

on residential, agricultural, process and nonfuel users of propane. This notice of inquiry is part of an effort to collect information to fulfill requirements under the Propane Education and Research Act of 1996 that established PERC and requires the Secretary of Commerce to assess the impact of PERC's activities on propane consumers.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be submitted on or before April 21, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

*E-mail:* [David.Kincaid@trade.gov](mailto:David.Kincaid@trade.gov).

Include the phrase "Propane Price Impacts on Consumers" in the subject line;

*Fax:* (202) 482-5665 (Attn: David Kincaid);

*Mail or Hand Delivery/Courier:* David Kincaid, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street & Constitution Ave., NW., Suite 4053, Washington, DC 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions on the submission of comments or to request copies of submitted comments, contact David Kincaid by telephone at 202-482-1706, or e-mail at [David.Kincaid@trade.gov](mailto:David.Kincaid@trade.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Propane Education and Research Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-284) established the Propane Education and Research Council to enhance consumer and employee safety and training, to provide for research and development of clean and efficient propane utilization equipment, and to inform and educate the public about safety and other issues associated with the use of propane.

Section 12 of the Act requires the Secretary of Commerce to prepare and submit to Congress and the Secretary of Energy a report examining whether operation of the Council, in conjunction with the cumulative effects of market changes and Federal programs, has had an effect on propane consumers, including residential, agriculture, process, and nonfuel users of propane. The Secretary of Commerce shall consider and, to the extent practicable, shall include in the report submissions by propane consumers, and shall consider whether: (1) There have been long-term and short-term effects on propane prices as a result of the Council's activities and Federal programs; and (2) whether there have been changes in the proportion of propane demand attributable to various market segments. If the report demonstrates that there has been an adverse effect related to the Council's activities, the Secretary of Commerce shall make recommendations for correcting the situation.

In order to assist in the preparation of this study, the Department is seeking public comment on the effect of PERC's operation, market changes and Federal programs on propane consumers. For information on the operation and programs of PERC, you may visit PERC's Web site at <http://www.propanecouncil.org> or call PERC at (202) 452-8975.

The Department encourages interested persons who wish to comment to do so at the earliest possible time. The period for submission of comments will close on April 21, 2010. The Department will consider all comments received before the close of the comment period. Comments received after the end of the comment period will be considered, if possible, but their consideration cannot be assured. The Department will not accept comments accompanied by a request that a part or all of the material be treated confidentially because of its business proprietary nature or for any other reason. The Department will return such comments and materials to the persons submitting the comments and will not consider them. All comments submitted in response to this notice will be a matter of public record and will be available for public inspection and copying. All comments must be submitted to the Department through one of the methods listed under **ADDRESSES**.

The office does not maintain a separate public inspection facility. If you would like to view any comments received in response to this solicitation, please contact the individual listed in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**Henry P. Misisco,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Manufacturing, Acting.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XV38**

#### Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish

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

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt and request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that NMFS has received application from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game

(IDFG) for a modification to an existing incidental take permit pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA). The proposed modification is to extend the existing permit for one year. This document serves to notify the public of the availability for comment of the permit application. All comments received will become part of the public record and will be available for review pursuant to the ESA.

**DATES:** Comments must be received at the appropriate address or fax number (see **ADDRESSES**) no later than 5 p.m. Pacific time on April 23, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on the application should be sent to Brett Farman, National Marine Fisheries Services, Salmon Recovery Division, 1201 N.E. Lloyd Boulevard, Suite 1100, Portland, OR 97232. Comments may also be submitted by e-mail to: [IdahoFisheries.nwr@noaa.gov](mailto:IdahoFisheries.nwr@noaa.gov). Include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following identifier: Comments on IDFG's fishery modification. Comments may also be sent via facsimile (fax) to (503) 872-2737. Requests for copies of the permit applications should be directed to the National Marine Fisheries Services, Salmon Recovery Division, 1201 NE Lloyd Boulevard, Suite 1100, Portland, OR 97232. The documents are also available on the Internet at [www.nwr.noaa.gov](http://www.nwr.noaa.gov). Comments received will also be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours by calling (503) 230-5409.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brett Farman at (503) 231-6222 or e-mail: [brett.farman@noaa.gov](mailto:brett.farman@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is relevant to the following species and evolutionarily significant units (ESUs) or distinct population segments (DPSs):

Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*): threatened, Snake River spring/summer-run, and threatened, Snake River fall-run.

Sockeye salmon (*O. nerka*): endangered, Snake River.

Steelhead (*O. mykiss*): threatened, Snake River Basin.

#### Background

Section 9 of the ESA and Federal regulations prohibit the "taking" of a species listed as endangered or threatened. The term "take" is defined under the ESA to mean harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct. NMFS may issue permits, under limited

circumstances, to take listed species if such taking is incidental to, and not the purpose of, the carrying out of an otherwise lawful activity, under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA. NMFS regulations governing permits for threatened and endangered species are promulgated at 50 CFR 222.307.

In an application package received on December 31, 2009, the IDFG submitted an application to NMFS for a modification to existing ESA section 10(a)(1)(B) permit 1481. The modification would extend the duration of permit 1481 by one year, until May 31, 2011. The purpose of the extension is to provide authorization for recreational fisheries in Idaho affecting ESA-listed anadromous salmon and steelhead, while a coordinated harvest management framework process is developed by co-managers in the basin. Other than the extended duration, fisheries would be implemented under the proposed extension consistent with the current permit.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the ESA. NMFS will evaluate each application package, associated documents, and comments submitted thereon to determine whether the applications meets the requirements of section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA. If it is determined that the requirements are met, permit 1481 will be extended for one year, and the modified permit will be issued to the IDFG. NMFS will publish a record of its final action in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: March 18, 2010.

**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

RIN 0648-XV39

#### Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish

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

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt and request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that NMFS has received four applications for direct take permits, in the form of Hatchery and Genetic Management Plans (HGMPs) pursuant to the

Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA); two applications from the Public Utility District No. 1 (PUD) of Chelan County and two from the Public Utility District No. 2 (PUD) of Grant County. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is identified as a co-permit applicant in each of these HGMPs. The duration of each of the proposed Permits is ten (10) years. This document serves to notify the public of the availability for comment of the permit applications. All comments received will become part of the public record and will be available for review pursuant to section 10(c) of the ESA.

**DATES:** Comments must be received at the appropriate address or fax number (see **ADDRESSES**) no later than 5:00 p.m. Pacific time on April 23, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on the application should be sent to Kristine Petersen, National Marine Fisheries Services, Salmon Recovery Division, 1201 N.E. Lloyd Boulevard, Suite 1100, Portland, OR 97232. Comments may also be submitted by e-mail to: [WenatcheeHGMPs.nwr@noaa.gov](mailto:WenatcheeHGMPs.nwr@noaa.gov). Include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following identifier: Comments on Wenatchee HGMPs. Comments may also be sent via facsimile (fax) to (503) 872-2737. Requests for copies of the permit applications should be directed to the National Marine Fisheries Services, Salmon Recovery Division, 1201 N.E. Lloyd Boulevard, Suite 1100, Portland, OR 97232. The documents are also available on the Internet at <http://www.nwr.noaa.gov>. Comments received will also be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours by calling (503) 230-5409.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kristine Petersen at (503) 230-5409 or e-mail: [kristine.petersen@noaa.gov](mailto:kristine.petersen@noaa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Species Covered in This Notice

Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*): endangered, naturally produced and artificially propagated Upper Columbia River spring-run.

Steelhead (*O. mykiss*): threatened, naturally produced and artificially propagated Upper Columbia River.

##### Background

Section 9 of the ESA and Federal regulations prohibit the "taking" of a species listed as endangered or threatened. The term "take" is defined under the ESA to mean harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to

engage in any such conduct. NMFS may issue permits to take listed species for any act otherwise prohibited by section 9 for scientific purposes or to enhance the propagation or survival of the affected species, under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA. NMFS regulations governing permits for threatened and endangered species are promulgated at 50 CFR 222.307.

In an application received on October 15, 2009, the Chelan PUD submitted an application to NMFS for an ESA section 10(a)(1)(A) permit for the direct take of ESA listed upper Columbia River spring Chinook salmon from the Chiwawa 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 upper Columbia River spring Chinook salmon at Rock Island and Rocky Reach Dams as well as to conserve, and ultimately restore the naturally spawning Chiwawa River spring Chinook salmon spawning aggregate, which is part of the Wenatchee population within the Upper Columbia River basin.

In an application received on October 15, 2009, the Chelan PUD submitted an application to NMFS for an ESA section 10(a)(1)(A) permit for the direct take of ESA listed upper Columbia River steelhead from the Wenatchee 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 upper Columbia River steelhead at Rock Island and Rocky Reach Dams as well as to conserve, and ultimately restore the naturally spawning Wenatchee River steelhead population within the Upper Columbia River basin.

In an application received on February 25, 2010, the Grant PUD submitted an application with an addendum to NMFS for an ESA section 10(a)(1)(A) permit for the direct take of ESA listed upper Columbia River spring Chinook salmon from the Nason Creek 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 Nason Creek spring Chinook salmon spawning aggregate, which is part of the Wenatchee population within the Upper Columbia River basin.

In an application received on February 25, 2010, the Grant PUD submitted an application with an addendum to NMFS for an ESA section