

1548) 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 applications must be received at the appropriate address or fax number (see **ADDRESSES**) no later than 5 p.m. Pacific daylight-saving time on September 22, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and public hearing requests on the applications should be mailed to Protected Resources Division, NMFS, 1201 NE Lloyd Blvd., Suite 1100, Portland, OR 97232-1274; or faxed to 503-230-5441; or e-mailed to resapps.nwr@NOAA.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Garth Griffin, Portland, OR (ph.: 503-231-2005, fax: 503-230-5441, 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 units) are covered in this notice:

1. Snake River (SR) fall chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*);
2. SR spring/summer (spr/sum) chinook salmon (*O. tshawytscha*);
3. Upper Columbia River (UCR) spring chinook salmon (*O. tshawytscha*);
4. UCR steelhead (*O. mykiss*); and
5. Middle Columbia River (MCR) steelhead (*O. mykiss*).

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 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**). Such hearings are held at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NMFS.

Applications Received

Permit 1533

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is requesting a five-year permit to take adult and juvenile SR spr/sum and fall chinook salmon during the course of two studies in the lower Snake River. The first study would determine steelhead, bull trout, and spring chinook stock status (i.e., distribution, relative abundance, and genetic characterization) in mainstem areas and tributaries of the Grande Ronde and Snake Rivers in Asotin, Garfield, Whitman, and Columbia Counties in Washington State. The second study would take place in Asotin Creek, Washington, and would focus on monitoring the population status of summer steelhead and spring and fall chinook salmon in Asotin Creek above George Creek. It would also focus on the productivity of the natural populations in the absence of direct hatchery influences (i.e., out-plants or supplementation). The studies would benefit the fish by collecting baseline data that would be used to improve planning and future management decisions.

The WDFW intends to capture the fish using smolt traps, hook-and-line fishing equipment, backpack electrofishers and, possibly, dip nets. The fish would be variously captured, handled, measured, tissue-sampled, and released. Some of the captured juveniles would receive passive integrated transponder (PIT) tags, and a few captured adults would receive a combination of floy- and PIT-tags. In some cases, tissue samples would be taken from already dead fish. Moreover, rescue and salvage operations would be conducted whenever needed. The WDFW does not intend to kill any of the fish being captured, but some may die as an unintended result of the research.

Permit 1548

The Yakima Training Center (YTC) is seeking a five-year permit to take juvenile UCR spring chinook salmon, juvenile UCR steelhead, and juvenile MCR steelhead during the course of several surveys on YTC land in southwestern Washington State. The research is designed to determine fish abundance and distribution on the YTC lands as well as describe habitat conditions throughout the 500-square mile reservation. The fish would benefit from the research because it would allow YTC staff to take them fully into account and thereby protect them during all future land management planning. It would also give regional fish managers important data on fish

presence that have not previously been available.

The YTC researchers intend to capture the fish using backpack electrofishing gear, seines, and minnow traps. Once captured, the fish would be measured, allowed to recover, and released. Some of the steelhead may have scale samples taken. The YTC does not intend to kill any of the fish being taken, but some 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: August 18, 2005.

P. Michael Payne,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Jacob K. Javits Gifted and Talented Program—National Research and Development Center

AGENCY: Institute of Education Sciences (IES), Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of extension of project period and waiver.

SUMMARY: The Director waives the requirements in Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR), in 34 CFR 75.250 and 75.261(c)(2), respectively, that generally prohibit project periods exceeding five years and project period extensions involving the obligation of additional Federal funds. This extension of project period and waiver will enable the current Jacob K. Javits Gifted and Talented Program—National Research and Development Center (Center) to be funded for an additional 12-month Federal funding period from October 1, 2005, until September 30, 2006, a period exceeding the original project period of five years. This extension will avoid any lapse in research and related activities conducted by the Center while IES is conducting a competition for a new award under this program during fiscal year 2006.

DATES: This notice is effective August 23, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Payer, Institute of Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education, 555 New Jersey Avenue, NW., room 602C, Washington, DC 20208. Telephone: (202) 219-1310 or via Internet: elizabeth.payer@ed.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 13, 2000, we published a notice in the *Federal Register* (65 FR 37229) inviting applications for one award under the Jacob K. Javits Gifted and Talented Education Program—National Research and Development Center. The purpose of this program is to support a national research and development center to conduct research on methods and techniques for identifying and teaching gifted and talented students and for using gifted and talented programs and methods to serve all students. The authorizing statute for the Jacob K. Javits Gifted and Talented Education Program does not specify a project period for this program. See the Jacob K. Javits Gifted and Talented Students Education Act of 1994, 20 U.S.C. 8034 (2000) and the Jacob K. Javits Gifted and Talented Students Education Act of 2001, 20 U.S.C. 7253 (2000 Supplement 1).

The notice inviting applications, consistent with 34 CFR 75.250, established a project period of five years. The project period for the Center, as established in its initial grant award, is from October 1, 2000 until September 30, 2005.

Under section 191 of the Education Sciences Reform Act, 20 U.S.C. 9581, IES is not subject to section 437(d) of the General Education Provisions Act, 20 U.S.C. 1232(d), and, for that reason, can waive 34 CFR 75.250 and 75.261(c)(2) without providing notice and an opportunity for public comment. Accordingly, IES waives the requirements in 34 CFR 75.250 and 75.261(c)(2), which prohibit project periods exceeding five years and extensions of project periods that involve the obligation of additional Federal funds. The waiver of these provisions will allow IES to fund the current Center for an additional budget period of 12 months, from October 1, 2005 until September 30, 2006. This action is being taken in order to avoid

any lapse in research and related activities carried out by the Center while IES is conducting a competition for a new award under this program during fiscal year 2006.

Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

The Secretary certifies that the final extension of the project period and waiver would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The only entity that would be affected is the current Center.

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

This final extension of project period and waiver does not contain any information collection requirements.

Intergovernmental Review

This program is not subject to the requirements of Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR part 79.

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Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7253c(d).

Dated: August 18, 2005.

Grover J. Whitehurst,

Director, Institute of Education Sciences.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Environmental Management

Notice of Preferred Sodium Bearing Waste Treatment Technology

AGENCY: Office of Environmental Management, U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Extension of time for comments.

SUMMARY: In response to a public request, the Department of Energy (DOE) announces an extension of time to submit comments on the preferred technology announced August 3, 2005 in the *Federal Register* Notice of Preferred Sodium Bearing Waste Treatment Technology (70 FR 44598) to September 21, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the preferred technology may be submitted to Richard Kimmel, Document Manager, U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office, 1955 North Fremont, MS-1222, Idaho Falls, Idaho, 83415 or via e-mail at Richard.Kimmel@nuclear.energy.gov.

DOE will consider any comments transmitted or postmarked by September 21, 2005 before issuing a Record of Decision on the Idaho High-Level Waste and Facilities Disposition Environmental Impact Statement. Comments submitted after this date will be considered to the extent practicable.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for further information on the preferred technology should be addressed to: Richard Kimmel, Document Manager, U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office, 1955 North Fremont, MS-1222, Idaho Falls, Idaho, 83415, Telephone (208) 526-5583, or via email at Richard.Kimmel@nuclear.energy.gov.

For further information on DOE's National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, please contact: Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance (EH-42), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, Telephone: (202) 586-4600, or leave a message at (800) 472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On August 3, 2005, the DOE published a Notice of Preferred Sodium Bearing Waste Treatment Technology (70 FR 44598) which announced that comments on the preferred treatment technology should be submitted no later than 30-days from the date of publication of the notice. DOE is extending the time allowed for submittal of comments to September 21, 2005.

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Steven Frank,

Office of Environmental Management, NEPA Compliance Office.

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