

virgin or recycled cellulose fiber source (including, but not limited to, those sourced from wood, woody crops, agricultural crops/byproducts/residue, and agricultural/industrial/other waste). They may have any weight, shape, dimensionality, design, or size, and may be bleached, unbleached, dyed, colored, or printed. They may include ingredients, additives, or chemistries to enhance functionality including, but not limited to, anti-microbial, anti-fungal, anti-bacterial, heat/flame resistant, hydrophobic, oleophobic, absorbent, or adsorbent. Thermoformed molded fiber products may also be subject to other processing or treatments, including, but not limited to, hot or after pressing, die-cutting, punching, trimming, padding, perforating, printing, labeling, dying, coloring, coating, laminating, embossing, debossing, repacking, or denesting. Thermoformed molded fiber products subject to this investigation may also have additional design features, including, but not limited to, tab closures, venting, channeling, or stiffening.

Thermoformed molded fiber products remain covered by the scope of this investigation if the subject product is encased by exterior packaging. They also remain covered by the scope of this investigation whether imported alone, or in any combination of subject and non-subject merchandise (e.g., a lid or cover of any type packaged with a molded fiber bowl, addition of any items to make the thermoformed molded fiber packaging suitable for end-use such as absorbent pads). When thermoformed molded fiber products are imported in combination with non-subject merchandise, only the thermoformed molded fiber products are subject merchandise.

Also excluded from the scope of this investigation are products covered by the scope of the antidumping and countervailing duty orders on paper plates from People's Republic of China, the Kingdom of Thailand, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

Excluded from the scope of this investigation are thermoformed molded fiber products imported as packaging material that enclose and/or surround non-subject merchandise prepackaged for final sale upon importation into the United States (e.g., molded fiber packaging surrounding a cellular phone).

Thermoformed molded fiber products include thermoformed molded fiber products matching the above description that have been finished, packaged, or otherwise processed in a third country by performing finishing, packaging, or processing that would not otherwise remove the merchandise from the scope of the investigation if performed in the country of manufacture of the thermoformed molded fiber products. Examples of finishing, packaging, or other processing in a third country that would not otherwise remove the merchandise from the scope of the investigation if performed in the country of manufacture of the thermoformed molded fiber products include, but are not limited to, hot or after pressing, die-cutting, punching, trimming, padding, perforating, printing, labeling, dying, coloring, coating, laminating, embossing, debossing, repacking, or denesting.

Thermoformed molded fiber products are classified under subheadings 7823.70.0020 and 4823.70.0040, Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Imports may also be classified under subheadings 4823.61.0020, 4823.61.0040, 4823.69.0020, 4823.69.0040, 4823.90.1000, HTSUS. References to the HTSUS classification are provided for convenience and customs purposes, and the written description of the merchandise under investigation is dispositive.

## Appendix II

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Marine Mammals; File No. 23922

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

**ACTION:** Notice; issuance of permit amendment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the University of California, 35 Medical Center Way, San Francisco, CA 94131, (Responsible Party: Alexander Pollen, Ph.D.) has been issued a minor amendment to Scientific Research Permit No. 23922.

**ADDRESSES:** The amendment and related documents are available for review upon written request via email to [NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Shasta McClenahan, Ph.D., or Jennifer Skidmore, (301) 427-8401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The requested amendment has been granted under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (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 original permit (No. 23922), issued on July 27, 2020 (85 FR 48508, August 11, 2020) authorized the receipt, import, and export of cetacean parts to develop cell lines and study development for evolutionary neuroscience and toxicology studies through July 31, 2025. The minor amendment, issued on May 6, 2025, extends the duration of the permit through July 31, 2026, but does not change any other terms or conditions of the permit.

Dated: May 7, 2025.

**Kimberly Damon-Randall,**

*Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XE894]

#### Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish

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

**ACTION:** Notice; availability of a Proposed Evaluation and Pending Determination for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that NMFS has received plans for twelve hatchery programs rearing and releasing Chinook salmon in the Nooksack River basin and Strait of Georgia. The plans describe hatchery programs operated by the Lummi Nation and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) in collaboration with the Nooksack Indian Tribe as co-managers. This document serves to notify the public of the availability and opportunity to comment on a Proposed Evaluation and Determination Documents (PEPD) on the proposed hatchery programs.

**DATES:** Comments must be received at the appropriate address (see **ADDRESSES**) no later than 5 p.m. Pacific time on June 11, 2025. Comments received after this date may not be considered.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted by email. The mailbox address for providing email comments is: [Hatcheries.Public.Comment@noaa.gov](mailto:Hatcheries.Public.Comment@noaa.gov). Include in the subject line of the email comment the following

identifier: Comments on Nooksack River hatchery programs. The document available for public comment is available on the internet at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/action/twelve-hatchery-and-genetic-management-plans-nooksack-river-basin-and-georgia-strait-salmon>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Morgan Robinson at (253) 307-2670 or by email at [morgan.robinson@noaa.gov](mailto:morgan.robinson@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**ESA-Listed Species Covered in This Notice**

- Puget Sound Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*): threatened, naturally and artificially propagated;
- Puget Sound Steelhead (*O. mykiss*): threatened, naturally and artificially propagated.

**Background**

The term “take” is defined under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) to mean harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct. The ESA prohibits the take of endangered salmonids and, pursuant to ESA section 4(d), ESA regulations can be extended to prohibit the take of threatened salmonids. However, NMFS may make exceptions to the take prohibitions for hatchery programs that are approved by NMFS under the limits on the prohibitions outlined in 50 CFR 223.203(b). The operators, Lummi Nation and WDFW, collaborating with tribal co-manager Nooksack Indian Tribe, have submitted twelve HGMPs to NMFS pursuant to NMFS’ limit six of the 4(d) Rule of the ESA for hatchery activities in the Nooksack River basin and Strait of Georgia, Washington. Chinook, coho, and chum salmon hatchery programs will be operated at Skookum Creek, Kendall Creek, Samish, Glenwood Springs, Whatcom Creek, and Lummi Bay hatcheries.

The hatchery programs are designed to contribute to the survival and recovery of Nooksack River Chinook salmon and provide salmon for harvest augmentation purposes. These hatchery programs are intended to contribute to fulfilling federal tribal treaty rights affirmed in *U.S. v. Washington* (1974) by enhancing future fishing opportunities for Chinook, coho, and chum salmon. Included in the hatchery plans are research and monitoring activities to study the effect of the programs on the recovery of Puget Sound Chinook salmon and steelhead.

*Authority:* 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*; 16 U.S.C. 742a *et seq.*

Dated: May 7, 2025.

**Kimberly Damon-Randall,**

*Director, Office of Protected Resources,  
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**Application Deadline for Fiscal Year 2025; Small, Rural School Achievement Program**

**AGENCY:** Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Under the Small, Rural School Achievement (SRSA) program, the U.S. Department of Education (Department) awards grants on a formula basis to eligible local educational agencies (LEAs) to address the unique needs of rural school districts. In this notice, we establish the deadline and describe the application process for the fiscal year (FY) 2025 SRSA grant.

All LEAs eligible for FY 2025 SRSA funds must apply electronically via the process described in this notice by the deadline listed below.

**DATES:**

*Applications Available:* May 14, 2025.

*Deadline for Transmittal of*

*Applications:* June 13, 2025.

*Application Technical Assistance:*

The Department will announce via email application technical assistance opportunities for applicants when the application becomes available.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Leslie Poynter, Rural Education Achievement Program (REAP) Group Leader, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20202. Telephone: (202) 401-0039. Email: [reap@ed.gov](mailto:reap@ed.gov).

If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability and wish to access telecommunications relay services, please dial 7-1-1.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Assistance Listing Number:* 84.358A.

*OMB Control Number:* 1810-0646.

**I. Award Information**

*Type of Award:* Formula grant.

*Available Funds:* \$110,000,000.

*Estimated Range of Awards:* \$0–\$60,000.

*Note:* The amount of an LEA’s award depends on the number and makeup of eligible LEAs that complete the SRSA application, and the amount Congress appropriates for the program. Some

eligible LEAs may receive an SRSA allocation of \$0 due to the statutory funding formula and, in that case, will not be invited to submit an application.

*Estimated Number of Awards:* 4,200.

**II. Program Authority and Eligibility Information**

*Under what statutory authority will FY 2025 SRSA grant awards be made?*

The FY 2025 SRSA grant awards will be made under title V, part B, subpart 1 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), 20 U.S.C. 7345–7345a.

*Which LEAs are eligible for an award under the SRSA program?*

For FY 2025, an LEA (including a public charter school that meets the definition of LEA in section 8101(30) of the ESEA) is eligible for an award under the SRSA program if it meets both of the criteria below:

(a) The total number of students in average daily attendance at all of the schools served by the LEA is fewer than 600, or each county in which a school served by the LEA is located has a total population density of fewer than 10 persons per square mile; and

(b) All of the schools served by the LEA are designated with a school locale code of 41, 42, or 43 by the Department’s National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), or the Secretary has determined, based on a demonstration by the LEA and concurrence of the State educational agency, that the LEA is located in an area defined as rural by a governmental agency of the State.

The Department provides an eligibility spreadsheet listing each LEA eligible to apply for FY 2025 SRSA grant funds. The spreadsheet is available on the Department’s website at: <https://data.ed.gov/dataset/reap-fy-2025-master-eligibility-spreadsheet/resources>.

If an LEA on the Department’s list of LEAs eligible to apply for an FY 2025 SRSA award will close prior to the 2025–2026 school year, that LEA is not eligible to receive an FY 2025 SRSA award and should not apply.

*Note:* The “Choice of Participation” provision under section 5225 of the ESEA gives an LEA eligible for both SRSA and the Rural and Low-Income School (RLIS) program, which is authorized under title V, part B, subpart 2 of the ESEA, the option to participate in either the SRSA program or the RLIS program. 20 U.S.C. 7351d. An LEA eligible for both SRSA and RLIS is henceforth referred to as a “dual-eligible LEA.”