

U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) requires that NMFS develop and implement recovery plans for the conservation and survival of threatened and endangered species under its jurisdiction, unless it is determined that such plans would not promote the conservation of the species. This Plan discusses the natural history, current status, and the known and potential human impacts to sperm whales. Actions needed to promote the recovery of this species are identified and discussed. The Plan will be used to direct U.S. activities, and to encourage international cooperation to promote the recovery of this endangered species. NMFS' goal is to restore endangered sperm whale populations to the point where they are again secure, self-sustaining members of their ecosystems, and no longer need the protections of the ESA. NMFS will consider all substantive comments and information presented during the public comment period in the course of finalizing this Plan.

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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: Receipt of an application to renew and to modify a scientific research permit; request for comments.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has received an application to renew and modify a permit for scientific research from the National Park Service (NPS) in Point Reyes Station, CA (1046). The permit would affect federally endangered Central California Coast coho salmon, threatened California Coastal Chinook salmon, and threatened Central California Coast steelhead. This document serves to notify the public of the availability of the permit application for review and comment.

DATES: Written comments on the permit application must be received no later than 5 p.m. Pacific Standard Time on August 7, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Comments submitted by e-mail must be sent to the following address: FRNpermits.SR@noaa.gov. The application and related documents are available for review by appointment, for Permit 1046 Modification 2: Protected Resources Division, NMFS, 777 Sonoma Avenue, Room 315, Santa Rosa, CA 95404 (ph: 707-575-6097, fax: 707-578-3435).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jeffrey Jahn at phone number 707-575-6097, or e-mail: Jeffrey.Jahn@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority

Issuance of permits and permit modifications, as required by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) (ESA), is based on a finding that such permits/modifications: (1) are applied for in good faith; (2) would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species which are the subject of the permits; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA. Authority to take listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permits. Permits and modifications are issued in accordance with and are subject to the ESA and NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 222-226).

Those individuals 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**). The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in the permit action summaries are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Species Covered in This Notice

This notice is relevant to federally endangered Central California Coast coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*), threatened California Coastal Chinook salmon (*O. tshawytscha*), and threatened Central California Coast steelhead (*O. mykiss*).

Renewal and Modification Request Received

NPS requests to renew and modify a 5-year permit (1046) for take of juvenile Central California Coast coho salmon, California Coastal Chinook salmon, and Central California Coast steelhead to monitor out-migrating salmonid smolts in Olema Creek, Pine Gulch, and Redwood Creek watersheds in Marin County, California. NPS requests authorization for an estimated annual

non-lethal take of 9,875 juvenile Central California Coast coho salmon, 750 juvenile California Coastal Chinook salmon, and 9,875 juvenile Central California Coast steelhead, with no more than 3 percent unintentional mortality to result from capture (by fyke-net trap or pipe trap), handling, and release of fish. NPS also requests authorization for an estimated annual non-lethal take of 2,625 juvenile Central California Coast coho salmon, 250 juvenile California Coastal Chinook salmon, and 2,625 juvenile Central California Coast steelhead, with no more than 5 percent unintentional mortality to result from capture (by fyke-net trap or pipe trap), handling, passive integrated transponder (PIT) tagging, fin-clipping, and release of fish.

NPS requests take of juvenile Central California Coast coho salmon and Central California Coast steelhead to conduct a juvenile salmonid diet composition study in Olema Creek, Pine Gulch, and Redwood Creek watersheds in Marin County, California. NPS requests authorization for an estimated annual non-lethal take of 250 juvenile Central California Coast coho salmon and 150 juvenile Central California Coast steelhead, with no more than 5 percent unintentional mortality to result from capture (by fyke-net trap, pipe trap, or electrofishing), handling, stomach sampling (a process during which a blunt hypodermic syringe is used to flush stomach contents out of the esophagus), and release of fish.

NPS requests take of previously dead adult carcasses of Central California Coast coho salmon, California Coastal Chinook salmon, and Central California Coast steelhead to collect genetic information on spawning salmonids in the following watersheds: Olema Creek, Lagunitas Creek, Pine Gulch, Redwood Creek, and Easkoot Creek in Marin County, California; West Union Creek, Martini Creek, San Vicente Creek, and Denniston Creek in San Mateo County, California; and Alhambra Creek and Franklin Creek in Contra Costa County, California. NPS requests authorization to handle, tissue sample, and release an estimated 550 Central California Coast coho salmon adult carcasses, 150 California Coastal Chinook salmon adult carcasses, and 750 Central California Coast steelhead adult carcasses annually. NPS does not request any take of live adult salmonids for this study.

NPS requests take of adult Central California Coast coho salmon, California Coastal Chinook salmon, and Central California Coast steelhead to conduct adult spawner population monitoring, population abundance, fish migration, and population genetics studies in

Olema Creek, Pine Gulch, and Redwood Creek in Marin County, California. NPS requests authorization for an estimated annual non-lethal take of 500 adult Central California Coast coho salmon, 200 adult California Coastal Chinook salmon, and 500 adult Central California Coast steelhead, with no more than 3 percent unintentional mortality to result from capture (by weir-trap), handling, tagging (with an external anchor tag), and release of fish.

NPS requests take of juvenile Central California Coast coho salmon, California Coastal Chinook salmon, and Central California Coast steelhead to conduct summer fish population monitoring in the following watersheds: Olema Creek, Lagunitas Creek, Pine Gulch, Redwood Creek, and Easkoot Creek in Marin County, California; West Union Creek, Martini Creek, San Vicente Creek, and Denniston Creek in San Mateo County, California; and Alhambra Creek and Franklin Creek in Contra Costa County, California. NPS requests authorization for an estimated annual non-lethal take of 9,500 juvenile Central California Coast coho salmon, 50 juvenile California Coastal Chinook salmon, and 11,500 juvenile Central California Coast steelhead, with no more than 3 percent unintentional mortality to result from capture (by seine or electrofishing), handling, fin-clipping, scale-sampling, and release of fish.

NPS requests take of juvenile Central California Coast coho salmon, California Coastal Chinook salmon, and Central California Coast steelhead to conduct fish rescue and relocation efforts of stranded salmonids in dry streams in the following watersheds: Olema Creek, Lagunitas Creek, Pine Gulch, Redwood Creek, and Easkoot Creek in Marin County, California; West Union Creek, Martini Creek, San Vicente Creek, and Denniston Creek in San Mateo County, California; and Alhambra Creek and Franklin Creek in Contra Costa County, California. NPS requests authorization for an estimated annual non-lethal take of 5,000 juvenile Central California Coast coho salmon, 50 juvenile California Coastal Chinook salmon, and 5,200 juvenile Central California Coast steelhead with no more than 5 percent unintentional mortality to result from capture (by seine or electrofishing), handling, transport, and release of fish.

NPS requests take of juvenile Central California Coast coho salmon and Central California Coast steelhead to conduct juvenile salmonid winter movement and habitat utilization studies in Olema Creek, Pine Gulch, and Redwood Creek watersheds in Marin County, California. NPS requests authorization for an estimated annual

non-lethal take of 3,000 juvenile Central California Coast coho salmon and 3,000 juvenile Central California Coast steelhead, with no more than 3 percent unintentional mortality to result from capture (by seine or electrofishing), handling, and release of fish. NPS also requests authorization for an estimated annual non-lethal take of 2,000 juvenile Central California Coast coho salmon and 2,000 juvenile Central California Coast steelhead, with no more than 5 percent unintentional mortality to result from capture (by seine or electrofishing), handling, PIT tagging, fin-clipping, and release of fish.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of amendment of Privacy Act system of records.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is amending the system of records currently listed under "COMMERCE/PAT-TM-10 Patent Deposit Accounts System." This action is being taken to update the Privacy Act notice and to include user profiles for electronic funds transfers (EFT). The system of records will also be renamed "COMMERCE/PAT-TM-10 Deposit Accounts and Electronic Funds Transfer Profiles." We invite the public to comment on the amendments noted in this publication.

DATES: Written comments must be received no later than August 7, 2006. The amendments will become effective as proposed on August 7, 2006, unless the USPTO receives comments that would result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: You may submit written comments by any of the following methods:

- E-mail:

Tamara.McClure@uspto.gov.

- Fax: (571) 273-6500, marked to the attention of Tamara McClure.

- Mail: Tamara McClure, Office of Finance, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

All comments received will be available for public inspection at the USPTO Public Search Facility, Madison East Building—1st Floor, 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Director, Office of Finance, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, (571) 272-6400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is giving notice of an amendment to a system of records that is subject to the Privacy Act of 1974. This system of records maintains information on deposit accounts that may be used by customers to pay fees for processing and services related to patents, trademarks, and information products. The USPTO is revising this system of records to include user profiles for electronic funds transfers (EFT), which provide customers with another method for paying patent and trademark fees. The Privacy Act notice is also being updated with current address information for the system location and system manager. The categories of individuals covered by the system, categories of records in the system, routine uses of records maintained in the system, and other system descriptions are being updated to include information regarding EFT user profiles and to reflect current practice. The authority for maintenance of the system and rule references for the notification procedure and contesting record procedures are being updated to correspond to the current statutes and rules for those items as related to the USPTO.

Due to the addition of information concerning EFT user profiles, the name of the system of records in this Privacy Act notice is being changed to "COMMERCE/PAT-TM-10 Deposit Accounts and Electronic Funds Transfer Profiles." The amended system of records notice is published in its entirety below.

COMMERCE/PAT-TM-10

SYSTEM NAME:

Deposit Accounts and Electronic Funds Transfer Profiles.

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:

Unclassified.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Office of Finance, Receipts Accounting Division, United States