

10(a)(1)(A) permit for the direct take of ESA listed upper Columbia River spring Chinook salmon from the White River in order to carry out an artificial propagation (hatchery) program to enhance the species. The purpose of this program is to mitigate for un-avoidable mortality of spring Chinook salmon at Priest Rapids and Wanapum Dams as well as to conserve, and ultimately restore the naturally spawning White River spring Chinook salmon spawning aggregate, which is part of the Wenatchee population within the Upper Columbia River basin.

Authority

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the ESA. NMFS will evaluate each application, associated documents, and comments submitted thereon to determine whether the applications meets the requirements of section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA. If it is determined that the requirements are met, permits will be issued to the Chelan and Grant PUDs with the WDFW as co-permit holder for the purpose of carrying out the enhancement program. NMFS will publish a record of its final action in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: March 18, 2010.

Angela Somma,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XV35

Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish

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

ACTION: Receipt of applications for scientific research permits; request for comments.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has received applications for permits for scientific research from National Resource Scientists, Inc. (NRSI) in Red Bluff, CA (14685, 14688), and California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG), North Central Region 2, in Rancho Cordova, CA (14808). This notice is relevant to federally endangered Sacramento River winter-run Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*), threatened Central Valley

spring-run Chinook salmon (*O. tshawytscha*), threatened Central Valley steelhead (*O. mykiss*), and threatened Southern Distinct Population Segment of North American green sturgeon (*Acipenser medirostris*). This document serves to notify the public of the availability of the permit applications for review and comment.

DATES: Written comments on the permit applications must be received no later than 5 p.m. Pacific Standard Time on April 23, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the permit applications should be sent to the appropriate office as indicated below. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to: FRNpermitsSAC@noaa.gov or fax to the number indicated for the request. The applications and related documents are available for review by appointment: Protected Resources Division, NMFS, 650 Capitol Mall, Suite 8-300, Sacramento, CA 95814 (ph: 916-930-3600, fax: 916-930-3629).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Shirley Witalis at phone number 916-930-3606, or e-mail: FRNpermitsSAC@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority

Issuance of permits and permit modifications, as required by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 1543) (ESA), is based on a finding that such permits/modifications: (1) are applied for in good faith; (2) would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species which are the subject of the permits; 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. Permits and modifications are issued in accordance with and are subject to the ESA and NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 222-226).

Those individuals 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. All statements and opinions contained in the permit action summaries are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Species Covered in This Notice

This notice is relevant to federally-listed endangered Sacramento River winter-run Chinook salmon

(*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*), threatened Central Valley spring-run Chinook salmon (*O. tshawytscha*) ESU, threatened Central Valley steelhead (*O. mykiss*), threatened Central California Coast steelhead (*O. mykiss*), and threatened Southern Distinct Population of North American green sturgeon (*Acipenser medirostris*).

Applications Received

NRSI requests a 5-year permit (14685) for an estimated annual take of 20 adult and 100 juvenile Central Valley steelhead associated with the Merced River salmonid monitoring program. The program researches anadromous salmonid spawning and rearing habitats, migration timing of adult Chinook salmon, and juvenile Chinook salmon outmigration and survival in the lower Merced River. NRSI proposes to monitor fish by conducting snorkel surveys, and employing Didson sonar cameras into fish weirs. NRSI proposes to capture fish by rotary screw trap and beach seine, anesthetize and sample fish for species identification, tags, marks and fin clips, lengths and weights, and release back to the river. NRSI requests authorization for an estimated total take of 100 adults and 500 juveniles (with an estimated total of 10 percent non-intentional mortality). NRSI does not propose to kill any fish being captured but some trapped fish may die as an unintentional result of research activities. No mortality is anticipated with passive monitoring.

NRSI requests a 2-year permit (14688) for an estimated annual take of 943 juvenile Sacramento River winter-run Chinook salmon, 97 Central Valley spring-run Chinook salmon, 56 Central Valley steelhead, and 125 Southern Distinct Population Segment of North American green sturgeon at five irrigation diversion sites (river miles [RMs] 88.2, 90.1, 102.5, 103.3, and 114.3) off the Sacramento River, CA. This research is part of an on-going investigation for developing prioritization criteria for fish screening projects, and will correlate fish entrainment with the physical, hydraulic, and habitat variables at each diversion site. NRSI proposes to use fyke nets to capture fish already entrained in diversion canals. Fish will be captured on the outfall side of pumped diversions and are expected to have been mortally injured by pressurized pipes and warm water, or lost to the water distribution systems. Dead and moribund fish will be identified to species/race, enumerated, measured, and placed back into the canals; any captured live fish will be immediately returned to the riverside of

the diversion site. Daily sampling at each diversion site will be performed from April 1 through December 31, in 2010, and April 1 through December 31, 2011. NRS requests authorization for an estimated total take of 1,886 juvenile Sacramento River winter-run Chinook salmon, 194 juvenile Central Valley spring-run Chinook salmon, and 112 juvenile Central Valley steelhead and 250 juvenile North American green sturgeon.

CDFG requests a 5-year permit (14808) for an estimated annual take of 200 natural and 50 hatchery juvenile Sacramento River winter-run Chinook salmon, 700 natural juvenile Central Valley spring-run Chinook salmon and 28 natural and 112 hatchery juvenile Central Valley steelhead, associated with monitoring and research activities at Knights Landing (RM 88.5) on the mainstem Sacramento River, Central Valley, CA. The project will provide annual estimates of species abundance and migration run-timing to best address critical water management affecting salmonid out-migration routes. CDFG proposes to collect juvenile fish by paired rotary screw traps fishing continuously 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, from October 1 through June 30. Fish will be sampled for identification to species and life stage, counted, measured and weighed. All steelhead and non-adipose fin-clipped Chinook salmon will be released back into the river. Chinook salmon having an adipose fin-clip will be sacrificed for coded-wire tag collection. Collected data will be summarized to provide seasonal run-timing, abundance, and size distribution of salmonids in the Sacramento River before they enter the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. CDFG requests authorization for an estimated total take of 1,000 natural and 250 hatchery winter-run Chinook salmon juveniles, 3,500 natural spring-run Chinook salmon juveniles, and 140 natural and 560 hatchery Central Valley steelhead juveniles.

Dated: March 18, 2010.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

U.S. Travel And Tourism Advisory Board: Meeting of the U.S. Travel and Tourism Advisory Board

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of an open meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Travel and Tourism Advisory Board (Board) will hold a meeting to discuss topics related to the travel and tourism industry.

DATES: April 8, 2010 at 1 p.m. (ET).

ADDRESSES: Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 4830, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: J. Marc Chittum, U.S. Travel and Tourism Advisory Board, Room 4043, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230, *telephone:* 202-482-4501, *e-mail:* Marc.Chittum@trade.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The Board was re-chartered on September 3, 2009, to advise the Secretary of Commerce on matters relating to the travel and tourism industry.

Topics to be considered: The agenda for the April 8, 2010, meeting is as follows:

1. Welcome & introduction of new members.
2. Discussion of topics related to the travel and tourism industry.

Public Participation: The meeting will be open to the public and the room is disabled-accessible. Public seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Members of the public wishing to attend the meeting must notify J. Marc Chittum at the contact information above by 5 p.m. Eastern Time on April 5, 2010, in order to pre-register for clearance into the building. Please specify any requests for reasonable accommodation at least five business days in advance of the meeting. Last minute requests will be accepted, but may be impossible to fill.

No time will be available for oral comments from members of the public attending the meeting. Any member of the public may submit pertinent written comments concerning the Board's affairs at any time before and after the meeting. Comments may be submitted to J. Marc Chittum, Executive Secretary, at the contact information indicated above. To be considered during the meeting, comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. Eastern Time on April 5, 2010, to ensure transmission to the Board prior to the meeting. Comments

received after that date will be distributed to the members but may not be considered at the meeting.

Copies of Board meeting minutes will be available within 90 days of the meeting.

Dated: March 18, 2010.

J. Marc Chittum,

Executive Secretary, U.S. Travel and Tourism Advisory Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund

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

ACTION: Notice of funding availability.

SUMMARY: NOAA announces the availability of Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Funding (PCSRF), as authorized in the Northern Boundary and Transboundary Rivers Restoration and Enhancement Fund and Southern Boundary Restoration and Enhancement Fund, to support the restoration and conservation of Pacific salmon and steelhead populations and their habitat. The program makes funding available to the States of Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, California and Nevada and Federally-recognized tribes of the Columbia River and Pacific Coast for projects necessary for conservation of salmon and steelhead populations that are listed as threatened or endangered, or identified by a State as at-risk or to be so-listed; for maintaining populations necessary for exercise of tribal treaty fishing rights or native subsistence fishing; or for conservation of Pacific coastal salmon and steelhead habitat. This announcement outlines the guidelines that will be used to distribute funding to eligible entities.

DATES: Pre-Applications are not mandatory, but highly encouraged. They must be received no later than April 23, 2010 if the applicant expects to receive any feedback from NMFS on completeness of package and initial determination of compliance with minimum requirements. Final Applications should be submitted via www.grants.gov and must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. PST on May 10, 2010. No facsimile or electronic mail applications will be accepted. Paper