

of either preproposals or full proposals, the normal review process requires ten copies. Investigators are encouraged to submit sufficient copies for the full review process if they wish all reviewers to receive color, unusually sized (not 8.5 x 11"), or otherwise unusual materials submitted as part of the proposal. Only the original and two copies of the Federally required forms are needed. The addresses of the Sea Grant College Program directors may be found on Sea Grant's World Wide Web home page (www.nsgo.seagrants.org/SGDirectors.html) or may also be obtained by contacting the Program Manager, Dr. Leon M. Cammen, at the National Sea Grant Office (phone: 301-713-2435 x 136 or e-mail: leon.cammen@noaa.gov). Preproposals and proposals sent to the National Sea Grant Office should be addressed to: National Sea Grant office, R/SG, Attn: Aquatic Nuisance Species Coordinator, NOAA, Room 11841, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (phone 301-713-2435 for express mail applications).

Applications received after the deadline and applications that deviate from the format described above will be returned to the sender without review. Facsimile transmissions and electronic mail submission of full proposals will not be accepted.

VIII. Other Requirements

(A) Federal Policies and Procedures—Recipients and subrecipients are subject to all Federal laws and Federal and Department of Commerce (DOC) policies, regulations, and procedures applicable to Federal financial assistance awards.

(B) Past Performance—Unsatisfactory performance under prior Federal awards may result in an application not being considered for funding.

(C) Preaward Activities—If applicants incur any costs prior to an award being made, they do so solely at their own risk of not being reimbursed by the Government. Notwithstanding any verbal or written assurance that may have been received, there is no obligation on the part of DOC to cover preaward costs.

(D) No Obligation for Future Funding—If an application is selected for funding, DOC has no obligation to provide any additional future funding in connection with that award. Renewal of an award to increase funding or extend the period of performance is at the total discretion of DOC.

(E) Delinquent Federal Debts—No award of Federal funds shall be made to an applicant who has an outstanding delinquent Federal debt until either:

(1) The delinquent account is paid in full.

(2) A negotiated repayment schedule is established and at least one payment is received, or

(3) Other arrangements satisfactory to DOC are made.

(F) Name Check Review—All non-profit and for-profit applicants are subject to a name check review process. Name checks are intended to reveal if any key individuals associated with the applicant have been convicted of or are presently facing criminal charges such as fraud, theft, perjury, or other matters which significantly reflect on the applicant's management honesty or financial integrity.

(G) False Statements—A false statement on an application is grounds for denial or termination of funds and grounds for possible punishment by a fine or imprisonment as provided in 18 U.S.C. 1001.

(H) Intergovernmental Review—Applications for support from the National Sea Grant College Program are not subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

(I) Purchase of American-Made Equipment and Products—Applicants are hereby notified that they will be encouraged to the greatest extent practicable, to purchase American-made equipment and products with funding provided under this program.

Classification

Prior notice and an opportunity for public comments are not required by the Administrative Procedure Act or any other law for this notice concerning grants, benefits, and contracts. Therefore, a regulatory flexibility analysis is not required for purposes of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

This action has been determined to be not significant for purposes of E.O. 12866.

This notice contains collection-of-information requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Sea Grant Project Summary Form and the Sea Grant Budget Form have been approved under Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Control Number 0648-0362, with estimated times per response of 20 and 15 minutes respectively. The use of Standard Forms 424, 424B, and SF-LLL have been approved by OMB under the respective control numbers 0348-0043, 0348-0040, and 0348-0046. The response time estimates above include the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection

of information. Send comments on these estimates or any other aspect of these collections to National Sea Grant Office/NOAA, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 and to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 (Attention: NOAA Desk Officer). Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

Dated: February 28, 2001.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Receipt of applications for five scientific research/enhancement permits (1293, 1295, 1296, 1297, 1298).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following actions regarding permits for takes of endangered and threatened species for the purposes of scientific research and/or enhancement: NMFS has received five applications for scientific research/enhancement permits under the Endangered Species Act (ESA): Brian Perleberg of Northern Resource Consulting at Longview, WA (NRC) (1293); Peter Dutton, Ph.D., of the NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science Center and Donna McDonald (1297), Dr. R. Michael Laurs, of the NMFS - Southwest Fisheries Science Center (NMFS-SWFSC) (1296); Dr. Michael P. Sissenwine of the NMFS - Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NMFS-NEFSC) (1295) and Ms. Melissa Salmon, of Riverbanks Zoological Park (1298).

DATES: Comments or requests for a public hearing on any of the new applications or modification requests must be received at the appropriate address or fax number no later than 5

p.m. eastern standard time on April 4, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on any of the new applications or modification requests should be sent to the appropriate office as indicated below. Comments may also be sent via fax to the number indicated for the application or modification request. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or the Internet. The applications and related documents are available for review in the indicated office, by appointment:

For permits 1295, 1296, 1297, 1298: Endangered Species Division, F/PR3, 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (phone:301-713-1401, fax: 301-713-0376).

For permit 1293: Protected Resources Division, F/NWO3, 525 NE Oregon Street, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97232-2737 (phone: 503-230-5400, fax: 503-230-5435).

Documents may also be reviewed by appointment in the Office of Protected Resources, F/PR3, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (phone:301-713-1401).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For permits 1295, 1296, 1297, 1298: Terri Jordan, Silver Spring, MD (phone: 301-713-1401, fax: 301-713-0376, e-mail: Terri.Jordan@noaa.gov)

For permit 1293: Robert Koch, Portland, OR (ph: 503-230-5424, fax: 503-230-5435, e-mail: Robert.Koch@noaa.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority

Issuance of permits and permit modifications, as required by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) (ESA), is based on a finding that such permits/modifications: (1) are applied for in good faith; (2) would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species which are the subject of the permits; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA. Authority to take listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permits. Permits and modifications are issued in accordance with and are subject to the ESA and NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 222-226).

Those individuals requesting a hearing on an application listed in this notice should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on that application would be appropriate (see **ADDRESSES**). The holding of such hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries,

NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in the permit action summaries are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Species Covered in This Notice

The following species are covered in this notice:

Sea turtles

Threatened and endangered Green turtle (*Chelonia mydas*)

Endangered Hawksbill turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*)

Endangered Kemp's ridley turtle (*Lepidochelys kempii*)

Endangered Leatherback turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*)

Threatened Loggerhead turtle (*Caretta caretta*)

Threatened and endangered Olive ridley turtle (*Lepidochelys olivacea*)

Fish

Chinook salmon (*O. tshawytscha*): endangered, naturally produced and artificially propagated, upper Columbia River (UCR) spring; threatened lower Columbia River (LCR).

Chum salmon (*O. keta*): threatened Columbia River.

Steelhead (*O. mykiss*): endangered, naturally produced and artificially propagated, UCR; threatened middle Columbia River (MCR); threatened LCR.

Endangered Shortnose Sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*)

New Applications Received

Application 1293

Brian Perleberg of NRC requests a 5-year permit (1293) for annual takes of ESA-listed anadromous fish species associated with scientific research to be conducted in numerous headwater streams throughout OR and WA. The purpose of the research is to determine juvenile fish presence or absence on privately owned timberlands and to provide the Washington Department of Natural Resources, the Oregon Department of Forestry, and other state agencies with information to be used to update fish distribution maps. The research will benefit ESA-listed salmonids by providing information on the upper extent of fish usage in headwater streams, providing information on potential stream blockages which may inhibit anadromous fish migration, and providing information that will assist small landowners with culvert projects that could result in an increase in available fish habitat. ESA-listed juvenile fish are proposed to be observed/harassed or captured (using electrofishing or angling), handled, and

released. ESA-listed juvenile fish indirect mortalities are also requested.

Application 1295

The applicant has requested a 5-year permit to take sea turtles during research activities conducted by the Northeast Fisheries Science Center. The center is developing a 5-year plan for turtle research. The goal of the 5-year plan for sea turtles in the Northeast is to work cooperatively with other regions to support and direct research on sea turtles in order to identify and assess the status of sea turtle stocks, reduce the estimated mortality associated with fishing activities and other anthropogenic and natural sources and to recover ESA listed species.

Application 1296

The applicant has requested a 5-year permit to authorize commercial fisherman working in the Hawaii Longline Fishery to flipper tag and collect biopsy samples from sea turtles incidentally taken in the fishery. Tissue collection training and program oversight will be conducted by the Southwest Fisheries Science Center. The information gained from the additional tissue samples will allow NMFS to better fulfill its ESA responsibilities to protect, conserve, and recover listed species of sea turtles and better meet the goals and objectives of the U.S. Pacific Sea Turtle Recovery Plans and the requirements of present and future Section 7 biological opinions developed for this fishery.

Application 1297

The applicant has requested a 5-year permit to continue to conduct long-term monitoring of the status of turtles in San Diego Bay, CA. The applicant currently holds permit 1988 which will expire on April 30, 2001. Information that will be gathered during the continuation of this research include: numbers of animals present, species composition, size, sex, health status, and presence or absence of tags.

Application 1298

The applicant has requested a 5-year permit to continue to maintain eleven adult shortnose sturgeon received from the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources in 1996 for education purposes.

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Acting Deputy Office Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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