish use especially by salmonids of floodplain wetland habitat. Ultimately, the research seeks to answer questions relating to patterns of habitat use across the region on a seasonal basis and evaluate fish passage through water control structures used in wetland restoration projects. The research will benefit the listed species by helping guide wetland restoration activities throughout the region. Ducks Unlimited does not intend to kill any of the fish being captured, but a small number may die as an unintended result of the activities.

#### Permit 1459

The Western Washington University (WWU) is asking for a 1-year permit to take juvenile propagated PS chinook salmon associated with a larger project NOAA is conducting to understand juvenile salmonid use of Puget Sound nearshore estuarine habitats. The purpose of the research is to determine which fish use eelgrass beds in Northern Puget Sound and thereby benefit listed fish by helping direct habitat conservation efforts. The WWU will collect samples using gill nets, enclosure nets, and trawl gear. Samples will be measured, weighed, and released. A small percentage of the fish to be handled may die as an unintended result of the research activities.

#### Permit 1460

The Port of Tacoma is asking for a 3-year permit to annually take juvenile PS chinook salmon associated with a study to determine the timing of juvenile chinook salmon migration within Commencement Bay, Tacoma, WA. The purpose of the study is to supplement existing data regarding allowable periods for in-water construction. It will benefit listed salmon by helping ensure that in-water construction takes place at times least likely to affect the fish. The Port of Tacoma will collect samples using a floating beach seine. Listed salmon will be captured, measured, and released at the sampling locations. The Port of Tacoma does not intend to kill any of the fish being captured, but a small number may die as an unintended result of the activities.

#### Permit 1461

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) is seeking a 5-year permit to annually take adult and juvenile LCR, UCR, and SR spring/summer and fall chinook salmon; CR chum; SR sockeye; and UCR, MCR, LCR, and SR steelhead at Crims Island and the Julia Butler Hanson National Wildlife Refuge in the lower Columbia River. The fish would be captured using nets, and boat- and backpack electrofishing equipment. Once captured, the fish would be variously anesthetized, weighed and measured, sampled for their stomach contents, implanted with passive integrated transponder tags, allowed to recover, and released. Not all fish would undergo all these procedures. For example, all adults would simply be released, and the diet sampling and tagging would largely be restricted to those ESUs that spawn in the lower Columbia River.

The purpose of the research is to determine fish species composition and

habitat use in the areas sampled. Ultimately, the data gathered will be used to guide and determine the effectiveness of habitat restoration activities in the lower Columbia River. The species will benefit from well-planned and monitored habitat restoration activities as well as, ultimately, the restored habitat itself. The USGS does not intend to kill any of the fish being captured, but a small number may die as an unintended result of the activities though none will be adults.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the ESA. NMFS will evaluate the applications, associated documents, and comments submitted to determine whether the applications meet the requirements of section 10(a) of the ESA and Federal regulations. The final permit decisions will not be made until after the end of the 30-day comment period. NMFS will publish notice of its final action in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: February 5, 2004.

**David O'Brien,**

*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. 020404C]**

#### Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish

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

**ACTION:** Issuance of Permit.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS has issued Permit 1408 to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR).

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the permit may be obtained from the Protected Resources Division, NMFS, 650 Capitol Mall, Suite 8-300, Sacramento, CA 95814.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rosalie del Rosario at (916) 930-3614, or e-mail: [Rosalie.delRosario@noaa.gov](mailto:Rosalie.delRosario@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is relevant to federally 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*).

**Permit**

Permit 1408 was issued to DWR on December 23, 2003. The permit authorizes incidental take (by long-line gear) and release of ESA-listed juvenile and adult Sacramento River winter-run Chinook salmon, Central Valley spring-run Chinook salmon, and Central Valley steelhead from San Pablo Bay, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, and the Sacramento River to River Mile 220. The project exclusively targets collection of migrating adult white sturgeon to study sturgeon swimming performance and behavior. Permit 1408 expires June 30, 2008. NMFS has determined that take levels authorized in the modified permit will not jeopardize listed salmon and steelhead nor result in the destruction or adverse modification of critical habitat where described.

Issuance of this permit, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that the permit: (1) was applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species which are the subject of the permit; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA. This permit was issued in accordance with, and is subject to, 50 CFR part 222, the NMFS regulations governing listed species permits.

Dated: February 5, 2004.

**David O'Brien,**

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

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should contact the Secretary at least 10 days before the meeting time.

Dated in Washington, DC, January 28, 2004.

**Charles H. Atherton,**

*Secretary.*

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Advisory Board Secretariat, 1180 Air Force Pentagon, Rm 5D982, Washington, DC 20330-1180, (703) 697-4811.

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Department of the Air Force****HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Air Force, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Pub. L. 92-463, notice is hereby given of the forthcoming meeting of the 2nd ACC Advisory Panel Meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to allow the SAB leadership to give consensus advice to the commander of the 2nd ACC Advisory Panel. Because classified and contractor-proprietary information will be discussed, this meeting will be closed to the public.

**DATES:** February 26-28, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Bldg 205 Dodd Blvd, Langley AFB, VA.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Maj Tim Kelly, Air Force Scientific Advisory Board Secretariat, 1180 Air Force Pentagon, Rm 5D982, Washington, DC 20330-1180, (703) 697-4811.

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Department of the Army****Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Digital Multi-Purpose Range Complex at Fort Benning, GA**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, DOD.  
**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Digital Multi-Purpose Range Complex (DMPRC) would provide gunnery training facilities for the Bradley Fighting Vehicle (BFV) and the Abrams M1A1 Tank System (Tank), providing the capability for both active and reserve components to train to required standards under realistic conditions.

Fort Benning proposes to construct, operate, and maintain a DMPRC. The DMPRC would provide a state-of-the-art range facility to meet the Army's training needs for soldiers to conduct gunnery courses in a realistic training environment by expanding the Installation's training capacity. The current ranges on Fort Benning do not meet modern gunnery standards and are inadequate to support full gunnery training and qualifications, requiring training to modified standards. The project would include construction of the firing and target area, installation of fiber optics, construction of support facilities, upgrading and construction of associated roadways, installation of utilities to support the site, construction of a helipad, construction of other related equipment and facilities, and operation and maintenance of the DMPRC.

**DATES:** *Comments:* To be considered in preparation for the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), comments must be received not later than March 29, 2004, by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

*Meetings:* March 2, 2004, 6 p.m., at the Elizabeth Bradley Turner Center, Columbus State University, 4225 University Avenue, Columbus, GA, and March 4, 2004, 6 p.m., at the Marion Middle School Gymnasium, 100 East Burkhalter Avenue, Buena Vista, GA.

**ADDRESSES:** Please direct written comments or requests for copies of the

**COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS****Notice of Meeting**

The next meeting of the Commission of Fine Arts is scheduled for 19 February 2004 at 10 a.m. in the Commission's offices at the National Building Museum, Suite 312, Judiciary Square, 401 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20001-2728. Items of discussion affecting the appearance of Washington, DC may include buildings, parks and memorials.

Draft agendas and additional information regarding the Commission are available on our Web site: <http://www.cfa.gov>. Inquiries regarding the agenda and requests to submit written or oral statements should be addressed to Charles H. Atherton, Secretary, Commission of Fine Arts, at the above address or call 202-504-2200.

Individuals requiring sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Department of the Air Force****HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Air Force, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Pub. L. 92-463, notice is hereby given of the forthcoming meeting of the AFC2ISRC Advisory Group. The purpose of the meeting is to brief the Commander of the AFC2ISRC Center. This meeting will be closed to the public.

**DATES:** February 19, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** AFC2ISRC, Langley AFB, VA.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Maj Chris Berg, Air Force Scientific