

salmon; juvenile, threatened, SnR fall chinook salmon; juvenile, threatened, artificially propagated and naturally produced, SnR spring/summer chinook salmon; and juvenile, endangered, artificially propagated and naturally produced, UCR steelhead associated with the Smolt Monitoring Program (SMP). The objective of the SMP is to generate information on the migrational characteristics of various salmon and steelhead stocks in the Columbia River Basin, to provide advice on the implementation of flow and spill measures to improve fish passage conditions in the Snake and Columbia Rivers, to provide a long-term consistent database for year-to-year comparisons, and to monitor gas bubble trauma as required by the states' water quality agencies. Permit 1193 expires on December 31, 2003.

Dated: March 19, 1999.

Kevin Collins,

Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[I.D. 030399C]

Marine Mammals; File No. 932-1489

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce and Office of Management Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Interior.

ACTION: Receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Office of Protected Resources (OPR), Marine Mammal Health and Stranding Response Program, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 has applied in due form for a permit to take various marine mammal species for scientific research and enhancement.

DATES: Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before April 26, 1999.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment, see "Address Information" under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application should be mailed to the Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular request would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301) 713-0376, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period. Please note that comments will not be accepted by e-mail or by other electronic media.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sara Shapiro or Ruth Johnson, 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR 222.23), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

NMFS/OPR/MMHSRP (File No. 932-1489) requests authorization to oversee the collecting, preserving, labeling, and transporting of all species of marine mammal cadavers or tissue and fluid samples for physical, chemical, or biological analyses, import, and export, and the taking of stranded or distressed endangered or threatened marine mammals, and the salvage of specimens from dead threatened or endangered marine mammals. The animals for which they are requesting authorization include all species of the Orders Cetacea, Pinnipedia, Sirenia, and polar bears (*Ursus maritimus*), sea otters (*Enhydra lutris*), and marine otters (*Lontra felina*).

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

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Address Information

The application and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (562/980-4001);

Regional Administrator, Alaska Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668 (907/586-7221);

Regional Administrator, Northeast Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, One Blackburn Dr., Gloucester, MA 01930-2298 (978/281-9250);

Regional Administrator, Southeast Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432 (727/570-5301);

Regional Administrator, Northwest Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, 7600 Sand Point Way, BIN C15700, Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0020 (206/526-6150); and

Coordinator, Pacific Area Office, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, 2570 Dole St., Room 106, Honolulu, HI 96822-2396 (808/943-1221).

Dated: March 3, 1999.

Ann D. Terbush,

Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

Dated: March 18, 1999.

Margaret Tieger,

Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D.# 022699D]

Marine Mammals; File No. 77-1#73_967

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the National Marine Mammal Laboratory, Alaska Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Bin C15700, Seattle, Washington 98115-0070, has been issued an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 967 to extend the area of take to include Alaska waters.

ADDRESSES: The amendment and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

Regional Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668 (907/586-7221); and
Regional Administrator, Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE, BIN C15700, Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA, 98115-0070 (206/526-6150);

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ruth Johnson or Sara Shapiro 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 14, 1999, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 2472) that an amendment of Permit No. 697, issued July 11, 1995 (60 FR 37053), had been requested by the above-named organization. The requested amendment has been granted under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the provisions of § 216.39 of the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

Date: March 19, 1999.

Jeannie Drevenak,

Acting Chief, Permits and Documentation, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

[CPSC Docket No. 99-1]

Cadet Manufacturing Company; Prehearing Conference

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice of first prehearing conference.

DATE: This notice announces a prehearing conference to be held in the matter of Cadet Manufacturing

Company on April 12, 1999, at 1:00 p.m. (EDT).

Location: The prehearing conference will be via conference telephone call. Pursuant to 16 C.F.R. 1025.21(d) and 1025.47, the conference shall be stenographically reported.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information contact Sadye E. Dunn, Secretary, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207; telephone (301) 504-0800, ext. 1230; facsimile (301) 504-0127.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This public notice is issued pursuant to 16 CFR 1025.21(b) of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's Rules of Practice for Adjudicative Proceedings to inform the public that a prehearing conference will be held in an administrative proceeding under Section 15 of the Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA), captioned CPSC Docket No. 99-1, In the Matter of Cadet Manufacturing Company ("Cadet"). The Presiding Officer in the proceeding is United States Administrative Law Judge William B. Moran. The Presiding Officer has determined that, for good and sufficient cause, the time period for holding this first prehearing conference had to be extended to the date announced above, which date is beyond the fifty (50) day period referenced in 16 CFR 1025.21(a).

The public is referred generally to the Code of Federal Regulations citation listed above for identification of the issues to be raised at the conference, but the chief purpose will be to establish a schedule for discovery and for the initial exchange of witness lists, prepared testimony, and documents. The public is also advised that the date, time and location of the hearing will be established at the conference.

Substantively, the issue being litigated in this proceeding is described by the Presiding Officer as whether, as alleged in the Complaint, certain electric in-wall heaters manufactured by Cadet are defective in that their design causes overheating and fire hazards. The Complaint also asserts that the identified models have manufacturing or assembly defects created by inadequate or faulty components and/or contacts which cause overheating and multiple fire-related hazards.

On this basis it is alleged that the heater models identified in the Complaint present a "substantial product hazard" within the meaning of Section 15(a)(2) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. 2064(a)(2).

In response, Cadet's Answer denies, generally and specifically, the

allegations that its products are defective and that its heaters present a substantial product hazard within the meaning of the CPSA.

Should the allegations be proven, Complaint Counsel for the Office of Compliance of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission seeks a finding that the product presents a substantial product hazard and that public notification be made pursuant to section 15(c) of the CPSA and that other appropriate relief be directed, as set forth in the Complaint.

Dated: March 19, 1999.

Sadye E. Dunn,

Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board Meeting

The Operational Test and Evaluation Advisory Group Meeting in support of the HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board will meet in Kirtland AFB, NM on May 10-12, 1999 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to gather information and receive briefings in support of the Scientific Advisory Board.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with section 552b (c) of Title 5, United States Code, specifically subparagraphs (1) and (4) thereof.

For further information, contact the HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board Secretariat at (703) 697-8404.

Carolyn A. Lunsford,

Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board Meeting

The Intelligence and Vigilance Panel Meeting will meet in Washington, DC on April 14-16, 1999 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to gather information and receive briefings in support of the USAF Scientific Advisory Board's 1999 Summer Study.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with section 552b