

households, and not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4,100.

Estimated Time Per Response: 2 hours for a fee submission form; 2 hours for a Register Buyer Ex-vessel Value and Volume Report; 2 hours for an appeal; and 30 minutes for a prepayment of fees.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 8,400.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$17,116.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: October 9, 2002.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 102102D]

Endangered and Threatened Species; Issuance of Permit 1094

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

ACTION: Issuance of amendment to enhancement permit 1094.

SUMMARY: NMFS has amended research and enhancement permit 1094 held by the State of Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA).

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the decision documents or any of the other associated documents should be directed to the Hatcheries and Inland Fisheries Branch, Sustainable Fisheries Division, NOAA Fisheries, 525 NE Oregon Street, Suite 510, Portland, OR, 97232.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kristine Petersen, Portland, OR at phone number: (503) 230-5409, e-mail: Kristine.Petersen@noaa.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following species and evolutionarily significant units (ESUs) are covered in the permit:

Steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*): endangered Upper Columbia River.

Chinook salmon (*O. tshawytscha*): endangered Upper Columbia River spring run.

Decision

Notice of proposed actions similar in scope to the proposed amendment actions was published on August 1, 2002 (67 FR 49906). A public meeting was held in Wenatchee, WA on August 27, 2002. The amended permit authorizes WDFW to manage adult hatchery steelhead returns that are surplus to recovery and broodstock needs. Permit 1094 authorizes WDFW's activities related to carrying out the steelhead artificial propagation enhancement program in the Upper Columbia River. After evaluating the potential effects of this amendment on listed salmon and steelhead in the Upper Columbia River ESUs and the environmental consequences, NOAA Fisheries issued an amended permit with conditions authorizing takes of the ESA-listed anadromous fish species. NOAA Fisheries' conditions will ensure that the takes of ESA-listed anadromous fish will not appreciably reduce the likelihood of the survival and recovery of the species in the wild. The permit expires May 31, 2003.

Rationale for Decision

Favorable environmental conditions leading to a return of hatchery steelhead surplus to the number needed on spawning grounds precipitate the need to provide additional scope to available techniques for managing these experimental enhancement program fish, responsive to conservation needs of natural spawning populations in the Upper Columbia River basin. This amendment provides additional mitigation measures to avoid, minimize, and/or compensate for the anticipated takes of ESA-listed anadromous fish.

The amended permit was granted only after NOAA Fisheries determined

that all permit issuance criteria were met, including the requirement that granting the permit would not jeopardize the continued existence of the species, and that the permit is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended.

Dated: October 24, 2002.

Margaret Lorenz,

Acting 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. 093002B]

Marine Mammals; File No. 42-1642

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Mystic Aquarium, 55 Coogan Blvd., Mystic, CT 06355 (Dr. Lisa Mazarro, Principal Investigator) has been issued a permit amendment to take Steller sea lions for purposes of scientific research and enhancement.

ADDRESSES: The permit amendment 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, NOAA Fisheries, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)713-0376; and

Northeast Region, NOAA Fisheries, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298; phone (978)281-9200; fax (978)281-9371.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Amy Sloan or Tammy Adams, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 11, 2002, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 45958) that a request for an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 42-1642-01 to take Steller sea lions had been submitted by the above-named organization. The requested permit amendment 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), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222–226).

Issuance of this permit amendment, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permit (1) was applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species which is the subject of this permit, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

The permit amendment authorizes the permit holder to import one male Steller sea lion from the Vancouver Aquarium, Vancouver, Canada, for breeding with female Steller sea lions currently held by Mystic Aquarium in support of their study of changes in vitamin A and E status in relation to various life history stages in captive Steller sea lions.

Dated: October 24, 2002.

Eugene T. Nitta,

Acting Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NOAA Fisheries.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 102102B]

Endangered Species; File Nos. 1266, 1380, 1388

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

ACTION: Issuance of modification, Issuance of permits.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the following applicant has been issued a permit modification to take sea turtles for purposes of scientific research/enhancement:

REMSA, Inc., 12829 Jefferson Ave., Suite 108, Newport News, VA 23608 (John Glass, Principal Investigator).

Notice is hereby given that the following applicants have been issued a permit to take sea turtles for purposes of scientific research/enhancement:

Coastwise Consulting, 173 Virginia Ave., Athens, GA 30601 (Christopher Slay, Principal Investigator) (File No. 1380); and

Dr. David Nelson, U.S. Army Research and Development Center, Waterways Experiment Station, 4104 Freetown Rd., Vicksburg, MS 39183 (File No. 1388).

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

All documents: 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)713–0376;

Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930–2298; phone (978)281–9200; fax (978)281–9371; and

Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702–2432; phone (727)570–5301; fax (727)570–5320.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Carrie Hubbard or Ruth Johnson, 301/713–2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 27, 2002, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 14698) that a modification of Permit No. 1266, issued May 8, 2001 (66 FR 27940), had been requested by REMSA, Inc. The requested modification has been granted under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222–226).

Permit 1266 authorizes capturing via trawl, handling, flipper tagging and releasing sea turtles while removing them from the path of hopper dredges. Originally the Permit authorized the take of 30 loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*), 7 green (*Chelonia mydas*), 5 Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*), 4 hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), and 4 leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*) sea turtles. This modification increases the annual take to 350 loggerhead, 150 green, 150 Kemp's ridley, 10 hawksbill and 10 leatherback sea turtles. The applicant will also begin passive integrated transponder (PIT) tagging the sea turtles in addition to the previously authorized activities. Research is conducted in the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico.

On April 24, 2002, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 20094) that a request for a scientific research permit to take sea turtles had been submitted by Coastwise Consulting. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222–226).

Permit No. 1380 authorizes the capture of live sea turtles using shrimp trawlers in association with hopper dredge activities along the southeastern U.S. coast and the Gulf of Mexico. Trawling may be conducted prior to dredging to assess the abundance of sea turtles in an area and/or during dredging operations to relocate turtles away from the channel being dredged. Captured turtles will be identified, measured, photographed, tagged with both flipper and PIT tags, and genetically sampled before being released. The annual number of takes authorized are: 800 loggerhead, 235 Kemp's ridley, 155 green, 51 hawksbill, and 24 leatherback turtles.

On July 23, 2002, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 48135) that a request for a scientific research permit to take sea turtles had been submitted by Dr. Nelson. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222–226).

Permit No. 1388 authorizes sea turtle research in the northwestern Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico. The first project involves relocation trawling in association with hopper dredge activity. A total of 200 loggerhead, 100 green, 30 Kemp's ridley, 2 hawksbill, and 2 leatherback sea turtles are authorized to be captured, handled, measured, flipper and PIT tagged, and released. The second project uses a subset of the turtles caught via relocation trawling to investigate large-scale movements and diving behavior. Twenty loggerhead, 5 Kemp's ridley, and 5 green turtles will be satellite tagged in addition to the above activities before being released. The third project is an abundance and habitat survey of green sea turtles along the shoreline of Cape Canaveral. A total of 75 green sea turtles may be captured, handled, flipper and PIT tagged, and fitted with a radio/sonic transmitter or a time-depth recorder/radio transmitter, before being released.

Issuance of these permits and modification, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such modification/permits: (1) were applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species which are the subject of these permits, and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in Section 2 of the ESA.