

provide information demonstrating that they actively engaged in conformity assessment procedures related to relevant EU directives. This may include subcontractor relationships with EU notified or competent bodies.

Based on responses to this notice, NIST will compile a list of interested organizations. This list will be provided to European Commission officials to illustrate the types of organizations that may be qualified and subsequently considered for U.S. designated conformity assessment body status. It is emphasized that organizations do not automatically qualify as designated conformity assessment bodies simply by responding to this notice. Formal application and processing under NVCASE or equivalent program will be required before designated status can be granted. (OMB Control No. 0693-0019).

**DATES:** Comments on this request must be received by June 6, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be submitted in writing to Dr. Belinda L. Collins, Director, Office of Standards Services, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Building 820, room 282, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899, by fax at 301-963-2871 or by e-mail to belinda.collins@nist.gov.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Dr. Belinda L. Collins, in writing at NIST, Building 820, room 282, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899, by telephone at 301-975-4000, by fax at 301-963-2871 or by e-mail to belinda.collins@nist.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The U.S. Government is currently engaged in negotiations with the EU for the purpose of entering into a Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) regarding the acceptance of each other's testing and certification programs in regulated product areas. Under the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995 (P.L. 104-113), signed March 7, 1996, NIST is designated as the federal agency with responsibility for coordinating accreditation activities. NIST also operates the National voluntary Conformity Assessment System Evaluation (NVCASE) program as a means of providing U.S. domestic entities with a U.S. Government "assurance of competency" to facilitate the acceptance of test data or product certifications issued in this country by governments of other countries on the same basis as test data or product certification issued in the other country.

This notice is a solicitation of interest on the part of U.S. conformity assessment entities in obtaining U.S. government recognition of their

technical competence pursuant to a U.S.-EU MRA.

Interested persons should respond in writing to the above address. All comments submitted in response to this notice will become part of the public record and will be available for inspection and copying at the U.S. Department of Commerce Central Reference and Records and Inspection Facility, Room 6020, Herbert C. Hoover Building, 14th and Constitution Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20230.

Dated: April 30, 1996.

Samuel Kramer,

Associate Director.

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**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Endangered Species; Permits**

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

**ACTION:** Receipt of an application for modification 4 to scientific research/monitoring permit 822 (P500B).

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Fish Passage Center at Portland, OR (FPC) has applied in due form for a modification to a permit to take endangered and threatened species for the purpose of scientific research/monitoring.

**DATES:** Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application must be received on or before June 6, 1996.

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

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR8, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401); and

Environmental and Technical Services Division, 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, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** FPC requests a modification to 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).

FPC (P500B) requests modification 4 to permit 822 for an increase in their annual take of ESA-listed species associated with an additional scientific research/monitoring activity, an increase in the number of outmigrating juvenile salmonids in 1996, and recognition of an ESA-listed adult salmon incidental take. Permit 822 authorizes an annual take of juvenile, threatened, naturally-produced and artificially-propagated, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*); juvenile, threatened, Snake River fall chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*); and juvenile, endangered, Snake River sockeye salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*) associated with scientific research/monitoring activities at upstream locations and at the hydropower dams on the Snake and Columbia Rivers in the Pacific Northwest.

FPC requests an increase in the number of juvenile, ESA-listed, naturally-produced and artificially-propagated, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon associated with the operation of a second airlift sampler at John Day Dam during the 1996 juvenile outmigration. FPC requests an increase in the number of juvenile, ESA-listed, Snake River sockeye salmon to be captured and handled, and an increase in the resulting indirect mortality of these fish, associated with an increase in the estimate of the number of ESA-listed salmon juveniles expected to outmigrate in 1996. In addition, FPC requests an incidental take of adult and jack, ESA-listed, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon associated with fallbacks through the juvenile bypass systems at Bonneville and John Day Dams on the Columbia River. FPC also requests a modification of their sampling protocol for monitoring juvenile salmonids for symptoms of gas bubble trauma (GBT). An additional take of ESA-listed species is not requested for the modified GBT sampling protocol. Modification 4 is requested for the duration of the permit. Permit 822 expires on December 31, 1997.

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: April 29, 1996.

Margaret Lorenz,

Acting Chief, Endangered Species Division,  
Office of Protected Resources, National  
Marine Fisheries Service.

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### Endangered Species; Permits

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

**ACTION:** Issuance of modification 5 to permit 817 (P45K), modification 1 to permit 956 (P45S), and receipt of a notification of withdrawal of the request for modification 3 to permit 849 (P510).

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that NMFS has issued modifications to permits that authorize takes of Endangered Species Act-listed species for the purpose of scientific research, subject to certain conditions set forth therein, to the National Biological Service at Cook, WA (NBS) and has received notification of the withdrawal of a modification request from the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes at Fort Hall, ID (SBT).

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

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR8, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401); and  
Environmental and Technical Services Division, 525 NE Oregon Street, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97232-4169 (503-230-5400).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The modifications to permits were 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 February 29, 1996 (61 FR 7776) that an application had been filed by NBS (P45K) for modification 5 to scientific research permit 817. Modification 5 to permit 817 was issued on April 16, 1996. Permit 817 authorizes a direct take of juvenile, threatened, Snake River fall chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) and an indirect take of juvenile, threatened, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) associated with scientific research on the

spawning, rearing, and migratory requirements of fall chinook salmon in the Columbia River Basin. Modification 5 authorizes an increase in the annual take of ESA-listed species in association with three additional scientific research activities. NBS will evaluate the extent, seasonality, and size selectivity of predation on subyearling fall chinook salmon; estimate food availability and growth of subyearling fall chinook salmon in nearshore rearing habitats for eventual use in a bioenergetics model; and relate juvenile fall chinook salmon survival to physiological development. Modification 5 is valid for the duration of the permit. Permit 817 expires on December 31, 1996.

Notice was published on February 29, 1996 (61 FR 7776) that an application had been filed by NBS (P45S) for modification 1 to scientific research permit 956. Modification 1 to permit 956 was issued on April 23, 1996. Permit 956 authorizes a take of juvenile, ESA-listed, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) associated with a study designed to provide managers with data on the distribution, abundance, movement, and habitat use of anadromous fish that migrate through Lower Granite Reservoir on the Snake River in WA. For modification 1, NBS is authorized to collect juvenile fish, a portion of which will be ESA-listed juveniles, with a purse seine in Lower Granite pool to obtain the maximum sample size needed for annual radio tag transmitter research. NBS will apply radio transmitter tags by surgical implantation and transport the ESA-listed juvenile fish from the point of acquisition to an upstream release site. NBS will use radio-tagged fish to evaluate the operation of a surface collector prototype in the forebay of Lower Granite Dam. Also, NBS will capture, handle, and release ESA-listed juvenile fish while using a mid-water trawl for species verification of hydroacoustic surveys. Modification 1 is valid for the duration of the permit. Permit 956 expires on September 30, 1999.

Notice was published on March 5, 1996 (61 FR 8568) that an application had been filed by SBT (P510) for modification 3 to scientific research permit 849. Permit 849 authorizes a take of adult and juvenile, threatened, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) associated with stock assessment and fish condition surveys in the Salmon River subbasin and the pond series of Yankee Fork, Salmon River in Idaho. For modification 3, SBT requested to expand the area of their electrofishing

research to include the Salmon River subbasin, an area previously unspecified for this research activity. Notification has been received that SBT would like to withdraw the request for modification 3 to permit 849. Since the target species of the proposed expanded research area is bull trout, a non-listed species, and there is a possibility of an incidental take of an ESA-listed species associated with the research, SBT will submit an incidental take permit application.

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

Dated: April 29, 1996.

Margaret Lorenz,

Acting Chief, Endangered Species Division,  
Office of Protected Resources, National  
Marine Fisheries Service.

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### COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Extension of Two Currently Approved Information Collections; 3038-0021 and 3038-0023

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, (Pub. L. 104-13) this notice announces that the Commodity Futures Trading Commission intends to submit to the Office of Management and Budget requests for the extension of two currently approved information collections which expire on June 30, 1996. These collections are:

3038-0021—Regulations Governing Bankruptcies of Commodity Brokers  
3038-0023—Regulations and Forms Relating to Registration with the Commission

**ADDRESSES:** Persons wishing to comment on these information collections should contact Jeff Hill, Office of Management and Budget, Room 3228, NEOB, Washington, DC 20502, (202) 395-7340. Copies of the submission are available from Joe F. Mink, Agency Clearance Officer, (202) 418-5170.