

medical examination and certification as qualified to drive did not occur during the preceding 12 months;

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■ 7. Amend § 391.51 by revising paragraph (b)(3) to read as follows:

§ 391.51 General requirements for driver qualification files.

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(b) * * *

(3) The certificate of driver's road test issued to the driver pursuant to § 391.31(e), a copy of the license or certificate which the motor carrier accepted as equivalent to the driver's road test pursuant to § 391.33, or the original of the written statement providing that the motor carrier determined the driver is not required by § 391.44(d) to complete a road test pursuant to § 391.44(d)(3)(ii)(A) and the original, or a copy, of the driver's certification required by § 391.44(d)(3)(i);

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■ 8. Amend § 391.64 by revising the section title and paragraph (b) introductory text, and adding paragraph (b)(4) to read as follows.

§ 391.64 Grandfathering for certain drivers who participated in the vision waiver study program.

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(b) Until [DATE 60 DAYS AND 1 YEAR AFTER THE DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THE FINAL RULE IN THE **Federal Register**], the provisions of § 391.41(b)(10) do not apply to a driver who was a participant in good standing on March 31, 1996, in a waiver study program concerning the operation of commercial motor vehicles by drivers with visual impairment in one eye; *provided*:

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(4) On [DATE 60 DAYS AND 1 YEAR AFTER THE DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THE FINAL RULE IN THE **Federal Register**], the provisions of paragraph (b) of this section are removed, and any medical examiner's certificate issued under § 391.43 of this part on the basis that the driver is qualified by operation of the provisions of 49 CFR 391.64(b), related to drivers with visual impairment in one eye, is void.

Appendix A to Part 391—Medical Advisory Criteria [Amended]

■ 9. Remove and reserve paragraph II. J., Vision: § 391.41(b)(10), of Appendix A to Part 391.

Issued under the authority of delegation in 49 CFR 1.87.

James W. Deck,

Deputy Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Parts 223

[Docket No. 201125–0320]

RIN 0648–BK00

Endangered and Threatened Species: Designation of Nonessential Experimental Population of Central Valley Spring-Run Chinook Salmon in the Upper Yuba River Upstream of Englebright Dam, CA; Extension of Public Comment Period

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

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: We, NMFS, announce the extension of the public comment period on our December 11, 2020, 30-day proposal of a rule to designate and authorize the release of a nonessential experimental population (NEP) of Central Valley (CV) spring-run Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) in the upper Yuba River and its tributaries upstream of Englebright Dam, California, and establish take exceptions for the NEP for particular activities. A draft environmental assessment (EA) has been prepared on this proposed action and is available for comment. As part of that proposed action, we solicited comment on the proposed rule and EA over a 30-day period to end on January 11, 2021. Today, we update contact information, website addresses and extend the public comment period by 60 days to March 12, 2021. Comments previously submitted need not be resubmitted, as they will be fully considered in the agency's proposed action.

DATES: The deadline for receipt of comments is extended from January 11, 2021 until March 12, 2021.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on this proposed rule, identified by “NOAA–NMFS–2020–0139” by any one of the following methods:

- *Electronic Submissions:* Submit all electronic public comments via the

Federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to <https://beta.regulations.gov/docket/NOAA-NMFS-2020-0139/document> click the “Comment Now!” icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.

- *Phone:* (916) 930–3717; *Fax:* (916) 930–3629.

Instructions: Comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period, may not be considered by NMFS. All comments received are part of the public record and will generally be posted to <http://www.regulations.gov> without change. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address, etc.), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible. NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter “N/A” in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous). Attachments to electronic comments will be accepted in Microsoft Word, Excel, or Adobe PDF file formats only.

You may access a copy of the draft EA and other supporting documents by visiting the NMFS website at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/action/proposed-rule-authorize-reintroduction-central-valley-spring-run-chinook-salmon-upper-yuba>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jonathan Ambrose, by phone at (916) 930–3717, or by mail at National Marine Fisheries Service, 650 Capitol Mall, Suite 5–100, Sacramento, CA 95814.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On December 11, 2020, we published a proposed rule to designate and authorize the release of a NEP of CV spring-run Chinook salmon under the ESA in the upper Yuba River and its tributaries upstream of Englebright Dam, California, and establish take exceptions for the NEP for particular activities. In that notice we also announced a 30-day public comment period and the availability of a draft EA.

We received a request to extend the public comment period by 90 days in order to provide the public with additional time to adequately comment on the proposed rule. We considered the request and concluded that a 60-day extension should allow sufficient time for responders to submit comments without significantly delaying finalization of the proposed rule. We are therefore extending the close of the public comment period from January 11, 2021, to March 12, 2021. In addition to extending the public comment period,

we have also updated contact information and our website address to review the proposed rule and supporting materials.

Authority

The authority for this action is the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: January 5, 2021.

Samuel D. Rauch, III,

Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Parts 402

[Docket No. FWS-HQ-ES-2020-0102; FXES1114090FEDR-201-FF09E30000; Docket No. 201231-0363]

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Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Regulations for Interagency Cooperation

AGENCY: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior; National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) (collectively referred to as the “Services” or “we”) propose to amend the Services’ consultation regulations under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, pertaining to the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management. The proposed revisions would clarify that reinitiation of consultation would not be required for these agencies’ previously approved land management plans when new information reveals that effects of a plan may affect listed species or critical habitat in a manner or to an extent not previously considered, provided that any authorized actions for which the new information is relevant will be addressed through a separate action-specific consultation. The proposed revisions would also replace the existing regulation’s temporary

instructions concerning National Forest System lands with permanent instructions. The Services are proposing this change to improve and clarify the interagency cooperation procedures by making them more efficient and consistent.

DATES: We will accept comments from all interested parties until February 11, 2021. Please note that if you are using the Federal eRulemaking Portal (see **ADDRESSES** below), the deadline for submitting an electronic comment is 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on this date.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by one of the following methods:

(1) *Electronically:* Go to the *Federal eRulemaking Portal*: <http://www.regulations.gov>. In the Search box, enter FWS-HQ-ES-2012;2020-0102, which is the docket number for this rulemaking. Then in the Search panel on the left side of the screen, under the Document Type heading, click on the Proposed Rules link to locate this document. You may submit a comment by clicking on “Comment Now!”

(2) *By Hard Copy:* Submit by U.S. mail to: Public Comments Processing, Attn: FWS-HQ-ES-2020-0102, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS:JAO/3W, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803 or National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Protected Resources, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

We request that you send comments only by the methods described above. We will post all comments on <https://www.regulations.gov>. This generally means that we will post any personal information you provide us (see Public Comments below for more information).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gary Frazer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, Washington, DC 20240, telephone 202/208-4646; or Samuel D. Rauch, III, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, telephone 301/427-8000. If you use a telecommunications device for the Deaf (TDD), call the Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The purposes of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (“ESA” or “Act”; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), are to provide a means to conserve the ecosystems upon which listed species depend, to develop a program for the conservation of listed species, and to achieve the purposes of certain treaties and conventions. Moreover, the

Act states that it is the policy of Congress that the Federal Government shall seek to conserve threatened and endangered species and use its authorities in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The Lists of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Endangered and Threatened Plants (hereafter, “the Lists”) are in title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations in part 17 (§ 17.11(h) and § 17.12(h)).

Part 402 of title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations establishes the procedural regulations governing interagency cooperation under section 7 of the Act, which requires Federal agencies, in consultation with and with the assistance of the Secretaries of the Interior and Commerce, to insure that any action authorized, funded, or carried out by such agencies is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of endangered or threatened species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of critical habitat of such species. The Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture, through the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the U.S. Forest Service (FS), respectively, are responsible for the administration, management, and protection of approximately 438 million surface acres of Federal lands. Congress has directed that both Departments develop land management plans that provide for management of these Federal lands in accordance with the concepts of multiple use and sustained yield.

More specifically, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA) and the National Forest Management Act (NFMA) require the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture, respectively, to “develop, maintain, and, as appropriate, revise” land management plans and to coordinate such planning with other Federal agencies. *See* 43 U.S.C. 1712(a), (c)(1)–(c)(9); 16 U.S.C. 1604(a); *see also Norton v. Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance*, 542 U.S. 55 (2004) (*SUWA*); *Ohio Forestry Ass’n v. Sierra Club*, 523 U.S. 726, 728 (1998) (*Ohio Forestry*). The BLM and FS develop plans that provide standards and guidelines for land and resource management that reflect both economic and environmental considerations. Once a plan is adopted, the agencies’ individual project decisions and associated permits, contracts, and other instruments regulating use and occupancy within a unit covered by the plan must be consistent with the plan. *See* 43 U.S.C. 1732(a); 16 U.S.C. 1604(i); 43 CFR 1601.0–5, 1610.5–3(a); 36 CFR 219.15.