

Electronics Corporation; Nacto/Carlton L.P.; Durant Tool Company; and Williams, White & Co. as "Members" of the Certificate; and

3. Change the listing of the company name for the current "Members" cited in this paragraph to the new listing cited in parentheses as follows: Saginaw Machine Systems, Inc. (SMS Group Incorporated); and Cincinnati Milacron (Milacron, Inc.).

Dated: August 4, 1999.

Morton Schnabel,

Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Notice of Showcase Exhibit of U.S. Exports

AGENCY: DOC, International Trade Administration.

ACTION: Notice of showcase exhibit of U.S. exports.

DATES: August 9, 1999.

SUMMARY: The International Trade Administration ("ITA") of the Department of Commerce announces an exhibition focusing on the importance of U.S. exports relating to biotechnology products and services. The exhibition will showcase U.S. biotechnology exports by displaying successfully exported products and services at ITA headquarters in Washington, DC, to highlight the benefits of exporting and the impact of these exports on the U.S. economy. Companies and trade associations are encouraged to express interest in providing exhibit material. The exhibition will be coordinated through the Chemicals, Pharmaceuticals and Biotechnology Division.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Emily Arakaki, Chemicals, Pharmaceuticals and Biotechnology Division; U.S. Department of Commerce/ITA; Room 4053; Washington, DC 20230; Telephone (202) 482-0130; fax (202) 482-2565; e-mail: "emily_arakaki@ita.doc.gov".

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: ITA is showcasing U.S. exports by exhibiting successfully exported products and services at its headquarters in Washington, DC, to highlight the benefits of exporting and the impact of exports on the U.S. economy. The exhibit, which represents a series of industries and a variety of companies, is located in the Office of the Under Secretary for International

Trade. The exhibit is rotated approximately every four months.

The next sector to be displayed is the biotechnology sector. Companies and trade associations in this sector are encouraged to express interest in showcasing their exports of goods and/or services by contacting ITA through the individual listed above. Displayed items may include three-dimensional models, illustrations, in addition to samples of actual U.S. products that are being successfully exported.

Extensive shelf-, wall- and floor-space are available in this large, executive-style office.

Selection Process: Items will be selected for exhibition on the basis of the following factors:

(1) Items must be produced in, or representative of services exported from, the United States and have at least a 51% U.S. content, including materials, equipment and labor (in the case of large development projects, the applicant should identify substantial U.S. products or services into the completed project). To highlight the impact of exports on small businesses, items will also be considered that are produced by U.S. companies that do not directly export but rather whose goods or services are incorporated into another company's for export.

(2) The items must relate to the industry selected by ITA and be suitable for exhibition in a limited space.

(3) The company must not be owned or controlled, indirectly or directly, by a foreign government.

(4) Items chosen should reflect diversity of company size, location, demographics, and traditional under-representation in business.

Other conditions: Displayed items will be considered loans to the Department. Companies will be responsible for shipment of the item to and from the Commerce Department, for obtaining appropriate insurance, and for all related costs.

Time Frame for Applications: Expressions of interest from the biotechnology sector should be received by September 1, 1999. Expressions of interest should be sent to the ITA official identified above.

A **Federal Register** notice will be published subsequently to announce the next sector to be highlighted.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 1512.

Dated: August 2, 1999.

Ambassador David L. Aaron,

Under Secretary for International Trade.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 072699E]

Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Issuance of permits (1194, 1205, 1218) and modifications to existing permits (1056, 1126, 1131).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has issued permits for takes of endangered and threatened species for the purposes of scientific research and/or enhancement to: Fish Ecology Division, Northwest Fisheries Science Center, NMFS at Seattle, WA (NWFSC) (1194), Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) (1205), and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) (1218). Notice is also given that NMFS has issued modifications to scientific research permits to: NWFSC (1056), WDFW (1126), and the Port of Portland at Portland, OR (POP) (1131).

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

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

All documents may also be reviewed by appointment in the Office of Protected Resources, F/PR3, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

For permits 1056, 1126, 1131, 1194: Leslie Schaeffer, Portland, OR (503-230-5433).

For permits 1205, 1218: Tom Lichatowich, Portland, OR (503-230-5438).

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).

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

The following species and evolutionarily significant units (ESU's) are covered in this notice:

Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*): threatened Snake River (SnR) fall, threatened SnR spring/summer, endangered upper Columbia River (UCR) spring.

Coho salmon (*O. kisutch*): threatened Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast (SONCC).

Cutthroat trout (*O. clarki clarki*): endangered Umpqua River (UmR).

Sockeye salmon (*O. nerka*): endangered SnR.

Steelhead trout (*O. mykiss*): endangered UCR.

Permits Issued

Notice was published on February 11, 1999 (64 FR 6880), that NWFSC applied for a 4-year scientific research permit. Permit 1194 was issued on July 23, 1999, authorizing take of the ESA-listed species associated with an evaluation of passive integrated transponder (PIT) tag interrogation systems at Bonneville Dam on the lower Columbia River in the Pacific Northwest. The objectives of the study are to evaluate the ability of the prototype PIT-tag detection systems to detect PIT-tagged adult salmon passing through the facility, and evaluate the effects of the detection system on adult behavior as they approach and pass through the system. Indirect mortalities of ESA-listed adult fish are authorized. Permit 1194 expires on December 31, 2003.

Notice was published on March 25, 1999 (64 FR 14432), that ODFQ applied for a 4-year scientific research permit. Permit 1205 was issued on June 16, 1999, authorizing take of listed species. ODEQ is authorized annual direct takes of juvenile SONCC coho salmon and adult and juvenile UmR cutthroat trout associated with water quality assessment studies in southwestern Oregon. ODEQ will capture ESA-listed fish in the Rogue and Umpqua River Basins with backpack electrofishing equipment, anesthetize them, collect biological information, allow them to recover from the anesthetic and release them. Data collected from these studies

will be used in assessing the productivity status of these streams and the effectiveness of measures being taken to restore fish populations. Permit 1205 expires December 31, 2002.

Notice was published on April 21, 1999 (64 FR 19515), that WDFW applied for a 5-year scientific research permit. Permit 1218 was issued on July 23, 1999, authorizing take of listed species. WDFW is authorized annual direct takes of adult and juvenile, naturally produced and artificially propagated, UCR steelhead associated with two research studies in the upper Columbia River in Washington. Information from the studies will be used to verify the spawning regime, migratory behavior, and exact stock of steelhead in the Hanford Reach and upper river watersheds above Priest Rapids Dam. This information will be valuable in developing future recovery plans for that section of the Columbia River. In Study 1, adult steelhead will be captured by angling, anesthetized, sampled for biological data, sampled for tissues, allowed to recover from anesthetic and released. Eggs and alevin steelhead will be collected by excavating redds and sacrificed for genetic analysis. Steelhead fry will be collected with seines, sampled for biological data, sampled for tissues, and released. In Study 2, ESA-listed adult steelhead will be captured at Priest Rapids Dam, tagged with radiotransmitters, released, and tracked electronically as they migrate upstream. Permit 1218 expires December 31, 2003.

Modifications Issued

Notice was published on April 30, 1999 (64 FR 23281), that NWFSC applied for a modification to scientific research permit 1056. Modification 2 to permit 1056 was issued on July 23, 1999, authorizing the take of ESA-listed species. Modification 2 authorizes annual takes of adult and juvenile, naturally produced and artificially propagated, SnR spring/summer chinook salmon associated with two studies designed to monitor wild salmon smolt migration timing, genetic change, and population structure over time. For Modification 2, NWFSC is authorized to take adult SnR spring/summer chinook salmon carcasses and to increase the annual take of juvenile, artificially-propagated, SnR spring/summer chinook salmon for study 2. Also for modification 2, NWFSC is authorized to add rotary screw traps as a capture method. Modification 2 is valid for the duration of the permit, which expires on December 31, 2001.

Modification 1 to permit 1126 was issued on June 25, 1999, authorizing take of the ESA-listed species.

Modification 1 authorizes WDFW to collect tissue samples and biological information from carcasses during spawning ground surveys and snorkeling activities. Modification 1 is valid for the duration of the permit, which expires on December 31, 2002.

Notice was published on March 25, 1999 (64 FR 14432), that POP applied for a modification to scientific research permit 1131. Modification 1 to permit 1131 was issued on July 23, 1999, authorizing take of the ESA-listed species. Modification 1 authorizes an increase in the annual take of juvenile, naturally produced and artificially propagated, SnR spring/summer chinook salmon and juvenile SnR fall chinook salmon associated with research designed to determine the presence and distribution of fish in shallow water habitats between the lower end of Hayden Island and the Sandy River delta on the Columbia River. Modification 1 is valid for the duration of the permit, which expires on December 31, 2001.

Dated: July 30, 1999.

Wanda L. Cain,

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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Permits for Taking of Endangered or Threatened Species for Research/Enhancement Purposes.

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

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before October 8, 1999.