

Chinook and extend the research period through 2009. Information gathered by this study will be used to help develop the Henry M. Jackson Hydroelectric Project management plan. The study will help resource managers design water management strategies and habitat protection and restoration projects for salmonids. The researchers propose to conduct snorkeling and electrofishing surveys for juvenile salmonids. Supplemental sampling may also be conducted using minnow traps. Fish will be captured, anesthetized, measured, checked for hatchery marks, allowed to recover, and released. The researchers do not intend to kill any listed fish but a small number may die as an unintended result of the activities.

#### Permit 13434

The Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE) is requesting a two-year research permit to take juvenile and adult UCR spring-run Chinook salmon, UCR steelhead, SR spring/summer Chinook salmon, SR fall Chinook salmon, SR sockeye salmon, MCR steelhead, LCR Chinook salmon, LCR coho salmon, LCR steelhead, CR chum salmon, PS Chinook salmon, PS steelhead, and HCS chum salmon. The DOE would conduct surveys for the Environmental Protection Agency's National Rivers and Streams Assessment project. The purpose of the research is to assess the condition of Washington's rivers and streams and establish a baseline description for future comparisons. The information gathered by this research would benefit listed salmonids by helping resource managers evaluate water quality conditions and ecological health of habitats occupied by listed salmonids. The applicant proposes to capture fish with backpack and boat electrofishing equipment in randomly selected streams throughout Washington. Listed fish would be enumerated and immediately released. The applicant does not intend to kill any listed fish species, but a small number 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 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: August 12, 2008.

**Angela Somma,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice; public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Scallop Committee in September, 2008 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

**DATES:** This meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 10, 2008, at 9 a.m. and Thursday, September 11, 2008, at 8:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Meeting address:* This meeting will be held at the Hotel Providence, 311 Westminster Street, Providence, RI 02903; telephone: (401) 861-8000; fax: (401) 861-8002.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The committee will review Section 7 Endangered Species Act Consultation for the Scallop FMP (Biological Opinion) and develop potential management measures to comply with findings of biological opinion. The committee will also review input from Scallop Advisory Panel on development of Amendment 15 alternatives to date and discuss additional measures for

consideration in Amendment 15. The primary management topics include: implementation of annual catch limits (ACLs); measures to rationalize the limited access scallop fishery; revision of the overfishing definition; modifications to specific aspects of the general category limited entry program implemented by Amendment 11; measures to address EFH closed areas in the Scallop FMP if the EFH Omnibus Amendment is delayed; alternatives to improve the research set-aside program; and modifying the start date of the scallop fishing year. The committee may discuss other topics at their discretion.

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, Executive Director, at 978-465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: August 12, 2008.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal Nos. 08-60]

#### 36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense, Defense Security Cooperation Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Defense is publishing the unclassified text of a section 36(b)(1) arms sales notification. This is published to fulfill the requirements of section 155 of Public Law 104-164 dated 21 July 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. B. English, DSCA/DBO/CFM, (703) 601-3740.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittals 08-60 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: August 5, 2008.

**Patricia L. Toppings,**

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