

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

RIN 0648–XF257

Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish

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

ACTION: Notice of availability for final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Final Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) associated with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)'s Mad River Hatchery Genetics Management Plan (HGMP) for winter-run steelhead hatchery production is now available to the public. The HGMP and associated Biological Opinion are also available to the public.

Project location: Lower Mad River watershed, north coast, California.

ADDRESSES: You may access a copy of the HGMP, Final EA, FONSI, 4(d) Rule decision memo, and other documents by one of the following:

- Visit the NMFS Web site, http://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/hatcheries/hgmp/mad_river_w-steelhead_plan.html.
- Call (707) 834–7897 and request to have a CD or hard copy mailed to you.
- Obtain a CD or hard copy by visiting the NOAA Fisheries West Coast Region California Coastal Office, 1655 Heindon Road, Arcata, CA 95521.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wes Smith, Telephone: (707) 834–7897, Fax: 707–825–4840 or email: wes.smith@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NOAA's NMFS is the lead agency responsible for administering the Endangered Species Act (ESA) as it relates to listed salmon, steelhead, and marine species. Section 9 of the ESA prohibits take of endangered species. Section 4(d) of the ESA also gives NMFS the authority to promulgate a regulation that applies the take prohibitions of section 9 to threatened species. In 2000, NMFS issued a "4(d) rule" (65 FR 42422; 50 CFR 223.203; updated June 28, 2005, 70 FR 37160) which broadly prohibits take of threatened steelhead and salmon species. The 4(d) rule also lists certain "limits" to the take prohibitions. Limit 5 of the 4(d) rule for threatened steelhead and salmon provides that the

take prohibition does not apply to activities associated with artificial propagation programs that follow a HGMP that meets certain criteria and has been approved by NMFS. (50 CFR 223.203(b)(5)). The final decision on the HGMP is pursuant to ESA section 4 and documented in a separate decision memo. The memo is also available to the public.

CDFW's HGMP for Mad River winter-run steelhead provides the framework through which CDFW can manage hatchery operations, monitoring, and evaluation activities, while meeting requirements specified under the ESA. The hatchery program will propagate steelhead derived from the local steelhead population in the Mad River, ensuring that at least half of the Mad River Hatchery winter-run steelhead spawning pairs are hatchery spawned natural-origin and match natural-origin steelhead with their natural counterparts whenever possible. Measures will be applied in the hatchery program to reduce the risk of incidental adverse genetic, ecological, and demographic effects on natural-origin steelhead and salmon populations. CDFW runs the hatchery to create a recreational steelhead fishery in the lower Mad River watershed, north coast California. CDFW submitted the Mad River winter-run steelhead HGMP to NMFS to determine as to whether the HGMP meets the criteria of Limit 5 of the 4(d) Rule.

NMFS published notification of the HGMP and draft EA's availability for public review and comment on March 28, 2016 for 30 days (81 FR 17143) and, upon request, provided a 15-day extension notice for public review and comment on May 4, 2016 (81 FR 26775). NMFS received four comment letters. All comments were directed toward the HGMP and were addressed by CDFW. CDFW's responses and associated changes to the HGMP were reviewed by NMFS. Several minor changes were made to the final EA to ensure a thorough review and to maintain consistency.

Species Covered in This Notice

Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast (SONCC) coho salmon ESU (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*)
Threatened (70 FR 37160; June 28, 2005)
Designated critical habitat (64 FR 24049; May 5, 1999)
California Coastal (CC) Chinook Salmon ESU (*O. tshawytscha*)
Threatened (70 FR 37160; June 28, 2005)
Designated critical habitat (70 FR

52488; September 2, 2005)
Northern California (NC) steelhead DPS (*O. mykiss*)
Threatened (71 FR 834; January 5, 2006)

Designated critical habitat (70 FR 52488; September 2, 2005)

Authority: Under section 4 of the ESA, the Secretary of Commerce is required to adopt such regulations as he deems necessary and advisable for the conservation of species listed as threatened. The ESA salmon and steelhead 4(d) rule (65 FR 42422; July 10, 2000, as updated in 70 FR 37160; June 28, 2005) specifies categories of activities that contribute to the conservation of listed salmonids and sets out the criteria for such activities. Limit 5 of the updated 4(d) rule (50 CFR 223.203(b)(5)) further provides that the prohibitions of paragraph (a) of the updated 4(d) rule (50 CFR 223.203(a)) do not apply to activities associated with artificial propagation programs provided that an HGMP has been approved by NMFS to be in accordance with the salmon and steelhead 4(d) rule (65 FR 42422; July 10, 2000, as updated in 70 FR 37160; June 28, 2005).

Dated: March 9, 2017.

Angela Somma,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

RIN 0648–XF267

Marine Mammals; File No. 21155

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Karina Amaral, Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, Zoology Department, Avenida Bento Gonçalves, 9500 Build 43435, Room 206, Porto Alegre, MI, 91.501–970, Brazil, has applied in due form for a permit to import specimens of Atlantic spotted dolphins (*Stenella frontalis*) for scientific research.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before April 14, 2017.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review by selecting "Records Open for Public

Comment” from the “Features” box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species (APPS) home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 21155 from the list of available applications.

These documents are also available upon written request or by appointment in the Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 427-8401; fax (301) 713-0376.

Written comments on this application should be submitted to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, at the address listed above. Comments may also be submitted by facsimile to (301) 713-0376, or by email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Please include the File No. in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division at the address listed above. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Skidmore or Carrie Hubbard, (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The applicant is requesting a permit to import 118 DNA samples from the Federal University of Rio Grande Do Sul in Brazil to the University of Michigan, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Department in Ann Arbor, MI, for genetics research. The samples were collected between 1996 and 2016 via biopsy sampling or from stranded animals, in accordance with the laws of Brazil. Results will provide insights regarding the population structure of this species in the Southwestern Atlantic Ocean. The requested duration of the permit is five months.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of the application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: March 10, 2017.

Julia Harrison,

*Chief, Permits and Conservation Division,
Office of Protected Resources, National
Marine Fisheries Service.*

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: 11:00 a.m., Thursday, March 23, 2017.

PLACE: Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW., Washington, DC, 9th Floor Commission Conference Room.

STATUS: Closed.

Matters To Be Considered

Surveillance, enforcement, and examinations matters. In the event that the time, date, or location of this meeting changes, an announcement of the change, along with the new time, date, and/or place of the meeting will be posted on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.cftc.gov>.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Christopher Kirkpatrick, 202-418-5964.

Christopher J. Kirkpatrick,
Secretary of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2017-ICCD-0015]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Application for Grants Under the Predominantly Black Institutions Formula Grant Program

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing a reinstatement of a previously approved information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 15, 2017.

ADDRESSES: To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED-2017-ICCD-0015. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be

submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.* Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Room 224-84, Washington, DC 20202-4537.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Bernadette Miles, (202) 453-7892.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) Will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) Is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) How might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) How might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: Application for Grants Under the Predominantly Black Institutions Formula Grant Program.

OMB Control Number: 1840-0812.

Type of Review: A reinstatement of a previously approved information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Private Sector.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 11.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 220.