

The first day's agenda will include an update on NIST, including presentations on operational and management issues covering changes to the Congressional landscape and their likely priorities and impact to NIST, the final report of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Management and Safety II, and policy changes for Foreign National Guest Researchers, as well as updates on new NIST activities and programs related to the National Strategy for Trusted Identities in Cyberspace, Cloud Computing, Public Safety Communications and the 700 Megahertz Testbed, and the National Advisory Council on Innovation and Entrepreneurship. The first day will conclude with a discussion of the VCAT focus for 2011 and a session for the VCAT to begin to draft its initial observations, findings, and recommendations for its 2010 Annual Report. During a closed session on February 2 from 8:30 a.m. until 10:45 a.m., the VCAT will discuss sensitive internal planning information about NIST programs. During the open session on February 2, the VCAT will continue its preparation of the 2010 Annual Report followed by a presentation of the initial observations, findings and recommendations. The agenda may change to accommodate Committee business. The final agenda will be posted on the NIST Web site at <http://www.nist.gov/director/vcat/agenda.htm>.

The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on January 6, 2011, that portions of the meeting of the VCAT that involve discussions regarding information the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action may be closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B). The closed portion of the meeting is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. and to end at 10:45 a.m. on February 2, 2011. All other portions of the meeting will be open to the public.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who would like to offer comments and suggestions related to the Committee's affairs are invited to request a place on the agenda. On February 1, 2011, approximately one-half hour will be reserved in the afternoon for public comments, and speaking times will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. The amount of time per speaker will be determined by the number of requests received, but is likely to be about 3 minutes each. The exact time for public comments will be included in the final agenda that will be posted on the NIST Web site at <http://www.nist.gov/director/vcat/agenda.htm>.

[www.nist.gov/director/vcat/agenda.htm](http://www.nist.gov/director/vcat/agenda.htm). Questions from the public will not be considered during this period. Speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements, those who had wished to speak but could not be accommodated on the agenda, and those who were unable to attend in person are invited to submit written statements to the VCAT, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, MS 1060, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899, via fax at 301-216-0529 or electronically by e-mail to [gail.ehrlich@nist.gov](mailto:gail.ehrlich@nist.gov).

All visitors to the NIST site will have to pre-register to be admitted. Please submit your name, time of arrival, e-mail address and phone number to Stephanie Shaw no later than Friday, January 28, 2011, and she will provide you with instructions for admittance. Ms. Shaw's e-mail address is [stephanie.shaw@nist.gov](mailto:stephanie.shaw@nist.gov) and her phone number is (301) 975-2667.

Dated: January 7, 2011.

**Charles H. Romine,**

*Acting Associate Director for Laboratory Programs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XA135**

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

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

**ACTION:** Notice of issuance of permits.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS has issued permit 13675 to Fishery Foundation of California [Responsible Party: Karen L. Burr], 8698 Elk Grove Blvd., Suite #3, Elk Grove, CA 95624; and permits 14685 and 14688 to Natural Resource Scientists, Incorporated [Responsible Party: Dave A. Vogel], P.O. Box 1210, Red Bluff, CA 96080; for purposes of scientific research.

**ADDRESSES:** Permits 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, 13415 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 5-100,

Sacramento, CA 958914-4706; phone (916) 930-3600; fax (916) 930-3629.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Shirley Witalis at phone number (916) 930-3606, or e-mail [shirley.witalis@noaa.gov](mailto:shirley.witalis@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** 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*). Permits 13675, 14685, and 14688 have 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).

#### Permits

Permit 13675 was issued to Fishery Foundation of California on December 28, 2010, authorizing the capture (by fyke net and beach seine), handling (species identification and enumeration, taking of length measurements), and release of ESA-listed natural and hatchery juvenile Chinook salmon and steelhead, and natural juvenile green sturgeon while carrying out a study measuring fish response to restoration actions, and initial and successional habitat conditions at the Fremont Landing Conservation Bank on the Sacramento River in the Central Valley, California. Permit 13675 authorizes indirect mortality associated with research activities not to exceed 2 percent of captured ESA-listed Chinook salmon and steelhead species annually. No indirect mortality has been authorized for green sturgeon. Permit 13675 expires on October 31, 2015.

Permit 14685 was issued to Natural Resource Scientists, Incorporated on August 24, 2010, authorizing the observation (snorkel surveys), capture (by rotary screw trap and beach seine), handling (application of anesthesia, species identification and enumeration, taking of weight and length measurements), and release of adult and juvenile steelhead associated with monitoring and research on anadromous salmonid spawning and rearing habitats, migration timing and survival in the lower Merced River. Permit 14685 authorizes indirect mortality associated with research activities not to exceed 2 adult and 5 juvenile ESA-listed

steelhead annually. Permit 14685 expires on December 31, 2015.

Permit 14688 was issued to Natural Resource Scientists, Incorporated on September 21, 2010, authorizing the capture (by fyke net), handling (identification and enumeration of species, taking of length measurements), tissue sampling, release of moribund fish or fish carcasses back into irrigation diversion canals, and release of live fish on the riverside of the canals of ESA-listed juvenile salmonids and sturgeon. Permit 14688 authorizes non-lethal take during the collection of physical, hydraulic, and habitat data at five irrigation diversion canals; the research of fish entrainment in relation to diverted river flows; and the development of prioritization criteria for fish screening projects. Permit 14688 expires on December 31, 2011.

NMFS has determined that take levels authorized in the described permits will not jeopardize listed Chinook salmon, steelhead, and green sturgeon nor result in the destruction or adverse modification of critical habitat where described. NMFS' conditions in the permits will ensure that the take of ESA-listed anadromous fish will not jeopardize the continued existence of the listed species. Issuance of each 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: January 10, 2011.

**Therese Conant,**

*Acting 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-XA134**

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

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

**ACTION:** Correction notice.

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**SUMMARY:** On June 3, 2009, NMFS published a 30-day public comment period notice in the **Federal Register** for the receipt of applications for scientific

research permits 13791 (applicant: Fishery Foundation of California) and 14092 (applicant: California Department of Fish and Game). In that notice, the permit application numbers were misidentified. This document corrects the June 3, 2009, document by providing the correct permit numbers.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Shirley Witalis at phone number (916) 930-3606, or e-mail [shirley.witalis@noaa.gov](mailto:shirley.witalis@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In the **Federal Register** document of June 3, 2009 (74 FR 26651; Fr Doc. E9-12946) under the heading Applications Received (page 26651, column 3), permit 13675 was misidentified as permit 13791, and permit 14240 was misidentified as permit 14092. The first paragraph under the heading Applications Received (page 26651, column 3, sentence 1) should read as follows: "FFC requests a 5-year permit (13675) for take of juvenile Sacramento River winter-run Chinook salmon, Central Valley spring-run Chinook salmon, Central Valley steelhead, and juvenile North American green sturgeon associated with conducting surveys measuring fish response to initial and successional habitat conditions at a restored conservation bank site on the Sacramento River in the Central Valley, California."

The second paragraph under the heading Applications Received (page 26651, column 3, sentence 1) should read as follows: "CDFG requests a 5-year permit (14240) for take of threatened Central Valley spring-run Chinook salmon, threatened Central Valley steelhead, and threatened Southern DPS of North American green sturgeon in the lower Feather River, associated with monitoring and research activities conducted in the Feather River basin, Central Valley, California."

There are no changes to the remainder of the document.

Dated: January 10, 2011.

**Therese Conant,**

*Acting 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-XA132**

#### Fisheries in the Western Pacific; American Samoa Pelagic Longline Limited Entry Program

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

**ACTION:** Notice; availability of permits.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS is soliciting applications for American Samoa pelagic longline limited entry permits. At least seven permits of various class sizes will be available for 2011. This notice announces the availability of permits and solicits applications for the permits.

**DATES:** Completed permit applications must be received by NMFS by May 16, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Request blank application forms from NMFS Pacific Islands Region (PIR), 1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Suite 1110, Honolulu, HI 96814-4733, or the PIR Web site <http://www.fpir.noaa.gov>.

Mail completed applications and payment to NMFS PIR, ATTN: ASLE Permits, 1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Suite 1110, Honolulu, HI 96814-4733.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Walter Ikehara, Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS PIR, tel 808-944-2275, fax 808-973-2940, or e-mail [PIRO-permits@noaa.gov](mailto:PIRO-permits@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Federal regulations at 50 CFR 665.816 allow NMFS to issue new permits for the American Samoa pelagic longline limited entry program if the number of permits in a size class falls below the maximum allowed. At least seven permits are available for issuance (note that the number of available permits may change before the application period closes): four in Class A (vessels less than or equal to 40 ft (12.2 m)), and three in Class B (over 40 ft (12.2 m) through 50 ft (15.2 m)).

Persons with the earliest documented participation in the fishery on a Class A sized vessel will receive the highest priority for obtaining permits in any size class, followed by persons with the earliest documented participation in Classes B, C, and D, in that order. If there is a tie in priority, the person with the second earliest documented participation will be ranked higher in priority.

Complete applications must include the completed and signed application