

ADDRESSES: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for locations of listening stations.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 North U.S. Highway 301, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard L. Leard, Deputy Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Persons wishing to listen to the call may do so at the following locations:

1. NMFS Panama City Laboratory, 3500 Delwood Beach Road, Panama City, FL, Contact: Gary Fitzhugh at 850-234-6541, extension 214.

2. NMFS Southeast Regional Office, 9721 North Executive Center Drive, St. Petersburg, FL, Contact: Peter Hood at 727-570-5728.

3. NMFS Pascagoula Laboratory, 3209 Frederic Street, Pascagoula, MS, Contact: Cheryl Hinkel at 228-762-4591.

4. NMFS Galveston Laboratory, 4700 Avenue U, Galveston, TX, Contact: Rhonda O'Toole at 409-766-3500.

The Council will convene its SSCs to review public hearing drafts of Amendment 15 to the Coastal Migratory Pelagics Fishery Management Plan (FMP) and Amendment 24 to the Reef Fish FMP. Each of these amendments contain alternatives to allow the existing commercial permit moratoria to expire, extend the moratoria for 5 or 10 years, or replace the moratoria with permanent limited access systems that would, in essence, maintain the cap on the number of permits indefinitely, or until replaced or eliminated by additional actions by the Council.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agendas may be discussed by the SSCs, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Actions of the SSCs will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agendas and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Dawn Aring at the Council office by September 24, 2004.

Dated: October 8, 2004.

Alan D. Risenhoover,
Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 100704B]

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a 2-day public meeting of its Joint Scallop Plan Development Team (PDT) and Advisory Panel in October, 2004. Recommendations from the panels will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, October 28, 2004 at 9 a.m. and Friday, October 29, 2004 at 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Express, 110 Middle Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719; telephone: (508) 997-1281.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In preparation for the development of a Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) Report for 2005, a Joint PDT and Advisory Panel meeting will conduct initial discussions to focus on identification of: problems and issues that the SAFE Report should analyze; SAFE Report document structure and organization; data and analytic requirements; timing when data become available for analysis and how various analyses interrelate; delegation and responsibility for conducting analyses and preparing written reports; other issues related to the 2005 SAFE Report, as needed.

The SAFE Report will be used as a baseline in Framework Adjustment 18 for measures to be implemented in the 2006 fishing year.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come

before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting dates.

Dated: October 8, 2004.

Alan D. Risenhoover,
Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 100104F]

Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish

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

ACTION: Application for scientific research permit 1499.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has received a scientific research permit application relating to Pacific salmon. 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 application must be received at the appropriate address or fax number (see **ADDRESSES**) no later than 5 p.m. Pacific daylight-saving time on November 15, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the application 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 resapps.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 (evolutionarily significant unit) is covered in this notice:

Chinook salmon (*O. tshawytscha*): threatened naturally produced and artificially propagated Puget Sound (PS).

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 Parts 222–226). NMFS issues permits based on findings that such permits: (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.

Application Received

Permit 1499

The Battelle Marine Sciences Laboratory (BMSL) is requesting a 1-year research permit to annually capture, handle, and release adult and juvenile PS chinook salmon. The research would take place in Puget Sound, Washington. The purpose of the research is to develop a more comprehensive understanding of salmon behavior and movement near large overwater structures. The BMSL intends to determine juvenile fish movement, residence time, activity pattern, and migration routes along unshaded shoreline and adjacent to and under ferry structures. The research would benefit the fish by determining fish behavior near ferry terminals and providing information to be used in reducing the impact the structures have on listed fish. The BMSL proposes to capture the fish using enclosure nets. Most of the captured fish would be anesthetized, identified, counted, checked for tags and marks, allowed to

recover, and released. A portion of the juvenile salmonids would be measured, implanted with acoustic tags, released, and tracked remotely. The BMSL does not intend to kill any of the fish being captured, but a small percentage may die as an unintended result of the activities.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the ESA. NMFS will evaluate the application, associated documents, and comments submitted to determine whether the application meets 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: October 8, 2004.

Marta Nammack,

Acting Division 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. 100104G]

Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish

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

ACTION: Issuance of 21 scientific research permits and permit modifications.

SUMMARY: Between June 2, 2004 and July 30, 2004, NMFS' Northwest Region issued 21 permits and permit modifications allowing endangered and threatened species of Pacific salmon and steelhead to be taken for scientific research purposes under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973. The research actions and the species they affect are listed in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

ADDRESSES: The permits, permit applications, and related documents are available for review during business hours by appointment at NMFS' Protected Resources Division, F/NWO3, 525 NE Oregon Street, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97232-2737 (ph: 503-230-5400, fax: 503-230-5435).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Garth Griffin, Portland, OR (phone: 503-

231-2005, fax: 503-230-5435, e-mail: *Garth.Griffin@noaa.gov*).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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 Parts 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 policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA. Authority to take listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permits.

Species Covered in this Notice

The listed species/evolutionarily significant units (ESUs) covered by this notice are listed below and identified in the subsequent table by the numbers (in parentheses) that precede them.

- (1) Threatened Puget Sound chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*)
- (2) Threatened Lower Columbia River (LCR) chinook salmon (*O. tshawytscha*)
- (3) Threatened Snake River (SR) spring/summer chinook salmon (*O. tshawytscha*)
- (4) Threatened SR fall chinook salmon (*O. tshawytscha*)
- (5) Endangered Upper Columbia River (UCR) spring-run chinook salmon (*O. tshawytscha*)
- (6) Threatened Upper Willamette River (UWR) chinook salmon (*O. tshawytscha*)
- (7) Threatened Hood Canal summer-run chum salmon (*O. keta*)
- (8) Threatened Columbia River chum salmon (*O. keta*)
- (9) Threatened LCR steelhead (*O. mykiss*) (*O. keta*)
- (10) Threatened Middle Columbia River steelhead (*O. keta*)
- (11) Threatened SR steelhead (*O. keta*)
- (12) Endangered UCR steelhead (*O. keta*)
- (13) Threatened Upper Willamette (UWR) Steelhead (*O. keta*)
- (14) Threatened Southern Oregon/Northern California Coasts coho salmon (*O. kisutch*)
- (15) Threatened (at the time of issuance) Oregon Coast coho salmon (*O. kisutch*)
- (16) Endangered SR sockeye salmon (*O. nerka*)