

value of worsted wool fabric production described in HTS 9902.51.11 or 9902.51.12, as appropriate, woven in the United States in each of calendar years 1999, 2000 and 2001. This data must indicate actual production (not estimates) of worsted wool fabric of the kind described in HTS 9902.51.11 or 9902.51.12.

At the conclusion of the application, the applicant must attest that "all information contained in the application is complete and correct and no false claims, statements, or representations have been made."

Applicants should be aware that, generally, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3729, persons providing a false or fraudulent claim, and, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1001, persons making materially false statements or representations, are subject to civil or criminal penalties, respectively.

Information that is marked "business confidential" will be protected from disclosure to the full extent permitted by law.

**Other Application Requirements:** Complete applications must include the following forms and documents: CD-346, Applicant for Funding Assistance; CD-511, Certifications Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements and Lobbying; SF-424, Application for Federal Assistance; and SF-424B, Assurances—Non-Construction Programs. The CD forms are available via Web site: <http://www.osec.doc.gov/forms/direct.htm>. The SF forms are available via Web site: [http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/grants\\_forms.html](http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/grants_forms.html).

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**Allocation Procedures:** Section 4002(c)(6)(A) of the Act requires that each grant be allocated among eligible applicants on the basis of the percentage of each manufacturers' production of the fabric described in HTS 9902.51.11 or HTS 9902.51.12 for calendar years 1999, 2000, and 2001, compared to the production of such fabric by all

manufacturers who qualify for such grants. Following the closing date of the receipt of applications, the Department shall calculate the appropriate allocation of the allotted funds among eligible applicants in accordance with the statutory procedures. Award decisions shall be final and not subject to appeal or protest.

**Intergovernmental Review:**

Applications under this program are not subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

**Administrative and National Policy Requirements:** Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notifications for Grants and Cooperative Agreements, which are contained in the **Federal Register** Notice of December 30, 2004 (69 FR 78389), are applicable to this solicitation.

It has been determined that this notice is not significant for purposes of E.O. 12866.

**Administrative Procedure/Regulatory Flexibility:** Prior notice and an opportunity for public comment are not required by the Administrative Procedure Act for rules concerning public property, loans, grants, benefits, and contracts (5 U.S.C. 553(a)(2)). Because notice and opportunity for comment are not required pursuant to 5 USC 553 or any other law, the analytical requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) are inapplicable. Therefore, a regulatory flexibility analysis is not required and has not been prepared.

Dated: March 30, 2006.

**James C. Leonard III,**  
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Textiles and Apparel.

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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:** Applications for scientific research permits.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that NMFS has received two scientific research permit application requests relating to Pacific salmon. The proposed research is intended to increase knowledge of species listed under the

Endangered Species Act (ESA) and to help guide management and conservation efforts.

**DATES:** Comments or requests for a public hearing on the applications must be received at the appropriate address or fax number (see **ADDRESSES**) no later than 5 p.m. Pacific standard time on May 4, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on the applications should be sent to the Protected Resources Division, NMFS, 1201 NE Lloyd Blvd., Suite 1100, Portland, OR 97232-1274. Comments may also be sent via fax to 503-230-5441 or by e-mail to [resapps.nwr@NOAA.gov](mailto:resapps.nwr@NOAA.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Garth Griffin, Portland, OR (ph.: 503-231-2005, Fax: 503-230-5441, e-mail: [Garth.Griffin@noaa.gov](mailto:Garth.Griffin@noaa.gov)). Permit application instructions are available from the address above.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Species Covered in This Notice

The following listed species are covered in this notice:

Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*): threatened lower Columbia River (LCR); threatened upper Willamette River (UWR).

Chum salmon (*O. keta*): threatened Columbia River (CR).

Steelhead (*O. mykiss*): threatened LCR; threatened UWR.

Coho salmon (*O. kisutch*): threatened LCR.

#### Authority

Scientific research permits are issued in accordance with section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 et. seq) and regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR 222-226). NMFS issues permits based on findings that such permits: (1) Are applied for in good faith; (2) if granted and exercised, would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species that are the subject of the permit; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policy of section 2 of the ESA. The authority to take listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permits.

Anyone requesting a hearing on an application listed in this notice should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on that application would be appropriate (see **ADDRESSES**). Such hearings are held at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NMFS.

#### Applications Received

##### Permit 1561

The EES Consulting, Inc. (EESC) is asking for a 3-year research permit to

take juvenile LCR Chinook salmon, LCR coho salmon, and LCR steelhead in selected tributaries of the Cowlitz River in Washington. The research is designed to provide information on fish presence, abundance, distribution, and movement within the upper Cowlitz River. The research would benefit listed salmonids by providing baseline information about fish populations in areas affected by the Packwood Lake Hydroelectric Project, and that information, in turn, would be used during the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's relicensing negotiations. The EESC proposes to observe fish and use backpack electrofishing equipment to capture them. The captured fish would be anesthetized, sampled for tissues and biological information, and released. The EESC does not intend to kill any fish being captured but some may die as an unintentional result of the research activities.

#### *Permit 1562*

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) is asking for a 5-year research permit to take juvenile LCR Chinook salmon, UWR Chinook salmon, LCR coho salmon, CR chum salmon, LCR steelhead, and UWR steelhead in the Willamette Basin, Oregon. The purpose of the research is to evaluate the overall ecological health of the region's streams by evaluating vertebrate and macroinvertebrate assemblages and comparing them to such assemblages in relatively unimpaired reference streams. The research would benefit listed species by allowing the ODEQ to more effectively assess the condition of habitat streams in the Willamette Basin. The information from the study would be used to guide listed species recovery planning and limiting factor analyses. The ODEQ proposes to capture fish using backpack, boat-, or raft-mounted electrofishing equipment or seines (beach or boat) measure them, check them for external pathology, and release them. The ODEQ does not intend to kill any fish being captured but some may die as an unintentional result of the research activities.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the ESA. NMFS will evaluate the application, associated documents, and comments submitted to determine whether the application meets the requirements of section 10(a) of the ESA and Federal regulations. The final permit decisions will not be made until after the end of the 30-day comment period. NMFS will publish notice of its final action in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: March 30, 2006.

**Angela Somma,**

*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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#### **Environmental Impact Statement Regarding the Application for a Permit for Incidental Take of Protected Resources in Inshore Fisheries Managed by the State of Hawaii**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of cancellation of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

**SUMMARY:** The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) announces the cancellation of its intent to prepare an EIS to assess the potential impacts on the human environment of sea turtle and monk seal interactions with fishing activities in Hawaii State waters associated with an application for an individual Incidental Take Permit (ITP) submitted March 21, 2002, and subsequently revised and resubmitted in May 2005 by the State of Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jayne LeFors, NMFS, Pacific Islands Region; telephone: (808) 944-2277; fax: (808) 944-2142; e-mail: [jayne.lefors@noaa.gov](mailto:jayne.lefors@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NMFS provided public notice through an earlier **Federal Register** notice of availability (67 FR 16367, April 5, 2002) of a State of Hawaii application for an individual ITP for listed sea turtles in inshore marine fisheries in the Hawaiian Islands managed by the State of Hawaii. NMFS is responsible for analyzing these permit applications and authorizing those which meet legal requirements under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). On May 9, 2002, NMFS published a notice of intent to prepare an EIS in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in connection with agency action on the ITP application. On September 22, 2003 (68 FR 55023), NMFS published a notice of intent to

hold public scoping meetings on the EIS. However, September 19, 2005, the State of Hawaii informed NMFS that they wished to withdraw and revise their application for an ITP. At that time the state expressed concerns that management measures identified in the ITP for monk seals needed further community input and agency consultation prior to issuance of a final ITP. NMFS will continue to work with the state as they revise their application. The timeline for completion of the revised application is uncertain and elements of the conservation plan may change. NMFS will publish an updated notice on the appropriate NEPA analysis once a revised application is received.

As federal action (i.e., issuance of an ITP) is no longer proposed for the application received March 21, 2002, and amended in May 2005, an EIS is not needed and the notice of intent to prepare an EIS is cancelled.

Dated: March 29, 2006.

**Jim Lecky,**

*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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#### **North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Charter Halibut Stakeholder Committee will meet in Anchorage, AK.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on April 18-20, 2006, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Anchorage Hilton Hotel, 500 West 3rd Avenue, Aspen/Spruce Room, Anchorage, AK 99501.

*Council address:* North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jane DiCosimo, Council staff, telephone: (907) 271-2809.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Charter Halibut Stakeholder Committee will convene for its third meeting to continue development of two