

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

[RTID 0648–XC418]

Marine Mammals; File No. 26696

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dennis Clegg, Ph.D., University of California at Santa Barbara, Neuroscience Research Institute, Mail Code 5060, Santa Barbara, CA 93106, has applied in due form for a permit to export and conduct research on marine mammal parts.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before November 3, 2022.

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. 26696 from the list of available applications. These documents are also available upon written request via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov.

Written comments on this application should be submitted via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Please include File No. 26696 in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shasta McClenahan, Ph.D., or Jennifer Skidmore, (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 Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222–226).

The applicant requests a 5-year research permit to conduct scientific research on marine mammal parts to create a resource of cetacean pluripotent

stem cells to aid basic biological research. The applicant would create and maintain cell lines from a total of 10 individual cetaceans representing 5 different species. The cell lines may be sent to Co-Investigators, including export to foreign countries.

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: September 29, 2022.

Julia M. Harrison,

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

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

[RTID 0648–XC424]

Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish

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

ACTION: Notice; determination on hatchery and genetic management plans and availability of the associated Findings of No Significant Impact (FONSIs).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has made determinations on 12 resource management plans in the form of joint tribal and state Hatchery and Genetic Management Plans (HGMPs) that were submitted in three bundles (Lake Washington HGMPs, Hood Canal HGMPs, and Hood River HGMPs) and four state HGMPs (Mid-Columbia HGMPs). NMFS also announces its issuance of Final Environmental Assessments (FEAs) and Findings of No Significant Impact (FONSIs) for the 11 hatchery programs in Mid-Columbia River, Hood River, and Lake Washington.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Allyson Purcell, at phone number: (503) 736–4736, or via email: allyson.purcell@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Before making its final determinations, NMFS solicited and took into account public comments for how the plans address the criteria in § 223.203(b)(5). The determinations announced in this notice consist of NMFS’ findings as to whether the plans submitted to NMFS meet the regulatory criteria.

Species Covered in This Notice

- Lower Columbia River Chinook Salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*): threatened, naturally and artificially propagated
- Middle Columbia River Steelhead (*O. mykiss*): threatened, naturally and artificially propagated
- Lower Columbia River Steelhead (*O. mykiss*): threatened, naturally and artificially propagated
- Lower Columbia River Coho Salmon (*O. kisutch*): threatened, naturally and artificially propagated
- Columbia River Chum Salmon (*O. keta*): threatened, naturally and artificially propagated
- Puget Sound Chinook Salmon (*O. tshawytscha*): threatened, naturally and artificially propagated
- Puget Sound Steelhead (*O. mykiss*): threatened, naturally propagated
- Hood Canal Summer Chum Salmon (*O. keta*): threatened, naturally propagated.

Discussion of the Biological Analysis Underlying the Determinations**Mid-Columbia HGMPs**

The United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) submitted the Touchet River Endemic Summer Steelhead HGMP. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) submitted the Umatilla River Summer Steelhead HGMP, the Round Butte Hatchery Spring Chinook Salmon HGMP, and the Round Butte Hatchery Summer Steelhead HGMP. The Umatilla Hatchery program is funded by the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), as well as a small proportion of the Round Butte Hatchery programs, with the remainder of these programs funded by Portland General Electric (PGE).

Touchet River: The Touchet Endemic Steelhead Program is intended to conserve ESA-listed summer steelhead in the Touchet River, Washington, while also providing harvest opportunities and mitigating some of the effects of the development and operation of the Federal Columbia River Power System (FCRPS) in the Snake River Basin on fish and wildlife under the Lower Snake River Compensation Plan.