

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 April 1, 1996 (61 FR 14296) that an application had been filed by ODFW (P211E) for modification 4 to scientific research/enhancement permit 847. Modification 4 to permit 847 was issued to ODFW on June 28, 1996. Permit 847 authorizes ODFW annual takes of adult and juvenile, threatened, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) associated with supplementation programs at the Imnaha River and Lookingglass Creek Hatcheries. For Modification 4, ODFW is authorized to retain 50 percent of the adult, ESA-listed, naturally-produced and artificially-propagated salmon that return to the Imnaha River weir in 1996 for hatchery broodstock; to release the adult, ESA-listed, naturally-produced and artificially-propagated salmon not retained for broodstock above the weir for natural spawning as long as the number of hatchery-produced adult releases does not exceed the number of naturally-produced adult releases; and to retain two naturally-produced jacks (age three males) and two artificially-propagated jacks for broodstock for every five females retained, up to a maximum fertilization of 10 percent of the 1996 brood eggs. ODFW is also authorized to release all of the naturally-produced jacks not retained for broodstock above the weir for natural spawning and to sacrifice all of the surplus hatchery jacks so that they do not dominate the population of males above the weir site. Modification 4 is valid in 1996 only.

Permit 847 expires on March 31, 1998.

Notice was published on May 7, 1996 (61 FR 20514) that an application had been filed by FPC (P500B) for modification 4 to scientific research/monitoring permit 822. Modification 4 to permit 822 was issued to FPC on July 3, 1996. Permit 822 authorizes FPC annual takes 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. For Modification 4, FPC is authorized 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 annual juvenile outmigration. Also for modification 4, FPC is authorized 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 sockeye salmon juveniles expected to outmigrate in 1996. In addition, FPC is authorized 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 is also authorized a modification of their sampling protocol for monitoring juvenile salmonids for symptoms of nitrogen gas bubble trauma. Modification 4 is valid for the duration of the permit. Permit 822 expires on December 31, 1997.

Issuance of the permit 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) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA and the NMFS regulations governing ESA-listed species permits.

Dated: July 5, 1996.

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

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Marine Mammals; Permit No. 928 (P351E)

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

ACTION: Scientific research permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a request for amendment of scientific research permit no. 928 submitted by Ms. Olga von Ziegesar, North Gulf Oceanic Society, P.O. Box 15244, Homer, AK 99603, has been granted.

ADDRESSES: The amendment and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Suite 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Director, Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668 (907/586-7221).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 20, 1996, notice was published in the Federal Register (61 FR 25210) that an amendment of permit no. 928, issued July 18, 1994 (59 FR 37745), had been requested by the above-named individual. The requested amendment has been granted under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the provisions of § 216.39 of 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 provisions of § 222.25 of the Regulations Governing the Taking, Importing, and Exporting of Endangered Fish and Wildlife (50 CFR part 222).

Permit no. 928 authorizes the harassment of up to 100 humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) annually during repeated approaches for photo-identification studies in Prince William Sound and in the area from the Copper River Delta to Kachemak Bay, Alaska.

Amendment No. 1 to permit no. 928 authorizes the harassment of up to 400 humpback whales per year during photo-identification studies, of which up to 100 whales may be biopsy sampled over a four year period; export of the biopsy samples collected; and expansion of the research area to include all Alaskan waters.

Issuance of this Permit as required by the ESA of 1973 was based on a finding that the 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.

Dated: July 2, 1996.
 Ann Hochman,
*Acting Chief, Permits and Documentation
 Division, Office of Protected Resources,
 National Marine Fisheries Service.*
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary of Defense

Membership of the Defense Contract Audit Agency (DCAA) Performance Review Boards

AGENCY: Defense Contract Audit Agency, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of Membership of the Defense Contract Audit Agency Performance Review Boards.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the appointment of the members of the Performance Review Boards (PRBs) of the Defense Contract Audit Agency (DCAA). The publication of PRB membership is required by 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4). The Performance Review Boards provide fair and impartial review of Senior Executive Service (SES) performance appraisals and make recommendations to the Director, DCAA, regarding final performance ratings and performance awards for DCAA SES members.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 12, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dale R. Collins, Director, Human Resources Management, Defense Contract Audit Agency, Department of Defense, Ft. Belvoir, Virginia 22060-6219, 703-767-1236.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4), the following are the names and titles of the executives who have been appointed to serve as members of the DCAA Performance Review Boards. They will serve one-year terms, effective upon publication of this notice.

Headquarters Performance Review Board

Mr. Russell Richards, Assistant Director, Operations, Defense Contract Audit Agency, Chairperson.
 Mr. Lawrence Uhlfelder, Assistant Director, Policy and Plans, Defense Contract Audit Agency, member.
 Mr. Kirk Moberley, General Counsel, Defense Contract Audit Agency, member.

Regional Performance Review Board

Mr. Charles Cherry, Regional Director, Central, Defense Contract Audit Agency, Chairperson.

Mr. Robert Matter, Regional Director, Western, Defense Contract Audit Agency, member.

Mr. Robert Melby, Deputy Regional Director, Eastern, Defense Contract Audit Agency, member.

Dated: July 8, 1996.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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Corps of Engineers

Notice of Public Scoping Meeting for an Environmental Impact Statement, and Request for Comments for the Bluestone Dam Safety Assurance Program, Hinton West Virginia

AGENCY: Corps of Engineers, Army.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: a. Under the Policy of Evaluating Modifications of Existing Dams Related to Hydrologic and Seismic Adequacy, the Huntington District is evaluating alternative measures to modify Bluestone Dam consistent with state of the art design criteria. The proposed action is being conducted through the Corps' Dam Safety Assurance Program for the evaluation of existing dams..

b. The COE is forming working groups to exchange information with known interest groups; businesses; community development; local governments; environmental and cultural resources; emergency management; and cooperating/regulatory agencies. Membership in these working groups is open, and you may participate as a volunteer. Meetings are scheduled for:

Date: July 18, 1996.

Time: 12:30-2:30 pm—business interest group; 3:00-5:00 pm—emergency management interest group.

Place: The Blue & Gold Room, Golf Complex, Pipestem State Park, Pipestem WV.

Date: July 19, 1996.

Time: 10:00 am-12:00 noon—community development interest group; 12:30-2:30 pm—cooperating/regulatory agencies; 3:00-5:00 pm—environmental/cultural resources interest group.

Place: The Blue & Gold Room, Golf Complex, Pipestem State Park, Pipestem WV.

c. The COE is also holding public scoping meetings as follows:

Date: August 5, 1996.

Time: 7:00 pm.

Place: The Conference Room C, Bldg. 7, State Capital Complex, 1900 Kanawha Blvd., Charleston, WV.

Date: August 6, 1996.

Time: 7:00 pm.

Place: The Faulconer Room, Main Lodge, Pipestem State Park, State Route 20, Pipestem, WV.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Please address questions regarding this notice to Mr. C. Barry Passmore, PD-R, Huntington District, Corps of Engineers, 502 Eighth Street, Huntington, West Virginia 25701-2070, Telephone: (304) 529-5712.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: a. The COE has determined that improvements to the dam are necessary to accommodate the probable maximum flood (PMF). Two dam corrections have been chosen as the most technically feasible:

- Alternative 1—Raising the dam to contain the PMF. Features of this alternative include: a 22-foot cantilever wall on top of the dam; an additional gravity monolith on the east bank; a gate closure across state route 20 on the west bank; removable closures at each end of the spillway; high-strength multi-strand anchors; and mass concrete thrust blocks topped with overburden.

- Alternative 2—Auxiliary Spillway to pass the PMF. Features of this alternative include: gated additional spillway over the penstocks; four 47'x48' tainter gates; a flip-bucket energy dissipator and training walls; and high-strength multi-strand anchors.

b. The COE plans no changes from current day-to-day operation of the Bluestone Dam following completion of construction of necessary modifications.

c. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the COE to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from this Federal action. NEPA also requires that the COE discover and address concerns the public may have about the proposed project. This occurs during the "scoping" process. By this Notice, the COE requests public comments. All comments received related to the scope of the project are considered during the preparation for the EIS.

d. The EIS will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of construction and operation of the proposed project including impacts to biological resources, cultural resources, and socioeconomic effects, air quality, noise impact, and recreation resources.

e. Interested groups and individuals are encouraged to attend the meetings and to present oral comments on the environmental issues which they believe should be addressed in the Draft EIS. Anyone who would like to make an oral presentation should telephone or write Barry Passmore, the COE contact, before 4:00 pm, July 31, 1996, so that time can be allotted during the