

Recovery Plan (Final Recovery Plan) is now available.

ADDRESSES: Electronic copies of the Final Recovery Plan are available online at http://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/protected_species/salmon_steelhead/recovery_planning_and_implementation/south_central_southern_california_coast/south_central_southern_california_salmon_recovery_domain.html. A CD ROM of these documents can be obtained by emailing a request to Anthony.Spina@noaa.gov or by writing to NMFS at 501 W. Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anthony Spina, National Marine Fisheries Service, (562) 980-4045.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The ESA, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) requires that we develop and implement recovery plans for the conservation and survival of threatened and endangered species under our jurisdiction, unless it is determined that such plans would not result in the conservation of the species. We designated the South-Central California Coast Steelhead Evolutionarily Significant Unit (ESU) as threatened in the **Federal Register** on August 18, 1997 (62 FR 43937). NMFS reaffirmed the listing of all West Coast steelhead populations and applied the DPS designation in place of the ESU designation on January 5, 2006 (72 FR 834).

We published a Notice of Availability of the proposed Draft Recovery Plan in the **Federal Register** on October 19, 2012 (77 FR 64316). NMFS held eight multi-day public meetings on the threats assessment and recovery actions, and two public meetings on the proposed draft Recovery Plan to solicit public comments. We received over 40 comments on the proposed draft Recovery Plan. We revised the proposed draft Recovery Plan based on the comments received, and this final version now constitutes the Recovery Plan for the South-Central California Coast Steelhead DPS.

The ESA requires that recovery plans incorporate, to the extent practicable: (1) Objective, measurable criteria which, when met, would result in a determination that the species is no longer threatened or endangered; (2) site-specific management actions necessary to achieve the plan's goals; and (3) estimates of the time required and costs to implement recovery actions. Our goal is to restore the threatened South-Central California

Coast Steelhead DPS to the point where they are again secure, self-sustaining members of their ecosystems and no longer need the protections of the ESA.

The Final Recovery Plan provides background on the natural history of South-Central California Coast Steelhead DPS, current population trends, and the threats to their viability. The Final Recovery Plan lays out a recovery strategy to address the threats based on the best available science and includes goals that incorporate objective, measurable criteria which, when met, would result in a determination that the species may be removed from the Federal list of threatened and endangered species. The Final Recovery Plan is not regulatory, but presents guidance for use by agencies and interested parties to assist in the recovery of the South-Central California Coast Steelhead DPS. The Final Recovery Plan identifies substantive recovery actions needed to achieve recovery by addressing the systemic threats to the species, and provides a time-line and estimated costs of recovery actions. The strategy for recovery includes a linkage between conservation and management actions and an active research and monitoring program intended to fill data gaps and assess effectiveness of those actions. The Final Recovery Plan incorporates an adaptive management framework by which conservation and management actions and other elements will evolve and adapt as we gain information through research and monitoring; it describes the agency guidance for periodic review of the status of the species and the recovery plan. To address threats related to the species, the Final Recovery Plan acknowledges many of the significant efforts already underway to restore steelhead access to high quality habitat and to improve habitat previously degraded.

We expect the Final Recovery Plan to help us and other Federal agencies take a consistent approach to section 7 consultations under the ESA and to other ESA decisions. For example, the Final Recovery Plan will provide information on the biological context for the effects that a proposed action may have on the listed DPS. The information in the Final Recovery Plan on the natural history, threats, and potential limiting factors, and priorities for recovery can be used to help assess risks and conservation actions. Consistent with the adoption of this Final Recovery Plan for the South-Central California Coast Steelhead DPS, we will implement relevant actions for which we have authority, work cooperatively on implementation of other actions, and

encourage other Federal and state agencies to implement recovery actions for which they have responsibility and authority.

Recovery of the South-Central California Coast Steelhead DPS will require a long-term effort in cooperation and coordination with Federal, state, tribal and local government agencies, and the community.

Conclusion

NMFS has reviewed the Plan for compliance with the requirements of the ESA section 4(f), determined that it does incorporate the required elements and is therefore adopting it as the Final Recovery Plan for South-Central California Coast Steelhead DPS.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*

Dated: December 18, 2013.

Angela Somma,

Division 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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Appointments to a Recreational Fisheries Working Group by the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee

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

ACTION: Notice; request for applications.

SUMMARY: Applications are being solicited for appointment to a Recreational Fisheries Working Group of the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee (MAFAC). The members will be appointed by MAFAC in consultation with NOAA and will serve for an initial term of up to two years, with the option to apply for re-appointment. The term would begin in February 2014. Nominees should possess demonstrable expertise in one or more of the following: The management or business of recreational fishing and/or fisheries science; a well-informed background in recreational fisheries issues; an operational knowledge of federal agencies and interactions with the Fishery Management Councils and/or regional and state partners; and be able to fulfill the time commitments required for up to one annual meeting, and conference calls quarterly.

DATES: Applications must be received on or before January 22, 2014, via mail or email.

ADDRESSES: Applications should be sent to Danielle Rioux, Recreational Fisheries Policy Specialist, NMFS SF-13336, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 or *Danielle.Rioux@noaa.gov*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Danielle Rioux, Recreational Fisheries Policy Specialist; (301) 427-8516; email: *Danielle.Rioux@noaa.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: MAFAC is the only federal advisory committee with the responsibility to advise the Secretary of Commerce on all matters concerning living marine resources that are the responsibility of the Department of Commerce. MAFAC established a Recreational Fisheries Working Group (RFGW) in 2010, to assist it in the development of recommendations to the Secretary on regulations, policies and programs critical to the mission and goals of the NMFS. The RFGW is composed of people with a specific interest and qualification related to NOAA's recreational fisheries-related activities. The RFGW is composed of up to 25 members who are selected to achieve a balance of the diverse national and regional recreational fisheries sector and community perspectives. With this solicitation up to 16 seats on the RFGW will be filled.

MAFAC established the RFGW to advise MAFAC on issues of importance to the recreational fishing community, such as, but not limited to: (1) Review and possible revision of the NOAA National and Regional Recreational Fisheries Action Agendas, (2) planning for and participation in a National Saltwater Recreational Fishing Summit, and (3) such other recreational fisheries issues and activities identified as appropriate by MAFAC.

The RFGW members cannot be employed by NOAA or a member of a Regional Fishery Management Council or have been registered as a lobbyist with the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives within two years of the date of appointment. Membership is voluntary, and except for reimbursable travel and related expenses, service is without pay.

Each submission should provide the applicant's name and affiliation (i.e., private angler, charterboat, trade association, etc.); contact information including address, phone number, fax number, and email address (if available); and should describe the applicant's qualifying experience in the following areas:

1. Expertise in the management or business of recreational fishing, and/or fisheries science;

2. Informed background in recreational fisheries issues; and

3. Operational knowledge of federal agencies and interactions with the Fishery Management Councils and/or regional and state partners.

Letters of support will be accepted and may be submitted with the application or separately. Applications and letter(s) of support should be sent to (see **ADDRESSES**) and must be received by (see **DATES**). The full text of the MAFAC Charter and its current membership can be viewed at the NMFS Web page at *www.nmfs.noaa.gov/mafac.htm*.

Dated: December 17, 2013.

Alan D. Risenhoover,

Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, performing the functions and duties of the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Bait and Tackle Store Cost-Earnings Survey

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before February 21, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at *Jjessup@doc.gov*).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Cliff Hutt, (301) 427-8588 or *cliff.hutt@noaa.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request is for a new collection of information.

The objective of the survey is to collect information on the operational structure of bait and tackle stores that cater to marine recreational anglers. The survey will ask store owners to characterize and quantify their operational costs and sales revenues in addition to describing their clientele. As specified in the Magnuson-Stevenson Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1996 (and reauthorized in 2007), National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is required to enumerate the economic impacts of the policies it implements on fishing participants and coastal communities. The cost and earnings data collected in this survey will be used to estimate the economic contributions and impacts of bait and tackle stores regionally and nationwide.

II. Method of Collection

The primary data collection vehicle will be mail or internet-based surveys, but telephone and personal interviews may be employed to supplement and verify mail survey responses.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: None.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission (request for a new information collection).

Affected Public: Individual store owners and/or managers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,500.

Estimated Time per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,250.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0 in recordkeeping/reporting costs.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.