

NOAA Tribal Consultation Handbook. Under these policies and procedures, NOAA offers affected federally recognized Tribes government-to-government consultation at the earliest practicable time it can reasonably anticipate that a proposed policy or initiative may have Tribal implications.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1431 *et seq.*; 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*; 40 CFR 1500–1508 (NEPA Implementing Regulations); Companion Manual for NOAA Administrative Order 216–6A.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XB573]

Marine Mammals and Endangered Species

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permits and permit amendments.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that permits and permit amendments have been issued to the following entities under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) and the Endangered Species Act (ESA), as applicable.

ADDRESSES: The permits and related documents are available for review upon written request via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shasta McClenahan, Ph.D. (Permit Nos. 20532–01 and 25740) and Sara Young (Permit No. 25786); at (301) 427–8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notices were published in the **Federal Register** on the dates listed below that requests for a permit or permit amendment had been submitted by the below-named applicants. To locate the **Federal Register** notice that announced our receipt of the application and a complete description of the activities, go to www.federalregister.gov and search on the permit number provided in Table 1 below.

TABLE 1—ISSUED PERMITS AND PERMIT AMENDMENTS

| Permit No. | RTID | Applicant | Previous Federal Register Notice | Issuance date |
|----------------|------------|--|---|-------------------|
| 20532–01 | 0648–XE766 | Stephen John Trumble, Ph.D., Baylor University, 101 Bagby Avenue, Waco, TX 76706. | 84 FR 10795; March 22, 2019. | October 19, 2021. |
| 25740 | 0648–XB363 | Center for Coastal Studies, 5 Holway Avenue, Provincetown, MA 02657 (Responsible Party: Richard Delaney). | 86 FR 47478; August 25, 2021. | October 26, 2021. |
| 25786 | 0648–XB299 | NMFS’ Southwest Fisheries Science Center, 8901 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla, CA 92037 (Responsible Party: George Watters, Ph.D.). | 86 FR 42790; August 5, 2021. | October 26, 2021. |

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), a final determination has been made that the activities proposed are categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

As required by the ESA, as applicable, issuance of these permit was based on a finding that such permits: (1) Were applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of such endangered species; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in Section 2 of the ESA.

Authority: The requested permits have been issued under the MMPA of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216), the ESA of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222–226), as applicable.

Dated: November 4, 2021.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XB567]

Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish

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

ACTION: Notice of availability; proposed evaluation and pending determinations for five resource management plans in the Hood Canal Basin.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has drafted Proposed Evaluation and Pending Determinations (PEPD) for five resource management plans (RMPs) for the rearing and releasing Chinook

salmon, coho salmon, and chum salmon, and for research of Puget Sound Steelhead in the Hood Canal Basin of Washington State. The RMPs are in the form of hatchery and genetic management plans (HGMPs) for hatchery programs operated by Long Live the Kings (LLTK), the Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe (PGST), the Skokomish Tribe (ST), and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). In 2016 NMFS certified that the five HGMPs satisfied limit 6 of the 4(d) rule. The revised HGMPs will replace the versions of the same plans now in place. NMFS is notifying the public of the availability and opportunity to comment on PEPDs for the new programs. The hatchery programs are intended to contribute to fulfilling Federal tribal trust responsibilities and treaty rights guaranteed through treaties and affirmed in *U.S. v. Washington* (1974). The program operators submitted revised HGMPs for the following changes: (1) Improve the available forage to southern resident killer whales; and (2) investigate genetic diversity of Puget Sound Steelhead and the effects of release timing on marine survival of fall Chinook salmon.