

DATES: Permit 13537 was issued on September 23, 2008, subject to certain conditions set forth therein. The permit expires on December 31, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the decision documents or any of the other associated documents should be directed to the Salmon Recovery Division, NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service, 1201 N.E. Lloyd Blvd., Suite 1100, Portland, OR 97232. The documents are also available on the Internet at www.nwr.noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rich Turner, Portland, OR, at phone number: (503) 736-4737, e-mail: rich.turner@noaa.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is relevant to the following species and evolutionarily significant units (ESUs):

Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*): threatened Lower Columbia River

Coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*): threatened Lower Columbia River

Chum salmon (*Oncorhynchus keta*): threatened Columbia River.

Dated: October 14, 2008.

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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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Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish

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

ACTION: Notice, issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD), 1 Winemasters Way, Lodi, CA 95240, has been issued a permit to take Central Valley, California steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) for purposes of scientific research.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s): Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 713-2289; fax (301) 427-2521; and

NMFS, Protected Resources Division, 650 Capitol Mall, Suite 8-300, Sacramento, CA 95814-4706; phone (916) 930-3600; fax (916) 930-3629.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shirley Witalis, phone (916) 930-3606.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 27, 2008, notice was published in the *Federal Register* (73 FR 36494), that a request for a scientific research permit to take Central Valley steelhead had been submitted by the above-named organization. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226). Researchers will annually capture, tag, and release adult and juvenile Central Valley steelhead in the Lower Mokelumne River through various sampling methods described in the permit application (e.g., trapping, seining, electrofishing, etc.). The purpose of the study is to conduct monitoring and research of anadromous and resident fishes to measure the success of the Lower Mokelumne River Restoration Program and to determine if the modifications of the Lower Mokelumne River Project are appropriate for conserving fish and wildlife resources in the Lower Mokelumne River. This permit also authorizes EBMUD lethal take of wild and hatchery adult and juvenile Central Valley steelhead in the Lower Mokelumne River for purposes of otolith extraction and analysis, to measure the expression of resident life history among natural and hatchery (*O. mykiss*) and assist the development of the Mokelumne River Hatchery steelhead Hatchery and Genetic Management Plan. The permit is issued for 5 years.

Issuance of this permit, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permit (1) was applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of any endangered or threatened species, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: October 14, 2008.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Federal Consistency Appeal by the Northeast Massachusetts Mosquito Control and Wetlands Management District

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of appeal.

SUMMARY: This announcement provides notice that the Northeast Massachusetts Mosquito Control and Wetlands Management District (the District) has filed an administrative appeal with the U.S. Department of Commerce (the Department), asking that the Department override an objection by the Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management (Massachusetts). Massachusetts objects to the District's proposed Open Marsh Water Management (OMWM) program.

ADDRESSES: Materials from the appeal record will be available at the NOAA Office of General Counsel for Ocean Services, 1305 East-West Highway, SSMC4, Room 6111, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, and on the following Web site: <http://www.ogc.doc.gov/czma.htm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jamon Bollock, Attorney-Advisor, NOAA Office of General Counsel for Ocean Services, at (301) 713-7393 or gcos.inquiries@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Notice of Appeal

On September 17, 2008, the District filed a notice of appeal with the Department, pursuant to the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (CZMA), 16 U.S.C. 1451 *et seq.*, and implementing regulations found at 15 CFR Part 930, Subpart H. The District appealed an objection by Massachusetts to the District's proposed OMWM program, which is a mosquito abatement practice that involves increasing access of predacious fish to mosquito breeding habitat by converting vegetated salt marsh areas into larger, deeper pools of standing water connected through a network of ditches.

Under the CZMA, the Department may override Massachusetts's objection on grounds that the project is consistent with the objectives or purposes of the CZMA or otherwise necessary in the interest of national security. To make the determination that the proposed activity is "consistent with the objectives or purposes of the CZMA,"