

(*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*); and juvenile, threatened, Snake River fall chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) associated with the Smolt Monitoring Program (SMP), conducted at hydropower dams on the Snake and Columbia Rivers in the Pacific Northwest and at a number of upriver locations in the state of ID. Permit 822 also authorizes FPC annual incidental takes of ESA-listed adult Snake River salmon associated with fallbacks through the juvenile bypass systems at Bonneville and John Day Dams on the Columbia River. The purpose of the SMP is to generate information on the migrational characteristics of anadromous fish stocks in the Columbia River Basin. The information is used to implement flow and spill measures designed to improve fish passage conditions at the dams and reservoirs on the Snake and Columbia Rivers.

For modification 5 to the permit, FPC requests: (1) annual direct takes of juvenile, endangered, naturally produced and artificially propagated, upper Columbia River steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) and juvenile, threatened, Snake River steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) associated with the SMP; (2) an annual direct take of juvenile lower Columbia River steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*), a species currently proposed as threatened, at Bonneville Dam; and (3) annual incidental takes of ESA-listed adult steelhead associated with fallbacks through the juvenile fish bypass systems at Bonneville and John Day Dams. ESA-listed steelhead indirect and incidental mortalities associated with the SMP are requested. Modification 5 to permit 822 is requested to be valid for the duration of the permit. Permit 822 expires on December 31, 1998.

To date, protective regulations for threatened Snake River steelhead under section 4(d) of the ESA have not been promulgated by NMFS. This notice of receipt of an application requesting a take of this species is issued as a precaution in the event that NMFS issues protective regulations that prohibit takes of Snake River steelhead. The initiation of a 30-day public comment period on the application, including its proposed take of Snake River steelhead, does not presuppose the contents of the eventual protective regulations. To date, a listing determination for lower Columbia River steelhead under the ESA has not been promulgated by NMFS. This notice of receipt of applications requesting takes of this species is issued as a precaution in the event that NMFS issues a listing determination. The initiation of a 30-day public comment period on the

applications, including their proposed takes of lower Columbia River steelhead, does not presuppose a listing determination.

Aspects of this proposed permit modification, and a request received from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to modify permit 895 to include takes of ESA-listed steelhead, will be the subject of scheduled hearings, as previously noticed (63-FR-9204, February 24, 1998). Those individuals requesting a hearing on the request for modification 5 to permit 822 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 summary are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Dated: March 2, 1998.

Marta F. Nammack,

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. 022698C]

Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Receipt of applications for modifications to scientific research permits 956, 1035, and 1036.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Geological Survey at Cook, WA (USGS) has applied in due form for modifications to permits that would authorize takes of Endangered Species Act-listed steelhead for the purpose of scientific research.

DATES: Written comments or requests for a public hearing on any of the applications must be received on or before April 6, 1998.

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

Protected Resources Division (PRD),
F/NWO3, 525 NE Oregon Street, Suite
500, Portland, OR 97232-4169 (503-
230-5400).

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR3,
NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver

Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401); and

Written comments or requests for a public hearing should be submitted to the Chief, PRD in Portland, OR.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Robert Koch (503-230-5424).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: USGS 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 ESA-listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217-227).

USGS requests modification 3 to permit 956. Permit 956 authorizes USGS annual takes of juvenile, threatened, naturally produced and artificially propagated, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) and juvenile, threatened, Snake River fall 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. For modification 3, USGS requests an annual take of juvenile, threatened, Snake River steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) associated with the research. ESA-listed juvenile steelhead are proposed to be acquired from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and/or the Smolt Monitoring Program (SMP) (operating under the authority of separate permits), collected by purse seine, or collected from the juvenile bypass facility at Lower Granite Dam; transported as necessary to Lower Granite Dam; surgically implanted with radio transmitters; released at Lower Granite Dam; and tracked electronically. USGS requests indirect mortalities of ESA-listed juvenile steelhead, and requests that Modification 3 be valid for the duration of the permit which expires on September 30, 1999.

USGS requests modification 1 to permit 1035. Permit 1035 authorizes USGS an annual take of juvenile, threatened, artificially propagated, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon 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. For modification 1, USGS requests an annual take of juvenile, endangered, artificially propagated, upper Columbia River steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) and an increase in the annual take of juvenile, ESA-listed, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon associated with the scientific research. ESA-listed fish will be acquired from the SMP (under the authority of a separate permit) at Lower Monumental, Ice Harbor, or McNary Dams; transported as necessary to Ice Harbor Dam; surgically implanted with radio transmitters; released at Ice Harbor Dam; and tracked electronically between Ice Harbor and McNary Dams. USGS requests indirect mortalities of ESA-listed juvenile fish, and requests that Modification 1 be valid for the duration of the permit which expires on December 31, 1999.

USGS requests modification 1 to permit 1036. Permit 1036 authorizes USGS annual takes of adult and juvenile, threatened, Snake River fall chinook salmon and juvenile, threatened, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon associated with a study designed to determine the post-release attributes and survival of hatchery and natural fall chinook salmon in the Snake River. For modification 1, USGS requests annual takes of adult and juvenile, endangered, naturally produced and artificially propagated, upper Columbia River steelhead and juvenile, threatened, Snake River steelhead associated with the research. Also for modification 1, USGS requests an increase in the takes of ESA-listed species associated with two new studies. Study 1 is designed to predict the effects of reservoir drawdown on juvenile salmonids and their predators. Study 2 is designed to collect data to characterize the size, age structure, and growth of salmonid predator populations in free-flowing river reaches. USGS proposes to collect ESA-listed fish using beach seines and/or electroshocking, handle and release them while seeking northern squawfish (*Ptychocheilus oregonensis*) and smallmouth bass (*Micropterus dolomieu*) in the Snake River and the Hanford Reach of the Columbia River. USGS requests indirect mortalities of ESA-listed juvenile fish, and requests that Modification 1 be valid for the duration of the permit which expires on December 31, 2001.

To date, protective regulations for threatened Snake River steelhead under section 4(d) of the ESA have not been promulgated by NMFS. This notice of receipt of applications requesting takes of this species is issued as a precaution

in the event that NMFS issues protective regulations that prohibit takes of Snake River steelhead. The initiation of a 30-day public comment period on the applications, including their proposed takes of Snake River steelhead, does not presuppose the contents of the eventual protective regulations. Those individuals requesting a hearing on any of the above applications 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: February 26, 1998.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207.

"FEDERAL REGISTER" CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT: [insert FR citation].

PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED TIME AND DATE OF MEETING: 10:00 a.m., March 4, 1998.

CHANGES IN MEETING: The Compliance Status Report meeting was canceled.

For a recorded message containing the latest agenda information, call (301) 504-0709.

CONTACT PERSON FOR ADDITIONAL

INFORMATION: Sadye E. Dunn, Office of the Secretary, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20207; (301) 504-0800.

Dated: March 4, 1998.

Sadye E. Dunn,

Secretary.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207.

TIME AND DATE: Thursday, March 12, 1998, 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Room 410, East West Towers, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

STATUS: Closed to the Public.

MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

Compliance Status Report

The staff will brief the Commission on the status of various compliance matters.

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CONTACT PERSON FOR ADDITIONAL

INFORMATION: Sadye E. Dunn, Office of the Secretary, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20207 (301) 504-0800.

Dated: March 4, 1998.

Sadye E. Dunn,

Secretary.

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter the "Corporation"), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) (44 U.S.C. Sec. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirement on respondents can be properly assessed.

Currently, the Corporation is soliciting comments concerning its proposed renewal of its AmeriCorps*NCCC Team Leader Application, OMB 3045-0005. This form is used to collect information that will be used by AmeriCorps*NCCC staff in the evaluation and selection of Team Leaders.

Copies of the information collection requests can be obtained by contacting the office listed in the address section of this notice.

The Corporation is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Corporation, including