

et seq.) requires NMFS and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) to prepare stock assessments for each stock of marine mammals occurring in waters under the jurisdiction of the United States, including the Exclusive Economic Zone. These reports must contain information regarding the distribution and abundance of the stock, population growth rates and trends, estimates of annual human-caused mortality and serious injury (M/SI) from all sources, descriptions of the fisheries with which the stock interacts, and the status of the stock.

The MMPA requires NMFS and FWS to review the SARs at least annually for strategic stocks and stocks for which significant new information is available, and at least once every three years for non-strategic stocks. The term “strategic stock” means a marine mammal stock: (A) for which the level of direct human-caused mortality exceeds the potential biological removal level; (B) which, based on the best available scientific information, is declining and is likely to be listed as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) within the foreseeable future; or (C) which is listed as a threatened species or endangered species under the ESA. NMFS and the FWS are required to revise a SAR if the status of the stock has changed or can be more accurately determined. We published a notice of the availability of the draft 2016 Alaska, Atlantic, and Pacific regional marine mammal SARs in the **Federal Register** on October 11, 2016 (81 FR 70097).

Subsequent to soliciting public comment on the draft 2016 SARs, we were made aware that the draft Atlantic 2016 SARs contained some technical errors. A problem with our electronic file formatting conversion introduced some erroneous numbers into the document. For example, in some of the tables contained in the reports (*e.g.*, bycatch table in Atlantic white-sided dolphin), the “years” column and/or the “mean combined annual mortality” column had incorrect values. In one case, the PBR for a stock was correct in the summary table, but incorrect in the text of the individual report. Most of the errors that we discovered in the reports involved incorrect text strike-throughs, where only a portion of a number was struck out, rather than the entire value.

We immediately corrected the errors and posted a revised version of the draft Atlantic 2016 SARs on the NMFS Web site on December 1, 2016. With this **Federal Register** notice, we are notifying the public and soliciting comments on the revised version by January 9, 2017. If members of the public need additional time to review

the draft Atlantic 2016 SARs, please contact Shannon Bettridge (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

Dated: December 12, 2016.

Donna S. Wieting,

*Director, 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; availability of evaluation of tribal resource management plan and request for comment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Confederated Colville Tribes have submitted a Tribal Resource Management Plan (Tribal Plan) to NMFS pursuant to the limitation on take prohibitions for actions conducted under Tribal Plans promulgated under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The Tribal Plan specifies artificial propagation, harvest, and research and monitoring activities in the Okanogan River basin and portions of the upper Columbia River. This document serves to notify the public of the availability for comment of the proposed evaluation of the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) as to whether implementation of the Tribal Plan will appreciably reduce the likelihood of survival and recovery of ESA-listed Upper Columbia River Spring Chinook salmon and steelhead.

This notice further advises the public of the availability for review of a draft Environmental Assessment of the effects of the NMFS determination on the subject Tribal Plan.

DATES: Comments must be received at the appropriate address or fax number (see **ADDRESSES**) no later than 5:00 p.m. Pacific time on December 30, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the proposed evaluation and pending determination should be addressed to the NMFS Sustainable Fisheries Division, 1201 NE Lloyd Blvd., Portland, OR 97232. Comments may be submitted by email. The mailbox address for providing email comments is: *OkanoganPlan.wcr@noaa.gov*.

Include in the subject line of the email comment the following identifier: Comments on Colville Okanogan Tribal Plan. The documents are available online at

www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov.

Comments received will also be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours by calling (503) 230–5418.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Natasha Meyers-Cherry at (503) 231–2178 or by email at *natasha.meyers-cherry@noaa.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

ESA-Listed Species Covered in This Notice

Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*): Endangered (but functionally extirpated in the analysis area), naturally produced Upper Columbia River spring-run.

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

Background

The Confederated Colville Tribes have submitted to NMFS a Tribal Plan for hatchery, fishery harvest, predator control, kelt reconditioning, and monitoring and evaluation activities in the Okanogan River basin, in the upper Columbia River basin in Washington State. The Tribal Plan was submitted February 4, 2014, pursuant to the Tribal ESA 4(d) Rule.

The Tribal Plan describes actions involving fisheries, hatchery, predator control, and kelt reconditioning activities (with associated monitoring and evaluation) in the Okanogan Basin and Columbia River mainstem. The Tribal Plan is intended to contribute to the recovery of the steelhead population in the Okanogan Basin, and to responsibly enhance fishing opportunity on non-listed Chinook salmon.

As required by the ESA 4(d) rule for Tribal Plans (65 FR 42481; July 10, 2000), the Secretary is seeking public comment on her pending determination as to whether the Tribal Plan Chinook salmon would appreciably reduce the likelihood of survival and recovery of the Upper Columbia River Steelhead Evolutionary Significant Unit.

Authority

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

The ESA Tribal 4(d) Rule (65 FR 42481; July 10, 2000) states that the ESA section 9 take prohibitions will not apply to Tribal Plans that will not

appreciably reduce the likelihood of survival and recovery for the listed species.

Dated: December 12, 2016.

Donna S. Wieting,

*Director, Office of Protected Resources,
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Notice of Availability of Draft Scientific Assessment for Public Comment

AGENCY: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) on Behalf of the United States Global Change Research Program (USGCRP)

ACTION: Notice of availability of draft scientific assessment for public comment.

SUMMARY: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is publishing this notice on behalf of the United States Global Change Research Program (USGCRP) to announce the availability of a draft assessment, the Climate Science Special Report, for a 45-day public review, collected comments will be carefully reviewed by the relevant chapter author teams. Following revision and further review, a revised draft will undergo final Federal interagency clearance.

Context: The U.S. Global Change Research Program (USGCRP) is mandated under the Global Change Research Act (GCRA) of 1990 to conduct a quadrennial National Climate Assessment (NCA). Under its current decadal strategic plan (<http://go.usa.gov/3qGU4>), USGCRP is building sustained assessment capacity. The sustained assessment supports the Nation's ability to understand, anticipate, and respond to risks and potential impacts brought about by global environmental change. As part of the ongoing NCA process, a Climate Science Special Report is being developed to inform the assessment. The last NCA from 2014 (NCA3: <http://nca2014.globalchange.gov>) and the process to develop it provided a foundation for subsequent activities and reports. This special report provides an update to the physical climate science presented in the 2014 National Climate Assessment (NCA). Specifically, the special report updates Chapter 2 and Appendices 3 and 4 of the 2014 NCA (<http://www.globalchange.gov/nca3-downloads-materials>). The report

provides updated climate science findings and projections, and is an important input to the authors of the next quadrennial NCA, expected in 2018.

DATES: Comments on this draft scientific assessment must be received by 11:59 p.m. ET on 28 January 2017.

ADDRESSES: The draft USGCRP Climate Science Special Report can be accessed via the USGCRP Open Notices page (<http://www.globalchange.gov/notices>) or directly at the USGCRP Review and Comment System (<https://review.globalchange.gov/>). Registration details can be found on the review site home page, and review instructions on a dedicated special report page where comments from the public will be accepted electronically. Comments may be submitted only via this online mechanism.

All comments received through this process will be considered by the relevant chapter authors without knowledge of the commenters' identities. When the final assessment is issued, the comments and the commenters' names, along with the authors' responses, will become part of the public record and made available on <http://www.globalchange.gov>. Information submitted by a commenter as part of the registration process (such as an email address) will not be disclosed publicly.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

USGCRP Contact: David Dokken; telephone 202-419-3473; or email: ddokken@usgcrp.gov.

NOAA Contact: David Fahey; telephone 303-497-5277; or email: david.w.fahey@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Climate Science Special Report is a product of the USGCRP, organized and led by an interagency team. The draft assessment was written by Federal and non-Federal authors identified via an Open Call for nominations (<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/03/31/2016-07208/united-states-global-change-research-program>). An interagency Federal steering committee selected authors based on their

demonstrated subject matter expertise, relevant publications, and knowledge of specific topics designated in an outline included in the special report prospectus (https://downloads.globalchange.gov/cssr/USGCRP_CSSR-Prospectus_FINAL.pdf). The draft assessment responds to the 1990 Congressional mandate to periodically produce National Climate Assessments and to assist the nation in understanding, assessing, predicting, and responding to human-induced and natural processes of global change. The report adheres to the Information Quality Act requirements (http://www.cio.noaa.gov/services_programs/info_quality.html) for quality, transparency, and accessibility as appropriate for a Highly Influential Scientific Assessment (HISA).

Dated: Tuesday, December 6, 2016.

Dan Barrie,

*Program Manager, Assessments Program,
NOAA Climate Program Office.*

Dated: December 9, 2016.

Jason Donaldson,

Chief Financial Officer, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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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; availability of evaluation of joint state/tribal hatchery plans and request for comment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Tulalip Tribes have submitted six Hatchery and Genetic Management Plans, to be considered jointly, to NMFS pursuant to the limitation on take prohibitions for actions conducted under Limit 6 of the 4(d) Rule for salmon and steelhead promulgated under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The plans specify the propagation of three species of salmon in the Snohomish River basin of Washington State. This document serves to notify the public of the availability for comment of the proposed evaluation of the Secretary of Commerce