

Permit 1590

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is requesting a permit to annually take juvenile PS Chinook salmon and HC chum salmon over the next five years. The research would also affect the PS steelhead (currently proposed for listing as "threatened"). The purpose of the research is to study the marine phase of "resident" Chinook salmon, a life-history type that rears to adulthood in the Puget Sound marine zone foregoing the typical ocean migration of the species. The goals are to describe the behavior and life history of resident Chinook salmon, and determine whether the proportion of PS Chinook salmon adopting this resident pattern varies among populations and hatchery stocks. Research activities would be conducted throughout the marine zone of Puget Sound and Hood Canal, Washington. The information gathered by this research would be used to develop a conceptual model of the life history of resident PS Chinook. The research would benefit PS Chinook by helping managers develop a better understanding of the abundance, distribution, and habitat requirements of this life history strategy. The USACE proposes to capture fish using shoreline and boat angling, beach seining, and purse-seining. Captured fish would be anesthetized, measured, checked for fin clip or CWT, tagged with acoustic or archival loggers, and fin clipped for tissue samples. Additionally, stomach content samples would be collected from a portion of the captured fish. The USACE does not intend to kill any of the fish being captured but a small number may die as an unintended result of the activities.

Permit 1598

The Washington Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is requesting a 5-year research permit to annually take all fish species identified in this notice while conducting research throughout the State of Washington. The purpose of the research is to determine the distribution and diversity of anadromous fish species in waterbodies crossed by or adjacent to the state transportation systems (highways, railroads, and/or airports). The surveys would help establish presence of listed salmon and steelhead in waterbodies about which we currently have little data. That information would be used to assess the impacts proposed projects may have on listed species. The research would benefit the listed species by helping WSDOT develop best management practices and in-water work window timing so they can

minimize the harm their projects may do to listed fish. Survey methods would depend on the size of the stream system and may include snorkel surveys, dip nets, stick seines, baited gee minnow traps and electrofishing. Fish would be captured, identified, and released in the same location. The WSDOT does not intend to kill any of the fish being captured but a small number may die as an unintended result of the activities.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the ESA. NMFS will evaluate the application, associated documents, and comments submitted to determine whether the application meets the requirements of section 10(a) of the ESA and Federal regulations. The final permit decisions will not be made until after the end of the 30-day comment period. NMFS will publish notice of its final action in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: February 14, 2007.

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

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**Sunshine Act Notices**

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, February 21, 2007 at 10 a.m.

PLACE: 999 E. Street, NW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: This meeting will be closed to the public.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Compliance matters pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 437g.

Audits conducted pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 437g, § 438(b), and Title 26, U.S.C.

Matters concerning participation in civil actions or proceedings or arbitration.

Internal personnel rules and procedures or matters affecting a particular employee.

PERSON TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION:

Mr. Robert Biersack, Press Officer, Telephone: (202) 694-1220.

Mary W. Dove,

Secretary of the Commission.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**Sunshine Act Notices**

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, February 22, 2007, at 10 a.m.

PLACE: 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC (ninth floor).

STATUS: This meeting will be open to the public.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Correction and Approval of Minutes. Regulations Priority.

Future Meeting Dates.

Management and Administrative Matters.

PERSON TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION:

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**Bureau of Customs and Border Protection****Proposed Collection; Comment Request; United States-Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act**

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection (CBP) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on an information collection requirement concerning the United States-Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act. This request for comments is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3505(c)(2)).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before April 23, 2007, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Information Services Group, Room 3.2.C, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20229.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information should be directed to Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Attn.: Tracey Denning, Room 3.2.C., 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20229, Tel. (202) 344-1429.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: CBP invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3505(c)(2)). The comments