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Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Gail Bendixen at (907) 271-2809 at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: March 25, 2013.

Tracey L. Thompson,

Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XC594

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council's (Council) Recreational Advisory Panel will meet to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

DATES: The two-day meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 16, 2013 beginning at 12 p.m. and Wednesday, April 17, 2013 beginning at 8:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: *Meeting address:* The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, 31 Hampshire Street, Mansfield, MA 02048; telephone: (508) 339-2200; fax: (508) 339-1040.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The items of discussion in the committee's agenda are as follows:

Tuesday, April 16, 2013, Beginning at 12 p.m.

The Groundfish Oversight Committee will meet to discuss several issues related to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan. This will include a report from the Plan Development Team on catch reporting, as well as a progress report on issues

related to the relative stock size of Gulf of Maine and Georges Bank haddock. Council staff will report on the feasibility of and progress on data analysis that would inform the development of Amendment 18. The Committee may also discuss recent sector operations plan exemption requests and may discuss a request for an exploration of the impact of climate change on status determination criteria and catch advice. If other business issues are raised, this will occur on the first day of the meeting.

Wednesday, April 17, 2013, Beginning at 8:30 a.m.

The Committee will devote the entire day to considering area management options recommended by the Closed Area Technical Team. These measures are intended to replace existing year round and rolling groundfish closures. Following review at the April Council meeting, these groundfish area management options would be consolidated with the habitat management options being proposed by the Habitat Oversight Committee and included as alternatives in Omnibus Habitat Amendment 2.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

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Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: March 25, 2013.

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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: Receipt of three permit applications for scientific research and enhancement.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has received three scientific research and enhancement permit applications relating to anadromous species listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The proposed research activities are intended to increase knowledge of the species and to help guide management and conservation efforts. These documents are also available upon written request or by appointment by contacting NMFS by phone (916) 930-3706 or fax (916) 930-3629.

DATES: Written comments on the permit applications or modification request must be received at the appropriate address or fax number (see **ADDRESSES**) no later than 5 p.m. Pacific standard time on April 29, 2013.

ADDRESSES: The applications and related documents may be viewed online at: https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov/preview/preview_open_for_comment.cfm. Written comments on the applications or modification request should be submitted to the Protected Resources Division, NMFS, 650 Capitol Mall, Room 5-100, Sacramento, CA 95814. Comments may also be submitted via fax to (916) 930-3629 or by email to FRNpermits.sac@noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amanda Cranford, Sacramento, CA (ph.: 916-930-3706, email.: Amanda.Cranford@noaa.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Species Covered in This Notice

This notice is relevant to federally threatened California Central Valley steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*), threatened Central Valley spring-run Chinook salmon (*O. tshawytscha*), endangered Sacramento River winter-run Chinook salmon (*O. tshawytscha*), and the threatened southern distinct population segment of North American (SDPS) green sturgeon (*Acipenser medirostris*).

Authority

Scientific research permits are issued in accordance with section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531–1543) and regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 222–226). NMFS issues permits based on findings that such permits: (1) Are applied for in good faith; (2) if granted and exercised, 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. The authority to take listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permits.

Anyone requesting a hearing on the permit applications listed in this notice should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on the application(s) would be appropriate (see **ADDRESSES**). Such hearings are held at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NMFS.

Applications Received

Permit 17551

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Region II (CDFW) is requesting a 5-year scientific research and enhancement permit to take juvenile SDPS green sturgeon associated with research activities in the Central Valley, California. Incidental mortality of SDPS green sturgeon is not expected to occur and therefore none is requested for Permit 17551. The overall goal of this project is to increase knowledge with regards to the behavior of young of the year and yearling SDPS green sturgeon from the Sacramento River and their presumed nursery grounds of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and subsequently the ocean staging habitat of San Francisco Bay. There is virtually no information on size, age, or potential environmental cues contributing to movements to and between these two unique habitats. Information on timing, survival, and transition rates through the bay and Delta region are necessary for understanding potential risks to juvenile green sturgeon. The study proposed for Permit 17551 will be a collaborative effort between the University of California Davis Biotelemetry Laboratory and CDFW. Objectives are to: (1) Develop capture methods for monitoring of juvenile green and white sturgeon in the lower Sacramento River and Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, (2) describe spatial and temporal movements during emigration from the lower Sacramento River to the tidally influenced reaches of the upper Delta, (3) assess the seasonal migration and survival through engineered flood

plains (Yolo Bypass) and (4) describe spatial and temporal use of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and behavior and emigration timing to San Francisco Bay. CDFW is proposing to capture (tangle nets, modified fyke nets), measure, weigh and acoustically tag up to 100 juvenile green sturgeon per year.

Permit 17918

FISHBIO Environmental is requesting a 5-year scientific research and enhancement permit to take adult and juvenile CCV steelhead, associated with research activities in the Tuolumne River from the Hickman Bridge (river mile [RM] 31.5) downstream to the confluence with the San Joaquin River (RM 0), in the Central Valley of California. Specific information obtained by this study will update and supplement information from prior studies in order to: (1) Estimate relative abundance of predator fish species such as largemouth bass (*Micropterus salmoides*), smallmouth bass (*M. dolomieu*), Sacramento pikeminnow (*Ptychocheilus grandis*), and striped bass (*Morone saxatilis*), (2) update estimates of predation rate from previous surveys. Incidental mortality of CCV steelhead is not expected to occur and therefore none is requested for Permit 17918.

Predator Abundance will be estimated using boat electrofishing in select special run-pools, run-pools, and riffles. As the majority of predators in the lower Tuolumne River are non-native and are most abundant downstream of approximately RM 31, predation study sites will be concentrated in this downstream reach. Focusing effort in this reach and conducting sampling during the summer months (July–September) are measures designed to minimize the potential to encounter Chinook salmon and CCV steelhead. Multiple pass electrofishing will be conducted at night when catch per unit effort is typically highest and would be used to target territorial species such as largemouth and smallmouth bass that do not range far from their home territory. Predators captured using electrofishing will be identified to species, measured and weighed, then released near the location of capture.

Predation Rate will be estimated by electrofishing at selected sites during two different timeframes, the first of which will occur February through March and the second April through May. Limiting sampling to locations downstream of RM 31.5 is a measure designed to avoid CCV steelhead spawning which may be occurring in the upstream reach during this

timeframe. The predation rate task is designed to collect data on predation rate by fish within specific habitat types during the Chinook salmon rearing and outmigration period. Stomach contents will be examined to determine the rate of predation on juvenile salmon. Approximately twelve study sites will be selected from slow-water habitat locations (pools) and fast-water habitats (primarily runs), which provide preferred habitat for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass, respectively. Two survey events will be conducted, approximately one-month apart during the Chinook salmon outmigration period with the goal of documenting the magnitude of predation on juvenile Chinook salmon. Sampling will be conducted by a boat crew sampling at night, when feeding activity is generally at its peak. The sampling goal for each study site will be to capture 5–10 individuals of each species present for stomach content analysis.

Permit 17913

Stillwater Sciences is requesting a 5-year scientific research and enhancement permit to take adult and juvenile CCV steelhead, associated with research activities in the Tuolumne River between RM 52.5 and RM 0, and on the San Joaquin River between RM 79 (Gardner Cove) and RM 90 (Laird Park), in the Central Valley, California. Permit 17913 is for two studies to be carried out by Stillwater Sciences.

The Tuolumne River fisheries monitoring project will evaluate and measure ESA-listed salmonid and non-listed fish species distribution, population abundance, habitat utilization, and habitat quality in the lower Tuolumne River in Stanislaus County, California. This project will monitor the effects of water diversion facilities maintained by the Turlock and Modesto Irrigation Districts on ESA-listed salmonids and non-listed fish species and the effects of past and ongoing habitat restoration actions to provide information and guide future habitat restoration and management actions within the Tuolumne River watershed. This study includes observational snorkel surveys as well as direct collection and handling of juvenile fall-run Chinook salmon and CCV steelhead using beach seine methods. Any captured juvenile CCV steelhead will be handled (anesthetized and measured for length and weight), placed in an aerated bucket to recover, and released.

The Tuolumne River *O. mykiss* temperature adaptation assessment project will examine temperature tolerances of juvenile salmonid life

stages that inhabit the lower Tuolumne River. Fish collected for this project may potentially include ESA-listed CCV steelhead. Up to 50 juvenile O. mykiss will be collected from the Tuolumne River during summer months (June-September) of each year using beach seine methods between La Grange powerhouse (RM 52.2) and Roberts Ferry Bridge (RM 39.5). Individual test fish will be placed in Brett swim tubes and tested for physiological performance, measuring both a routine, or resting (minimum) respiratory rate and a swimming (maximum) respiratory rate at a single test temperature. Test fish would be allowed to fully recover prior to release to the lower Tuolumne River.

Dated: March 25, 2013.

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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Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to an Exploration Drilling Program in the Chukchi Sea, Alaska

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

ACTION: Notice; proposed incidental harassment authorization; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On February 22, 2013, NMFS announced notice of its proposed issuance of an Incidental Harassment Authorization (IHA) to ConocoPhillips Company (COP) to take small numbers of marine mammals, by harassment, incidental to conducting offshore exploration drilling on Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) leases in the Chukchi Sea, Alaska. Written comments were due by March 25, 2013. Under the unique circumstances of the timing of the publication of the **Federal Register** notice relative to several related meetings and other Federal review processes related to this action, NMFS has decided to extend the public comment period by 45 days, to May 9, 2013.

DATES: The public comment period for this action has been extended from

March 25 to May 9, 2013. Written comments and information must be received no later than May 9, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the application should be addressed to Michael Payne, Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. The mailbox address for providing email comments is ITP.Nachman@noaa.gov. NMFS is not responsible for email comments sent to addresses other than the one provided here. Comments sent via email, including all attachments, must not exceed a 25-megabyte file size.

Instructions: All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted to <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/incidental.htm> without change. All Personal Identifying Information (for example, name, address, etc.) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Candace Nachman, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 22, 2013, NMFS announced notice of its proposed issuance of an IHA to COP to take small numbers of marine mammals, by harassment, incidental to conducting offshore exploration drilling on OCS leases in the Chukchi Sea, Alaska, during the 2014 open-water season (78 FR 12542). NMFS convened its annual Open Water Meeting in Anchorage, Alaska, during the public comment period for this action, thus taking away from review time. Moreover, additional Federal agency reviews and documents are being released during this time. The request for additional time on the comment period noted having the ability to review these documents will aid in the review of this proposed IHA notice. Furthermore, this is the first time NMFS is proposing to issue an IHA in the U.S. Chukchi Sea for exploratory drilling with a jack-up rig. NMFS does not anticipate that the comment period extension will delay its decision of whether to issue an IHA.

NMFS refers the reader to the February 22, 2013, **Federal Register** notice (78 FR 12542) for background information concerning the proposed IHA. The information in the Notice of Proposed IHA is not repeated here. For additional information about the IHA application and associated documents, please visit the Web site at: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/incidental.htm>.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

[Docket No. CPSC-2009-0044]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request: Safety Standard for Cigarette Lighters

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Consumer Product Safety Commission (Commission or CPSC) announces that it has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for extension of approval of a collection of information associated with the Commission's safety standard for cigarette lighters, 16 CFR part 1210.

DATES: Written comments on this request for extension of approval of information collection requirements should be submitted by April 29, 2013.

ADDRESSES: OMB recommends that written comments on the information collection be faxed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attn: CPSC Desk Officer, FAX: 202-395-6974, or emailed to oir_submission@omb.eop.gov. All comments should be identified by Docket No. CPSC-2009-0044. In addition, written comments also should be submitted at <http://www.regulations.gov>, under Docket No. CPSC-2009-0044, or by mail/hand delivery/courier (for paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions), preferably in five copies, to: Office of the Secretary, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Room 820, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814; telephone (301) 504-7923. For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert H. Squibb, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814; telephone: 301-504-7923 or by email to rsquibb@cpsc.gov.