

JMS-700. *Manufacturer:* JEOL, Japan. *Intended Use:* See notice at 60 FR 62390, December 6, 1995. *Reasons:* The foreign instrument provides high precision measurements of the ratios of intensities of two or more ions from compounds eluting from capillary gas chromatography columns and double-focusing magnetic sector geometry with resolution to 60 000. *Advice Received From:* National Institutes of Health, January 30, 1996.

*Docket Number:* 95-111. *Applicant:* University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI 53706. *Instrument:* Mode-locked Solid State Laser. *Manufacturer:* Microlase Optical Systems, Ltd., United Kingdom. *Intended Use:* See notice at 60 FR 62390, December 6, 1996. *Reasons:* The foreign instrument provides: (1) a resonator with passive mode-locking capability, (2) short pulse duration < 300 femtoseconds, and (3) frequency doubling to 660 nanometers. *Advice Received From:* National Institutes of Health, January 31, 1996.

The National Institutes of Health advises in its memoranda that (1) the capabilities of each of the foreign instruments described above are pertinent to each applicant's intended purpose and (2) it knows of no domestic instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value for the intended use of each instrument.

We know of no other instrument or apparatus being manufactured in the United States which is of equivalent scientific value to any of the foreign instruments.

Frank W. Creel  
Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff  
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### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Pacific 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 Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory entities will hold public meetings.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held March 11-15, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the Red Lion Hotel - Columbia River,

1401 North Hayden Island Drive, Portland, OR 97217; telephone: (503) 283-2111.

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

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Council meeting will begin on March 12, at 8:00 a.m. in a closed session (not open to the public) to discuss litigation. The open session begins at 8:30 a.m. The Council meeting will reconvene at 8:00 a.m. each day, March 13 through March 15. The meetings may continue each day into the evening hours, if necessary, to complete business.

The following items are on the Council agenda:

- A. Call to Order
- B. Salmon Management
  1. Review of 1995 Fisheries and Summary of 1996 Stock Abundance Estimates;
  2. Preliminary Definition of 1996 Management Options;
  3. Status of Reviews to Determine Causes of Stock Declines for Several Puget Sound Chinook Stocks, Strait of Juan de Fuca Coho, and Quillayute Chinook;
  4. Adoption of 1996 Management Options for Salmon Technical Team Analysis;
  5. Schedule of Hearings and Appointment of Hearing Officers; and
  6. Adoption of 1996 Management Options for Public Review.
- C. Groundfish Management
  1. Status of Federal Regulations;
  2. Pacific Whiting Acceptable Biological Catch/Harvest Guideline for 1996;
  3. Pacific Whiting Allocation and Management After 1996;
  4. Status of Plan Amendments to Allow Landing of Salmon in the Pacific Whiting Fishery; and
  5. Status of Analysis of Long Term Fixed Gear Sablefish Management Alternatives.
- D. Administrative and Other Matters
  1. Report of the Budget Committee;
  2. Status of Legislation;
  3. Report to Congress on Impacts of Seals and Sea Lions on West Coast Marine Ecosystems;
  4. Appointments;
  5. Revisions to Council Operation Procedures;
  6. Report of the Coast Guard Pacific Regional Fishery Training Team; and
  7. Adopt April 1996 Agenda.
- E. Habitat Issues
  1. Report of the Habitat Steering Group;

2. Public Comments; and
3. Council.
  - F. Pacific Halibut Management
    1. Status of Implementation of Council Recommendations for 1996 Fisheries;
    2. Results of International Pacific Halibut Commission Annual Meeting; and
    3. Incidental Catch in the Troll Salmon Fishery.

#### Other Meetings

The Salmon Technical Team will meet on March 11-15, as necessary, to address salmon management issues related to Council agenda items.

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel will convene on March 11 at 9:00 a.m., and March 12-15 at 8:00 a.m., to address salmon management items on the Council agenda.

The Habitat Steering Group will convene on March 11 at 10:00 a.m., to consider activities affecting the habitat of fish stocks managed by the Council.

The Scientific and Statistical Committee will convene on March 11 at 11:00 a.m., and March 12 at 8:00 a.m., to address scientific issues related to Council agenda items.

The Budget Committee will convene on March 11 at 2:00 p.m., to review the fiscal year 1996 budget situation.

The Puget Sound Stock Review Committee will convene on March 14 at 3:00 p.m., to continue their review of chinook and coho salmon stocks under the Council's overfishing definition.

The Enforcement Consultants meet on March 12 and March 14 at 7:00 p.m., to address enforcement issues related to Council agenda items.

Detailed agendas for the above advisory meetings will be available after March 1, 1996.

#### Special Accommodations

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

Dated: February 21, 1996.  
Richard W. Surdi,  
Acting Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, 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:** Receipt of applications for a scientific research permit (P504G) and modifications to two scientific research permits (P770#66 and P770#68).

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Walla Walla, WA (Corps) has applied in due form for a permit and the Coastal Zone and Estuarine Studies Division, NMFS in Seattle, WA (CZESD) has applied in due form for modifications to permits to take endangered and threatened species for the purpose of scientific research.

**DATES:** Written comments or requests for a public hearing on any of these applications must be received on or before March 28, 1996.

**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).

Written comments or requests for a public hearing should be submitted to the Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Corps requests a permit and CZESD requests modifications to permits 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 listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217-227).

The Corps (P504G) requests a 5-year permit to directly take juvenile, threatened, Snake River spring/summer and fall chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) and juvenile, endangered, Snake River sockeye salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*) and to incidentally take adult, threatened, Snake River spring/summer and fall chinook salmon associated with a study designed to monitor the operation of the new juvenile fish bypass system at Ice Harbor Dam on the Snake River in Washington. Run-of-the-river juvenile fish, a proportion of which will be ESA-listed fish, are proposed to be sampled from the bypass system, anesthetized, handled, allowed to recover from the anesthetic, and released. The primary purpose of sampling will be to ascertain fish condition and thereby certify that the bypass system is functioning correctly. Some adult fish, including

listed adult salmon, are expected to fall back through the juvenile bypass system and are proposed to be incidentally captured and handled to return them to the river.

CZESD (P770#66) requests modification 3 to permit 900 to allow their annual take of listed juvenile fish authorized for Study 1, Survival Estimates for the Passage of Juvenile Salmonids through Dams and Reservoirs, to be supplemented with juvenile, listed, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon captured indirectly by the National Biological Service (NBS), in association with a fall chinook salmon study, under the authority of permit 817. Permit 900 authorizes CZESD to directly take juvenile, threatened, naturally-produced and artificially-propagated, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon and incidentally take juvenile, threatened, Snake River fall chinook salmon and juvenile, endangered, Snake River sockeye salmon for Study 1. In addition, CZESD would like to add the free-flowing Snake River, upstream of Lower Granite Reservoir, as a primary release location for the listed juvenile fish authorized to be captured and handled for Study 1. CZESD also requests a take of listed species associated with an additional project under Study 1 designed to evaluate the new surface collector at Lower Granite Dam on the Snake River in Washington. Modification 3 would be valid for the duration of Study 1 of the permit. Study 1 of permit 900 expires on December 31, 1998.

CZESD (P770#68) requests modification 2 to permit 946 to adjust for changes in the anticipated 1996 take associated with Study 2, Estuarine Recovery of Passive Integrated Transponder-tagged Juvenile Salmonids from the Lower Granite Dam Transportation Study. Permit 946 authorizes CZESD to take juvenile, threatened, naturally-produced and artificially-propagated, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon and juvenile, endangered, Snake River sockeye salmon for Study 2. For the modification, CZESD requests an increase in the take of juvenile, endangered, Snake River sockeye salmon. Modification 2 would be valid for the duration of Study 2 of the permit. Study 2 of permit 946 expires on December 31, 1999.

Those individuals requesting a hearing (see **ADDRESSES**) should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on any of these applications 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 these application summaries are those of the applicants and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Dated: February 20, 1996.

Russell J. Bellmer,

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### Corps of Engineers

#### Guidance on the Application of Best Management Practices to Mechanical Silvicultural Site Preparation Activities for the Establishment of Pine Plantations in the Southeast

**AGENCY:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DOD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) issued a Memorandum to the Field dated November 28, 1995, on the application of best management practices to mechanical silvicultural site preparation activities for the establishment of pine plantations in the Southeast. The purpose of the guidance is to clarify those circumstances where mechanical silvicultural site preparation activities conducted in accordance with best management practices will not require a Clean Water Act Section 404 permit. Discussions with representatives of the forest industry, environmental organizations and State agencies provided key input during guidance development. The clarification of this site preparation issue relies in large part on State expertise in the development and implementation of best management practices associated with Forestry activities in wetlands. The guidance also discusses EPA and Corps support of follow-up efforts by the States and private interests to promote effective best management practices and protect wetland resources in Southeastern States.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Details are available from EPA and Corps field staff listed at the end of the memorandum, or Mr. John Goodin (EPA) at (202) 260-9910 or Mr. Victor Cole (Corps) at (202) 761-0201.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following is the subject guidance