

Authority

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Species Covered in This Notice

This notice is relevant to the following three threatened salmonid ESUs: threatened Central California Coast (CCC) coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*), threatened CCC steelhead (*O. mykiss*), and threatened California Coastal chinook salmon (*O. tshawytscha*).

Modification Request Received

Cressey and Associates requests a modification to permit 1097 for takes of juvenile ESA-listed coho salmon, steelhead, and chinook salmon associated with a study assessing the impacts to salmonids of a proposed summer dam on Austin Creek, a tributary of the Russian River in Sonoma County, CA. Cressey and Associates has proposed using electrofishing and snorkel surveys. Cressey and Associates is requesting non-lethal take of 10 juvenile CCC coho salmon, 500 juvenile CCC steelhead and 5 juvenile California Coastal chinook salmon for this project. Presently, permit 1097 authorizes take of adult and juvenile CCC coho salmon, Southern Oregon/Northern California Coasts coho salmon, and Southern California steelhead associated with various scientific research projects in CA. This requested modification would add intentional takes of threatened CCC

coho salmon, threatened CCC steelhead, and threatened California Coastal chinook salmon to Cressey and Associates' permit.

Dated: May 8, 2003.

Susan Pultz,

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

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

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Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish

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

ACTION: Receipt of an application for a scientific research/enhancement permit (1435) and request for comment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has received an application for a permit from Lisa Thompson, Ph.D. at UC Davis, CA (1435). The permit would affect the Southern Oregon/Northern California Coasts coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) Evolutionarily Significant Unit (ESU). This document serves to notify the public of the availability of the permit application for review and comment before a final approval or disapproval is made by NMFS.

DATES: Written comments on the permit application must be received no later than 5 p.m. Pacific Standard Time on June 12, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the permit request should be sent to Diana Hines, Protected Species Division, NMFS, 777 Sonoma Avenue, Room 325, Santa Rosa, CA 95404-6528 (ph: 707-575-6057, fax: 707-578-3435). Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or the Internet. The applications and related documents are available for review by appointment at the Protected Species Division, NMFS, 777 Sonoma Avenue, Room 325, Santa Rosa, CA 95404-6528 (ph: 707-575-6057, fax: 707-578-3435) and at the Office of Protected Resources, F/PR3, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301 713 1401).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Diana Hines at phone number 707-575-6057, or e-mail: diana.hines@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Authority**

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This notice is relevant to the threatened Southern Oregon/Northern California Coasts (SONCC) coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) ESU.

Permit Request Received

Lisa Thompson, Ph.D. requests a permit for takes of juvenile ESA-listed SONCC coho salmon associated with studies of presence, distribution and fish habitat use in the Shasta River, CA. Lisa Thompson, Ph.D. requests non-lethal take of 952 juvenile SONCC coho salmon for this project.

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