

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

[I.D. 072197G]

Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Committee on Alternative Groundfish Management will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will begin on Wednesday, August 20, 1997, at 9:00 a.m. and may go into the evening until business for the day is completed.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Mt. St. Helens Room at the Shilo Inn - Portland Airport, 11707 NE Airport Way, Portland, OR.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR 97201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Larry Six, Executive Director; telephone: (503) 326-6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: At the request of the Council, the Committee will discuss alternatives to the year-round fishery for potential implementation in 1998. Other alternative management strategies to be discussed include a full retention program, marine harvest regues, and others. The Committee will present their findings at the September 8-12 Council meeting.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Eric Greene at (503) 326-6352 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: July 23, 1997.

Bruce C. Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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South Atlantic 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 South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold meetings of its Wetlands, Seagrass, Oyster/Shell and Water Issues Sub-Groups.

DATES: The meetings will be held August 11-13, 1997. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Town and Country Inn, 2008 Savannah Highway, Charleston, SC 29407; telephone: 803-571-1000.

Council address: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, One Southpark Circle, Suite 306; Charleston, SC 29407-4699.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Buchanan, Public Information Officer; telephone: (803) 571-4366; fax: (803) 769-4520; email: susan.buchanan@noaa.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Meeting Dates**

*August 11, 1997, 1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.;
August 12, 1997, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.*

The Wetlands Sub-Group will meet to review wetland habitat description and distribution information in south Atlantic state and regional and geographical information systems, identify fishing and non-fishing threats to wetland habitats, and to develop recommendations for a draft Council habitat policy statement on wetland habitats.

August 12, 1997, 1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The Seagrass Sub-Group will meet to review seagrass habitat description and distribution information in state and regional systems, identify fishing and non-fishing threats to seagrass habitat, and make recommended revisions to the Council habitat policy statement on seagrass.

August 13, 1997, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The Oyster/Shell Sub-Group will meet to review oyster/shell habitat description and distribution information in south Atlantic state and Federal

systems, identify fishing and non-fishing threats to oyster/shell habitats, and develop recommendations for a draft Council habitat policy statement on

oyster/shell habitats.

August 13, 1997, 12:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The Water Issues Sub-Group will meet to hold a round table discussion on water issues and impacts on essential fish habitat, including hydrologic modifications and water quality issues, and to develop recommendations for inclusion in a draft Council habitat policy statement on water issues.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) by August 4, 1997.

Dated: July 24, 1997.

Bruce C. Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 072197A]

Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Receipt of an application for a scientific research permit (P654).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Idaho Fishery Resource Office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at Ahsahka, ID (FWS) has applied in due form for a permit that would provide authorization for a take of a threatened species for the purpose of scientific research.

DATES: Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application must be received on or before August 29, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review in the following offices, by appointment:

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR3, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401); and

Protected Resources Division, F/NWO3, 525 NE Oregon Street, Suite

500, Portland, OR 97232-4169 (503-230-5400).

Written comments or requests for a public hearing should be submitted to the Chief, Protected Resources Division in Portland, OR.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FWS requests a permit under the authority of section 10 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) and the NMFS regulations governing ESA-listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217-227).

FWS (P654) requests a 5-year permit for an annual take of adult, threatened, Snake River fall chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) associated with research designed to monitor and evaluate adult returns of hatchery-origin fall chinook salmon released as juveniles above Lower Granite Dam on the Snake River in the Pacific Northwest. Although the focus of the research is on non-listed hatchery fish, FWS also propose to collect information on ESA-listed, natural-origin, fall chinook salmon. Currently, information on ESA-listed, natural-origin fish is needed to assess the impacts of fish management actions (e.g., hatchery supplementation), as well as other human activities (e.g., regulated river flows), on wild fish populations. The research has two components: 1) Radio-tagging returning adult salmon at Lower Granite Dam to document the movements and spawning distribution of known natural-origin fall chinook salmon above the dam, and 2) collecting data and scale/tissue samples from spawned-out adult fish in the Snake River and tributaries above Lower Granite Dam to augment information on spawning distribution collected from radio-tagged fish. For the radio-tagging component, ESA-listed adult fish are proposed to be captured, anesthetized, handled (measured, sampled for scales and tissues, tagged with radio transmitters), allowed to recover from the anesthetic, and released. For the spawned-out fish component, ESA-listed adult fish are proposed to be monitored for the development of redds during weekly aerial surveys, observed from shore or from a boat to determine if the fish are near natural death (spawned-out), captured by rod and reel, handled (measured, sampled for scales and tissues, checked for tags), and released. Tissue samples will subsequently be analyzed for genetic attributes and population determinants.

Those individuals requesting a hearing (see **ADDRESSES**) should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate. The holding of such hearing is at the

discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in this application summary are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Dated: July 23, 1997.

Nancy Chu,

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. 072197B]

Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Issuance of modification 5 to incidental take permit 844 (P503I).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has issued a modification to a permit to the Idaho Department of Fish and Game at Boise, ID (IDFG) that authorizes an incidental take of Endangered Species Act-listed species associated with sport-fishing activities, subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review in the following offices, by appointment:

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR3, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401); and

Protected Resources Division, F/NWO3, 525 NE Oregon Street, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97232-4169 (503-230-5400).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The modification to a permit was issued under the authority of section 10 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) and the NMFS regulations governing ESA-listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217-222).

Notice was published on May 5, 1997 (62 FR 24421) that an application had been filed by IDFG for a modification to incidental take permit 844 (P503I). Modification 5 to permit 844 was issued to IDFG on July 11, 1997. For modification 5, IDFG is authorized an increase in the incidental take of adult, threatened, natural-origin, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon

(*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) associated with a salmon sport fishery on the upper South Fork of the Salmon River. The fishery will target non-listed adult, adipose fin-clipped, artificially-propagated, summer chinook salmon. The primary source of take will be the incidental catch and release of ESA-listed adult fish with associated catch-and-release incidental mortalities. The specifics of the fishery, including season dates, duration, locations, and mitigative activities are tailored to provide the appropriate level of protection for ESA-listed fish in the watershed. The fishery will be terminated when quotas are reached or August 4, 1997, whichever occurs first. The incidental take of ESA-listed fish associated with the South Fork Salmon River fishery is valid in 1997 only. Permit 844 expires on April 30, 1998.

Notice was published on May 30, 1997 (62 FR 29330) that NMFS proposed to amend IDFG's incidental take permit 844 (P503I) consequential to the issuance of modification 8 to IDFG's scientific research/enhancement permit 795. NMFS issued modification 8 to permit 795 on May 21, 1997 (62 FR 29331, May 30, 1997). Modification 8 to permit 795 authorizes IDFG to release juvenile, endangered, artificially-propagated, Snake River sockeye salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*) from its captive propagation program into Alturas Lake in 1997. NMFS proposed to amend permit 844 to authorize IDFG an incidental take of juvenile, ESA-listed, sockeye salmon associated with the continuation of rainbow trout and kokanee sport fisheries at Alturas Lake in 1997 after the ESA-listed juvenile fish are reintroduced into the lake. NMFS has determined that the continuation of these fisheries at Alturas Lake in 1997 will not result in an incidental take of juvenile, ESA-listed, sockeye salmon because of the small size of the fish to be released into the lake (7 grams or approximately 90 mm). In addition, ESA-listed sockeye salmon smolts should migrate out of Alturas Lake prior to reaching a size that makes them susceptible to the fisheries.

Issuance of the modification to a permit, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such action: (1) Was requested/proposed in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the ESA-listed species that are the subject of the permit, and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA and the NMFS regulations governing ESA-listed species permits.