

Executive Order 12866

This notice has been determined to be not significant for purposes of E.O. 12866.

Executive Order 13132 (Federalism)

It has been determined that this notice does not contain policies with Federalism implications as that term is defined in Executive Order 13132.

Administrative Procedure Act/Regulatory Flexibility Act

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 U.S.C. 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.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 1512 and Executive Order 11625.

Dated: October 20, 2006.

Ronald Marin,

Financial Management Officer, Minority Business Development Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 101706D]

Marine Mammals; File No. 1097-1859

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Coral World (V.I.), Inc., 6450 Estate Smith Bay, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands 00802 [Gertrude J. Prior, Responsible Party] has been issued a permit to import four South American (Patagonian) sea lions (*Otaria flavescens*) for public display.

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

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)427-2521; and

Southeast Region, NMFS, 263 13th Avenue South, Saint Petersburg, FL 33701; phone (727)824-5312; fax (727)824-5309.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kate Swails or Jennifer Skidmore, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 10, 2006 notice was published in the **Federal Register** (71 FR 45778) that a request for a public display permit to import four male sea lions from International Sea Lion Search and Rescue, Koh Samui, Thailand to Coral World Ocean Park had been submitted by the above-named organization. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act 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).

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

Dated: October 20, 2006.

P. Michael Payne,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 101806G]

Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish

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

ACTION: Receipt of applications for renewal and modification of scientific research/enhancement permit and request for comment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has received an application to renew and modify a permit from the Eel River Salmon Restoration Project, Miranda, CA (Permit 1075). This permit would affect Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast (SONCC) coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*), California Coastal (CC) Chinook Salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) and Northern California (NC) Steelhead

(*Oncorhynchus mykiss*). This document serves to notify the public of the availability of the permit application for review and comment before a final approval or disapproval is made by NMFS.

DATES: Written comments on the permit application must be received at the appropriate address or fax number (see **ADDRESSES**) no later than 5 p.m. Daylight Savings Time on November 24, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on this renewal and modification request should be sent to the appropriate office as indicated below. Comments may also be sent via fax to the number indicated for the request. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or the internet. The applications and related documents are available for review in the indicated office, by appointment: For Permit 1075 : Steve Liebhardt, Protected Species Division, NOAA Fisheries, 1655 Heindon Road, Arcata, CA 95521 (ph: 707-825-5186, fax: 707-825-4840).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve Liebhardt by telephone at (707-825B5186), or e-mail: steve.liebhardt@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 NOAA Fisheries 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 the following four threatened salmonid ESUs: Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast (SONCC) coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*, California Coastal (CC) Chinook Salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) and Northern California (NC) Steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*).

Renewal and Modification Requests Received

Permit 1075

The Eel River Salmon Restoration Project has requested renewal and modification 2 of Permit 1075 for take of SONCC coho salmon, CC Chinook Salmon and NC steelhead. Studies include: monitoring changes in fish populations in tributaries to the South Fork Eel River, provide fertilized Chinook salmon eggs to local schools for educational purposes and run an adult trap for collection of future fish population trend data sets. Proposed capture methods are by fyke trap and downstream migrant trap. Renewal and Modification of Permit 1075 was originally issued to the Eel River Salmon Restoration Project on February 27, 2004. The Eel River Salmon Restoration Project is currently authorized take of up to 2,000 juvenile coho salmon. The Eel River Salmon Restoration Project has requested a total take of up to 50 adult SONCC coho salmon, 2,000 juvenile SONCC coho salmon, 15,000 juvenile NC steelhead, 50 adult NC steelhead, 303 adult CC Chinook salmon, and 2,500 juvenile CC Chinook salmon. Renewal and Modification of Permit 1075 will expire September 1, 2016.

Dated: October 19, 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

[I.D. 101806F]

Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish

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

ACTION: Receipt of application for research permit; request for comments.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has received an application for a permit for an Endangered Species Act (ESA) scientific research from California Department of Fish and Game Glenn Colusa Irrigation District Fish Screen Facilities Office (DFG GCID FSFO) in Hamilton City, CA. This notice is relevant to federally endangered Sacramento River winter-run Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*), threatened Central Valley spring-run Chinook salmon (*O. tshawytscha*), threatened Central Valley steelhead (*O. mykiss*), and threatened Southern Distinct Population Segment (DPS) of North American green sturgeon (*Acipenser medirostris*). This document serves to notify the public of the availability of the permit application for review and comment.

DATES: Written comments on the permit applications must be received at the appropriate address or fax number (see **ADDRESSES**) no later than 5 p.m. Pacific Standard Time on November 24, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the permit application should be sent to the appropriate office as indicated below. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to FRNpermit.sac@noaa.gov or fax to the number indicated for the request. The application and related documents are available for review by appointment: Protected Resources Division, NMFS, 650 Capitol Mall, Suite 8-300, Sacramento, CA 95814 (ph: 916-930-3615, fax: 916-930-3629).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Russell Bellmer, Ph.D. by telephone at 916-930-3615, or e-mail: FRNpermit.sac@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 Sacramento River winter-run Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*), threatened Central Valley spring-run Chinook salmon (*O. tshawytscha*), threatened Central Valley steelhead (*O. mykiss*), and threatened Southern Distinct Population Segment of North American green sturgeon (*Acipenser medirostris*).

Applications Received

DFG GCID FSFO requests a 5-year permit 1582 with an annual estimated take of 4,000 juvenile winter-run Chinook Salmon, 20,000 spring-run Chinook Salmon, and 4,000 Central Valley steelhead (with 2 percent incidental mortality) to monitor emigration behavior in the Sacramento River in California. DFG GCID FSFO requests authorization for this estimated annual take resulting from capturing, measuring, transporting, and releasing fish that may be caught by 8-foot (2.44m) diameter rotary screw trap deployed to specifically capture juvenile Chinook salmon in the Sacramento River near River near Mile 205 (Lat. 39°79' 00" N, long. 122° 05' 00" W). A sub-sample of 50 salmon juveniles will be placed into a bucket containing a solution of Tricaine methanesulfonate (MS-222) and anaesthetized. Individuals are measured and identified to species or race. DFG GCID FSFO requests authorization for an estimated annual take of 10 adult Sacramento River winter-run Chinook salmon, 10 adult Central Valley spring-run Chinook salmon, and 10 adult Central Valley steelhead (with 1 percent incidental mortality) resulting from capture and release of the fish.

DFG GCID FSFO will take a total of 90 juveniles of the threatened Southern DPS of North American green sturgeon (with 1 percent incidental mortality) resulting from capture and release of the fish.