

Board (Access Board) has established an advisory committee to assist it in developing a proposed rule on accessibility guidelines for newly constructed and altered passenger vessels covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act. This document gives notice of the dates, times, and location of the next meeting of the Passenger Vessel Access Advisory Committee (committee).

**DATES:** The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for April 26 through 28, 2000, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 6:00 p.m. each day.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in the 3rd floor training room at 1331 F Street, NW, Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul Beatty, Office of Technical and Information Services, Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board, 1331 F Street, NW., suite 1000, Washington, DC 20004-1111. Telephone number (202) 272-5434 extension 119 (Voice); (202) 272-5449 (TTY). E-mail address: pvaac@access-board.gov. This document is available in alternate formats (cassette tape, Braille, large print, or computer disk) upon request. This document is also available on the Board's Internet Site at <http://www.access-board.gov/notices/pvaacmtg.htm>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) established a Passenger Vessel Access Advisory Committee (committee) to assist the Board in developing proposed accessibility guidelines for newly constructed and altered passenger vessels covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act. 63 FR 43136 (August 12, 1998). The committee is composed of owners and operators of various passenger vessels; persons who design passenger vessels; organizations representing individuals with disabilities; and other individuals affected by the Board's guidelines.

The meeting is open to the public and interested persons can attend and communicate their views. Members of the public will have an opportunity to address the committee on issues of interest to them and the committee during the public comment period generally scheduled at the end of each meeting day. Members of groups, or individuals who are not members of the committee, may also have the opportunity to participate with subcommittees of the committee. Additionally, all interested persons will have the opportunity to comment when the proposed accessibility guidelines for

passenger vessels are issued in the **Federal Register** by the Access Board.

The facility is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Individuals who require sign language interpreters or real-time captioning systems should contact Paul Beatty by April 18, 2000. Notices of future meetings will be published in the **Federal Register**.

**Lawrence W. Roffee,**  
Executive Director.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Notice of Decision and Availability of Decision Documents on the Issuance of Permits for Incidental Take of Threatened and Endangered Species

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

**ACTION:** Notice of decision and availability of decision documents on the issuance of a permit (1232) for incidental takes of endangered and threatened species.

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises the public that a decision on the application for an incidental take permit by the State of Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) and the State of Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA), has been made and that the decision documents are available upon request.

**DATES:** Permit 1232 was issued on March 15, 2000, subject to certain conditions set forth therein, and expires on December 31, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Requests for copies of the decision documents or any of the other associated documents should be directed to the Protected Resources Division (PRD), F/NWR3, NMFS, 525 NE Oregon Street, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97232-2737 (503-230-5400).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert Koch, Portland, OR (ph: 503-230-5424, fax: 503-230-5435, e-mail: [robert.koch@noaa.gov](mailto:robert.koch@noaa.gov)).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following species, evolutionary significant units (ESU's), and runs are covered in the permit:

Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*): threatened Snake River (SnR) spring/summer, endangered upper Columbia River (UCR) spring.

Sockeye salmon (*O. nerka*): endangered SnR.

Steelhead (*O. mykiss*): endangered UCR.

#### Decision

Notice was published on February 3, 2000 (65 FR 5322) that ODFW and WDFW jointly applied for a section 10(a)(1)(B) permit for incidental takes of ESA-listed anadromous fish adults associated with otherwise lawful sport and commercial fisheries on non-listed species in the lower and middle Columbia River and its tributaries in the Pacific Northwest. ODFW and WDFW submitted a Conservation Plan with their permit application that describes measures designed to monitor, minimize, and mitigate the incidental taking of ESA-listed anadromous salmonids associated with some or all of the winter/spring/summer fisheries that are expected to occur during 2000. Specifically, this Conservation Plan and Permit cover only those species, ESU's, and runs identified above which occur primarily in Columbia River mainstem fisheries through July 2000. Incidental take of other listed species, ESU's and runs during the conduct of fall season fisheries (i.e., SnR fall chinook, SnR steelhead) are not authorized by this permit and will require a separate application from ODFW and WDFW.

NMFS' decision is to adopt the preferred alternative in the Conservation Plan together with the preferred alternative in the Environmental Assessment that was completed for this permit action and issue a permit with conditions authorizing incidental takes of the ESA-listed anadromous fish species. This decision is based on a thorough review of the alternatives and their environmental consequences. NMFS' conditions will ensure that the incidental takes of ESA-listed anadromous fish will not appreciably reduce the likelihood of the survival and recovery of the species in the wild. By adopting the preferred alternative in the Conservation Plan, with the Conservation Plan's stated assurances that ODFW and WDFW's mitigation program will be implemented, all practicable means to avoid or minimize harm have been adopted.

ODFW and WDFW requested incidental takes of threatened lower Columbia River (LCR) chinook salmon, threatened upper Willamette River (UWR) chinook salmon, threatened SnR steelhead, threatened middle Columbia River (MCR) steelhead, threatened LCR

steelhead, and threatened UWR steelhead. Protective regulations are currently proposed for LCR and UWR chinook salmon (65 FR 169, January 3, 2000) and SnR, MCR, LCR, and UWR steelhead (64 FR 73479, December 30, 1999). NMFS did not act on that part of ODFW and WDFW's permit application. In the future, when NMFS promulgates final rules under section 4(d) of the ESA that will provide take prohibitions for threatened LCR chinook salmon, threatened UWR chinook salmon, threatened SnR steelhead, threatened MCR steelhead, threatened LCR steelhead, and threatened UWR steelhead, NMFS may amend the permit to include the authorization for incidental takes of these species as ODFW and WDFW requested in their application. Issuance of the permit does not presuppose the contents of the eventual protective regulations.

#### Rationale for Decision

The decision to issue the permit was made because the Conservation Plan proposed by ODFW and WDFW meets the statutory criteria for issuance of an incidental take permit under section 10 of the ESA. In issuing the permit, NMFS determined that ODFW and WDFW's Conservation Plan provides adequate mitigation measures to avoid, minimize, and/or compensate for the anticipated takes of ESA-listed anadromous fish.

The permit was granted only after NMFS determined that the permit was applied for in good faith, that all permit issuance criteria were met, including the requirement that granting the permit would not jeopardize the continued existence of the species, and that the permit is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended.

Dated: March 29, 2000.

**Wanda L. Cain,**

*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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#### New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Capacity Committee in April, 2000. Recommendations from the committee will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on April 19, 2000, at 10:00 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, 300 Woodbury Avenue, Portsmouth, NH 03801; telephone: (603) 431-8000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; (978) 465-04922.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Committee will continue its exploration of fishing capacity issues. The Committee will discuss two proposals that may help alleviate problems caused by excess fishing capacity. These two proposals would allow the transfer of permits under certain conditions. The Committee will also discuss other ways to reduce fishing capacity, such as vessel buybacks, allowing vessels to defer fishing effort until stocks rebuild, or combinations of these and other options. The Committee will receive a qualitative report on fisheries in New England that have excessive fishing capacity.

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

#### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting dates.

Dated: March 29, 2000.

**Bruce C. Morehead,**

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

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## CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

### Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Corporation for National and Community Service.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter the "Corporation"), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) (44 U.S.C. § 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirement on respondents can be properly assessed.

Currently, the Corporation is soliciting comments concerning its proposed applications entitled: AmeriCorps Promise Fellows Continuation Application Instructions. Copies of the information collection requests can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section by June 5, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to the Corporation for National and Community Service, Tracy Stone, Director, AmeriCorps Promise Fellows, 1201 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20525.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tracy Stone (202) 606-5000, ext. 173.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Comment Request

The Corporation is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Corporation, including whether the information will have practical utility;

- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- Enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and