

wording has hindered the agencies' ability to follow Northwest Forest Plan principles and achieve its goals.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the ROD may be requested from the address below or accessed on line at <http://www.reo.gov/acs/>. ACS EIS, 333 SW. First Avenue, P.O. Box 3623, Portland, Oregon 97208; FAX: (503) 808-2255 [please address fax to "ACS EIS"].

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joyce Casey, USDA Forest Service, P.O. Box 3623, Portland, Oregon 97208; phone (503) 808-2286; E-mail: jc Casey01@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The ROD for the Clarification of Provisions Relating to the Aquatic Conservation Strategy in the 1994 Record of Decision for the Northwest Forest Plan makes limited changes to language within Attachment A of the 1994 (ROD) for the Northwest Forest Plan. These changes amend Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management plans throughout the Northwest Forest Plan area. The limited changes clarify that the proper scale for federal land managers to evaluate progress toward achievement of the ACS objectives is the fifth-field watershed and larger scales. Current land allocations, standards and guidelines, and Northwest Forest Plan goals and objectives would be retained. Readers should note that the Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and the Environment and the Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Land and Minerals Management are the responsible officials for this proposed action. Therefore, no administrative review ("appeal") through the Forest Service will be available on the Record of Decision (ROD) under 36 CFR part 217, and no administrative review ("protest") through the Bureau of Land Management will be available on the ROD under 43 CFR 1610.5-2. The decision is effective upon signature of the Record of Decision by the responsible officials.

Dated: March 22, 2004.

Linda Goodman,

Regional Forester, Region 6, Forest Service.

Dated: March 19, 2004.

Elaine M. Brong,

State Director, Oregon/Washington, Bureau of Land Management.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the New Jersey Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a planning meeting with briefing session of the New Jersey Advisory Committee will convene at 10 a.m. and adjourn at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 4, 2004, at the New Jersey State House Annex, Room 4, 125 W. State Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08625. The Committee will review the status of current activities and plan new projects. For its briefing session, the Committee has invited New Jersey Governor James McGreevey to comment on civil rights protection efforts by state government, to describe state implementation of the Committee's recommendations regarding law enforcement policies and practices, and to respond to the Committee's statement of concern on employment of Asian Americans in State government.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Edward Darden of the Eastern Regional Office, 202-376-7533 (TTY 202-376-8116). Hearing-impaired persons who plan to attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least seven (7) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, April 20, 2004.

Ivy L. Davis,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Advanced Technology Program Advisory Committee

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of partially closed meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the Advanced Technology Program Advisory Committee, National Institute

of Standards and Technology (NIST), will meet Thursday, May 13, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Advanced Technology Program Advisory Committee is composed of nine members appointed by the Director of NIST; who are eminent in such fields as business, research, new product development, engineering, education, and management consulting. The purpose of this meeting is to review and make recommendations regarding general policy for the Advanced Technology Program (ATP), its organization, its budget, and its programs within the framework of applicable national policies as set forth by the President and the Congress. The agenda will include an update of the Economic Assessment Office—New ATP Research Directions and Results, a Competition Update, a discussion on Assessment of State Technology Programs and an open discussion. A discussion scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. and to end at 3 p.m. on May 13, 2004, on ATP budget issues will be closed. Agenda may change to accommodate Committee business. All visitors to the National Institute of Standards and Technology site will have to pre-register to be admitted. Please submit your name, time of arrival, email address and phone number to Carolyn Peters no later than Friday, May 7, 2004, and she will provide you with instructions for admittance. Ms. Peters's e-mail address is carolyn.peters@nist.gov and her phone number is 301/975-5607.

DATES: The meeting will convene Thursday, May 13, 2004, at 9 a.m. and will adjourn at 3 p.m. on Thursday, May 13, 2004.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Administration Building, Employees' Lounge, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899. Please note admittance instructions under the **SUMMARY** paragraph.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carolyn J. Peters, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-1004, telephone number (301) 975-5607.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on December 24, 2003, that portions of the meeting of the Advanced Technology Program Advisory Committee which involve discussion of proposed funding of the Advanced Technology Program may be closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B), because that portion will divulge matters the premature disclosure of which would be

likely to significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency actions.

Dated: April 20, 2004.

Hratch G. Semerjian,
Acting Director.

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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: Applications for five scientific research permits (1476, 1477, 1478, 1479, 1480).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has received five scientific research permit applications relating to Pacific salmon and steelhead. All of the proposed research is intended to increase knowledge of species listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and to help guide management and conservation efforts.

DATES: Comments or requests for a public hearing on the applications must be received at the appropriate address or fax number (see **ADDRESSES**) no later than 5 p.m. Pacific daylight-saving time on May 26, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the applications should be sent to Protected Resources Division, NMFS, F/NWO3, 525 NE Oregon Street, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97232-2737. Comments may also be sent via fax to 503-230-5435 or by e-mail to resapps1.nwr@noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Garth Griffin, Portland, OR (ph.: 503-231-2005, Fax: 503-230-5435, e-mail: Garth.Griffin@noaa.gov). Permit application instructions are available at <http://www.nwr.noaa.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Species Covered in This Notice

The following listed species and evolutionarily significant units (ESUs) are covered in this notice:

Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*): endangered natural and artificially propagated upper Columbia River (UCR); threatened Snake River (SR) fall; threatened lower Columbia River (LCR).

Steelhead (*O. mykiss*): endangered UCR, threatened LCR.

Chum salmon (*O. keta*): threatened Columbia River (CR).

Authority

Scientific research permits are issued in accordance with Section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et. seq*) and regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR 222-226). NMFS issues permits/modifications based on findings that such permits and modifications: (1) are applied for in good faith; (2) if granted and exercised, would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species that are the subject of the permit; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policy of section 2 of the ESA. The authority to take listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permits.

Anyone 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.

Applications Received

Permit 1476

The University of Washington (UW) is requesting a 5-year research permit to annually capture, handle, and kill juvenile endangered UCR chinook salmon and steelhead in the mainstem upper Columbia River, the Wenatchee River, Nason Creek, and the Chiwiwa Rearing Pond in Washington State. The purpose of the research is to look into the interactions between listed salmonids and avian predators in the Columbia River. The study would benefit the salmon and steelhead by helping managers learn more about where and how often the birds are killing listed juvenile outmigrants in the Columbia River an interaction that is thought to be a potentially significant source of mortality. Managers would then use that information to determine if predator control is needed or could be effective in helping recover the listed salmonids. The UW proposes to (a) collect live fish from hatchery releases, (b) collect already dead fish at juvenile bypass facilities, and (c) use beach seines, boat electrofishing, and minnow traps to capture other fish in the mainstem Columbia River. The fish captured in the mainstem would immediately be released. The fish collected from the hatchery releases would be intentionally killed to develop a collection of reference samples and to

determine the amount of nutrients in their bodies.

Permit 1477

The Idaho Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit (ICFWRU) is requesting a 5-year research permit to annually capture, tag, and release adult threatened LCR chinook salmon and SR fall chinook salmon in the Columbia River estuary. The purpose of the research is to gain a better understanding of what habitat types the fish use as they prepare to re-enter the Columbia River for their upstream migration. The research will benefit the fish by helping managers understand more about this relatively unknown stage in the fishes' life cycle and thereby better manage the resources upon which they depend. It will also help managers understand more about what negative anthropogenic impacts are occurring in the estuary and, it is to be hoped, thereby mitigate their effects. The ICFWRU proposes to capture using hook-and-line angling equipment a small number of adult fish. These fish will be anesthetized, fitted with radio telemetry tags (and passive integrated transponder tags (PIT-tags) if the fish does not already have one), allowed to recover, and released. They will then be tracked with radio equipment to determine where they go in the estuary. The ICFWRU does not expect to kill any of the fish being captured.

Permit 1478

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) is requesting a 5-year research permit to annually handle juvenile threatened LCR chinook salmon, LCR steelhead, and CR chum salmon in selected streams in southwestern Washington. The purpose of the research is to assess the effects of land use on urban streams, and determine how they compare with other streams in the basin and with streams nationwide. The study could potentially benefit listed species by helping society manage streams affected by urban land use and possibly by focusing stream rehabilitation on areas used by salmon and steelhead. The USGS proposes to capture the fish (using backpack electrofishing), anesthetize them, measure them, allow to them recover, and release them. The USGS does not intend to kill any of the fish being captured, but a small percentage may die as an unintended result of the research activities.

Permit 1479

The USGS is requesting a 5-year research permit to annually handle juvenile threatened LCR chinook salmon and adult and juvenile