

damaged habitat, enhancement of stocks that declined due to hypoxia or habitat loss, or fishing capacity reduction projects to alleviate the excess capacity targeting the depleted stocks and to mitigate the financial harm suffered by fishermen who targeted these stocks.

Determinations and Administration

All state grant proposals will be reviewed by the Department of Commerce, NOAA, and NMFS. Final project selections will be made by NMFS ensuring that there is no duplication with other projects funded by NOAA or other Federal organizations. If a proposal is accepted, NOAA will enter into a financial assistance agreement with the submitting state.

NMFS may require states to submit semiannual project status reports on the use of funds and progress of the project to NMFS within 30 days after the end of each 6-month period. These reports would be submitted to the individual specified as the NMFS Program Officer in the funding agreement. NMFS may also require states to submit a final report within 90 days after completion of each project to the NMFS Program Officer. The final report would describe the project and include an evaluation of the work performed and the results and benefits in sufficient detail to enable NMFS to assess the success of the completed project.

NMFS is committed to using available technology to achieve the timely and wide distribution of final reports to those who would benefit from this information. Therefore, recipients may be required to submit final reports in electronic format, in accordance with the award terms and conditions, for publication on the NMFS Home Page.

Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance

The Program is listed in the "Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance" under No. 11.452, Unallied Industry Projects.

Classification

This program has been determined to be not significant for the purposes of E.O. 12866. The Assistant General Counsel for Legislation and Regulation of the Department of Commerce certified to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration that this notice would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. No comments were received regarding this certification. As a result, no regulatory flexibility analysis was prepared. Because there are less than 10

applicants, the Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply.

Authority: Public Law 99-659 (16 U.S.C. 4101 *et seq.*); Public Law 102-396; Public Law 104-134.

Dated: March 5, 1997.

Nancy Foster, Ph.D.,

Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries,
National Marine Fisheries Service.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 030597A]

Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Receipt of applications for two scientific research permits (P45X, P45Y) and modification 2 to scientific research permit 956 (P45S).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Columbia River Research Laboratory of the U.S. Geological Service in Cook, WA (USGS), formerly the National Biological Service, has applied in due form for two permits and a modification to a permit authorizing takes of endangered and threatened species for scientific research purposes.

DATES: Written comments or requests for a public hearing on any of these applications must be received on or before April 10, 1997.

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

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR3, 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, Environmental and Technical Services Division, Portland.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: USGS requests two permits and 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).

USGS (P45X) requests a five-year permit for annual takes of adult and juvenile, threatened, Snake River fall

chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) and adult and juvenile, threatened, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) associated with a study designed to determine the post-release attributes and survival of hatchery and natural fall chinook salmon in the Snake River. The study consists of eight assessment tasks for which ESA-listed fish are proposed to be taken: 1) Life cycle, 2) redd counts, 3) food and growth, 4) habitat use, 5) predation, 6) temperature response, 7) migratory behavior, and 8) race and residualism. ESA-listed fish will be observed; captured, handled, and released; captured, anesthetized, tagged with passive integrated transponders or radio transmitters, allowed to recover from the anesthetic, and released; or taken lethally. Indirect mortalities associated with the research activities are also requested.

USGS (P45Y) requests a three-year permit for an annual take of juvenile, threatened, artificially-propagated, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) associated with a study designed to determine the vertical and horizontal distribution of juvenile salmonids exposed to high levels of total dissolved gas during their seaward migration in the Snake and Columbia Rivers. The vertical and horizontal distribution of juvenile salmonids exposed to high levels of total dissolved gas must be further defined to assess the risk of mortality from gas bubble disease. ESA-listed fish will be acquired from the Smolt Monitoring Program under the authority of permit 822 at Lower Monumental, Ice Harbor, or McNary Dams; transported as necessary to Ice Harbor Dam; anesthetized; surgically implanted with radio transmitters; allowed to recover from the anesthetic and the surgical procedure; released at Ice Harbor Dam; and tracked electronically between Ice Harbor and McNary Dams. Indirect mortalities of ESA-listed fish associated with the research activities are also requested.

USGS (P45S) requests modification 2 to scientific research permit 956 for authorization to take juvenile, threatened, Snake River fall chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) associated with annual research activities. Permit 956 currently authorizes USGS an annual take of juvenile, threatened, naturally-produced and artificially-propagated, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) associated with a study designed to obtain data on the distribution, abundance, movement, and habitat preferences of the

anadromous fish that migrate through Lower Granite Reservoir; to evaluate the operation of a surface bypass collector in the forebay of Lower Granite Dam; and to verify species of hydroacoustic surveys. Juvenile, ESA-listed fall chinook salmon are proposed to be acquired from the Smolt Monitoring Program under the authority of permit 822, collected by purse seine, or collected from the juvenile bypass facility at Lower Granite Dam; transported as necessary to Lower Granite Dam; anesthetized; surgically implanted with radio transmitters; allowed to recover from the anesthetic and the surgical procedure; released at Lower Granite Dam; and tracked electronically. Indirect mortalities of ESA-listed fish associated with the research activities are also requested. Modification 2 would be valid for the duration of the permit. Permit 956 expires on September 30, 1999.

Those individuals requesting a hearing on either of the two requests for a permit or the permit modification request should set out the specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate (see **ADDRESSES**). The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in the above application summaries are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Dated: March 5, 1997.

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

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Marine Mammals

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

ACTION: Issuance of scientific research permit no. 1031 (P623)

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that D. Ann Pabst, Ph.D., University of North Carolina at Wilmington, 601 South College Road, Wilmington, North Carolina 28403-3297, is hereby authorized to take cetaceans for purposes of scientific research.

ADDRESSES: The permit 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, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

Regional Administrator, Northeast Region, NMFS, NOAA, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298 (508/281-9250); and

Regional Administrator, Southeast Region, NMFS, NOAA, 9721 Executive Center Drive, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432 (813/570-5301).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 25, 1996, notice was published in the Federal Register (61 FR 59863) that the above-named applicant had submitted a request for a scientific research permit to harass during photo-identification studies, acoustic recording, and aerial and vessel surveys, up to 1,200 humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) annually over a five year period. In addition, the following non-target species may be harassed during the course of the research: North Atlantic right whales (*Eubalaena glacialis*), fin whales (*Balaenoptera physalus*), Atlantic bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*), harbor porpoise (*Phocoena phocoena*), beaked whales (*Mesoplodon* sp.), and pelagic dolphins (*Stenella* sp.). The requested permit 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 (ESA) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the Regulations Governing the Taking, Importing, and Exporting of Endangered Fish and Wildlife (50 CFR part 222). Issuance of this permit, 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.

Dated: March 5, 1997.

Art Jeffers,

Acting Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Pakistan

March 5, 1997.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs reducing limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 11, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ross Arnold, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on the quota status of these limits, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of of each Customs port or call (202) 927-6714. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482-3715.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Uruguay Round Agreements Act.

The current limits for certain categories are being reduced for carryforward applied to 1996 limits.

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of HTS numbers is available in the **CORRELATION:** Textile and Apparel Categories with the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (see Federal Register notice 61 FR 66263, published on December 17, 1996). Also see 61 FR 68245, published on December 27, 1996.

The letter to the Commissioner of Customs and the actions taken pursuant to it are not designed to implement all of the provisions of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing, but are designed to assist only in the implementation of certain of their provisions.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

March 5, 1997.

Commissioner of Customs,
Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive