

Dated: June 4, 2012.

**Paul Piquado,**

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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##### Endangered Species; File No. 16803

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

**ACTION:** Notice; receipt of application.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science Center (SWFSC), 3333 N. Torrey Pines Ct., La Jolla, CA 92037, [Responsible Party: Lisa Ballance, Ph.D.], has applied in due form for a permit to take green (*Chelonia mydas*), loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*), and olive ridley (*Lepidochelys olivacea*) sea turtles for scientific research.

**DATES:** Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before July 11, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** The application and related documents are available for review by selecting "Records Open for Public Comment" from the *Features* box on the

Applications and Permits for Protected Species (APPS) home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 16803 from the list of available applications.

These documents are also available upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 427-8401; fax (301) 713-0376; and Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213; phone (562) 980-4001; fax (562) 980-4018.

Written comments on this application should be submitted to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division

- by email to [NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov) (include the File No. in the subject line of the email),
- by facsimile to (301) 713-0376, or
- at the address listed above.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division at the address listed above. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Amy Hapeman or Colette Cairns, (301) 427-8401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject permit is requested 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 222-226).

The SWFSC proposes to continue long-term monitoring of the status of sea turtles in San Diego Bay, California. The purpose of the work is to determine their abundance, size ranges, growth, sex ratio, health status, diving behavior, local movements, habitat use, and migration routes. Up to 50 green, five olive ridley, and five loggerhead sea turtles would be captured annually by entanglement netting and have the following procedures performed before release: photography/video; flipper tagging and passive integrated transponder tagging; ultrasound; morphometrics; tetracycline injection; fecal, scute and tissue sampling; cloacal and oral swabbing; lavage; and up two transmitter attachments. Animals with transmitters may be tracked by vessel after release. The permit would be valid for five years from the date of issuance.

Dated: June 5, 2012.

**P. Michael Payne,**

Chief, Permits and Conservation 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; re-opening of public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** On May 9, 2012, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) announced the availability for public review of four Hatchery and Genetic Management Plans (HGMPs) submitted by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) pursuant to the protective regulations promulgated for Pacific salmon and steelhead under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The HGMPs specify the operations of four hatchery programs rearing salmon and steelhead in the Sandy River subbasin within the State of Oregon. The availability of a draft environmental assessment, evaluating the anticipated effects of NMFS' proposed approval of those HGMPs pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), was included in the announcement. The announcement opened a 30-day public comment period. In this notice, NMFS is re-opening the public comment period on these four HGMPs and the associated draft EA to July 9, 2012.

**DATES:** Comments must be received at the appropriate address or fax number (see **ADDRESSES**) no later than 5 p.m. Pacific time on July 9, 2012

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on the application should be addressed to the NMFS Salmon Management Division, 1201 NE Lloyd Boulevard, Suite 1100, Portland, OR 97232, or faxed to 503-872-2737. Comments may be submitted by email. The mailbox address for providing email comments is: [SandyHatcheries.nwr@noaa.gov](mailto:SandyHatcheries.nwr@noaa.gov). Include in the subject line of the email comment the following identifier: Comments on Oregon's Sandy hatchery plans.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rich Turner, at phone number: (503) 736-4737, or email: [Rich.Turner@noaa.gov](mailto:Rich.Turner@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Species Covered in This Notice**

Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*): threatened, naturally produced and artificially propagated Lower Columbia River.

Chum salmon (*O. keta*): threatened, naturally produced and artificially propagated Columbia River.

Coho salmon (*O. kisutch*): threatened, naturally produced and artificially propagated Lower Columbia River.

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

Pacific eulachon (*Thaleichthys pacificus*): threatened, naturally produced southern distinct population segment.

ODFW has submitted to NMFS four HGMPs describing hatchery programs that release salmon and steelhead into the Sandy River in a manner that is intended to comply with requirements of the ESA under limit 5 of the 4(d) Rule. The programs are designed to meet mitigation responsibilities related to impacts from development in the Sandy River and Columbia River basins by providing hatchery fish to support fishing opportunities while minimizing potential risks to natural-origin spring Chinook salmon, coho salmon, and winter steelhead populations, consistent with Oregon's Lower Columbia River Conservation and Recovery Plan for Oregon Populations of Salmon and Steelhead.

As specified in the July 10, 2000, ESA 4(d) rule for salmon and steelhead (65 FR 42422) and updated June 28, 2005 (70 FR 37160), NMFS may approve an HGMP if it meets criteria set forth in 50 CFR 223.203(b)(5)(i)(A) through (K). Prior to final approval of an HGMP, NMFS must publish notification announcing its availability for public review and comment. NMFS received requests from the Native Fish Society and the Pacific Rivers Council to extend the public comment period. The comment period for the proposed policy was to end on June 8, 2012. NMFS is re-opening the comment period until July 9, 2012, to allow for more opportunity for public comment (see **DATES** and **ADDRESSES**).

**Authority**

Under section 4 of the ESA, the Secretary of Commerce is required to adopt such regulations as he deems necessary and advisable for the conservation of species listed as threatened. The ESA salmon and

steelhead 4(d) rule (65 FR 42422, July 10, 2000, as updated in 70 FR 37160, June 28, 2005) specifies categories of activities that contribute to the conservation of listed salmonids and sets out the criteria for such activities. Limit 5 of the updated 4(d) rule (50 CFR 223.203(b)(5)) further provides that the prohibitions of paragraph (a) of the updated 4(d) rule (50 CFR 223.203(a)) do not apply to activities associated with artificial propagation programs provided that an HGMP has been approved by NMFS to be in accordance with the salmon and steelhead 4(d) rule (65 FR 42422, July 10, 2000, as updated in 70 FR 37160, June 28, 2005).

Dated: June 6, 2012.

**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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**November 2010 Biological Opinion on the Effects of the Alaska Groundfish Fisheries on Steller Sea Lions and Other Endangered Species; Public Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting; request for presentations.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS will host a meeting to conduct a panel review by experts contracted through the Center for Independent Experts (CIE) related to NMFS's November 2010 Biological Opinion on the effects of the Alaska groundfish fisheries on Steller sea lions and other endangered species (Final Biop). The meeting will provide an opportunity for the CIE reviewers to receive presentations from NMFS, the State of Alaska, the State of Washington, the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, and the public concerning new and relevant scientific information that has become available since NMFS issued the Final Biop. NMFS requests that parties interested in presenting such information to the CIE reviewers submit a statement of interest including an abstract of the information to be presented.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held August 1-2, 2012, from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time. Statements of interest and abstracts must be received by 5 p.m. Alaska Daylight Time on July 2, 2012, to be considered for presentation during the meeting on August 2, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Send statements of interest in making a presentation and abstracts to Jon Kurland, Assistant Regional Administrator for Protected Resources, NMFS, by any one of the following methods:

- Fax: 907-586-7012.
- Mail: P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802.
- Email: [jon.kurland@noaa.gov](mailto:jon.kurland@noaa.gov)
- Hand delivery to the Federal Building: 709 West 9th Street, Room 420A, Juneau, Alaska.

The meeting will be held at NMFS Alaska Fisheries Science Center, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., Building 4, Seattle, WA, 98115, in the Jim Traynor conference room.

The CIE contract statement of work (SOW) and terms of reference (TORs) and documents subject to the CIE review are available on the NMFS Alaska Region Web site at [www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/protectedresources/stellers/esa/biop/final/cie/review.htm](http://www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/protectedresources/stellers/esa/biop/final/cie/review.htm).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jon Kurland, 907-586-7638.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

NMFS contracted with the CIE to conduct a peer review of the November 2010 Biological Opinion on the Alaska groundfish fisheries (Final Biop), which NMFS prepared under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The CIE is a group affiliated with the University of Miami that provides independent peer reviews of the science upon which many of NMFS's management decisions are based, including reviews of stock assessments for fish and marine mammals. The structure and operation of the CIE are designed to ensure the quality, relevance, and independence of the reviews. Independence is maintained by eliminating any role for NMFS in selecting or paying the reviewers or in approving the content of reviewers' reports. Reviewers must adhere to a strict conflict of interest policy and the SOW and TORs contained in the review contract.

The ESA requires each federal agency to insure that any action authorized, funded, or carried out by the agency is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any threatened or endangered species or adversely modify or destroy designated critical habitat.