

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

[Docket No. 030602141-3198-02; I.D. 080803D]

Omnibus Notice Announcing the Availability of Grant Funds for Fiscal Year 2004; Amendment

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) publishes this notice to reopen the application period for the NMFS Cooperative Research program (CRP). The original solicitation for applications for this program was published in an action entitled "Omnibus Notice Announcing the Availability of Grant Funds for Fiscal Year 2004".

DATES: We must receive your application by close of business (5 p.m. EDT) on September 15, 2003. Applications received after that time will not be considered for funding. Applications received from August 15, 2003 through that date will be treated as having been received in a timely manner.

ADDRESSES: You can obtain an application package from, and send your completed applications to: Ellie Francisco Roche, Chief, State/Federal Liaison Office, Southeast Regional Office, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive, N., St. Petersburg, FL 33702. You can also obtain the application package from the SERO homepage at: <http://caldera.sero.nmfs.gov/grants/programs/>. You must submit one signed original and two copies of the completed application (including supporting information). We will accept neither facsimile applications, nor electronically forwarded applications.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellie Francisco Roche, Chief, State/Federal Liaison Office, (727)570-5324.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Cooperative Research Program (CRP) published a notice soliciting applications for financial assistance in the **Federal Register** of June 30, 2003 (68 FR 38678), entitled "Omnibus Notice Announcing the Availability of Grant Funds for Fiscal Year 2004". The purpose of this notice is to inform all applicants that the Application Deadline for the CRP has been reopened to close of business (5 p.m. EDT) on

September 15, 2003. Applications received after that time will not be considered for funding. Applications received from August 15, 2003 through that date will be treated as having been received in a timely manner.

You should consult the June 30, 2003, notice for all of the other requirements for submitting an application.

Dated: August 12, 2003.

John Oliver,

Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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

[I.D. 081203D]

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Marine Protected Areas Oversight Committee in September, 2003, to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 10, 2003, at 9:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Radisson Plymouth Hotel, 180 Water Street, Plymouth, MA 02360; telephone: (508) 747-4900.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Marine Protected Areas (MPA) Committee will review and develop a position of the Council regarding MPAs; review **Federal Register** notice on MPAs and an Inventory of Existing Marine Managed Areas and develop a response for the Council to submit during the public comment period. The committee will also develop a work plan for MPA

issues for consideration by the Council in its 2004 priorities.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting dates.

Dated: August 12, 2003.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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

[I.D. 080603D]

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 research permits 1443 & 1445 and request for comment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has received an application for a permit for scientific research from California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) in Sacramento, CA (1443) and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) in Byron, CA (1445). The permits would affect federally endangered Sacramento River winter-run Chinook salmon, threatened Central Valley spring-run Chinook salmon, and threatened Central Valley steelhead. This document serves to notify the public of the availability of the permit applications for review and comment.

DATES: Written comments on the permit applications must be received at the appropriate address or fax number (see **ADDRESSES**) no later than 5 p.m. Pacific standard time on September 17, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the modification request should be sent to the appropriate office as indicated below. Comments may also be sent via fax to the number indicated for the request. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or the Internet. The applications and related documents for permits 1443 and 1445 are available for review by appointment at the following address: Protected Resources Division, NMFS, 650 Capitol Mall, Suite 8-300, Sacramento, CA 95814 (ph: 916-930-3614, fax: 916-930-3629).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rosalie del Rosario at phone number 916-930-3614, or e-mail: Rosalie.delRosario@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 2 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 a 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

This notice is relevant to federally endangered Sacramento River winter-run Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*), threatened Central Valley spring-run Chinook salmon (*O. tshawytscha*), and threatened Central Valley steelhead (*O. mykiss*).

Applications Received

CDFG requests a permit (1443) for incidental take of juvenile Sacramento River winter-run Chinook salmon associated with a 2-year study on the occurrence and distribution of resident

and anadromous rainbow trout in the Central Valley. DFG requests authorization for an estimated annual take of 20 juvenile winter-run Chinook salmon, with one lethal take resulting from capture by electrofishing, hook and line, netting and traps.

BOR requests a 3-year permit (1445) for take of Sacramento River winter-run Chinook salmon, threatened Central Valley spring-run Chinook salmon, and threatened Central Valley steelhead associated with four studies to improve conditions for fish at the Tracy Fish Collection Facility (facility). BOR requests authorization for an estimated annual take of 182 juvenile winter-run Chinook salmon (number includes 52-percent incidental mortality), 5,359 juvenile spring-run Chinook salmon (22-percent incidental mortality), and 171 juvenile steelhead (no incidental mortality) resulting from handling of fish that pass through the facility.

Dated: August 12, 2003.

Susan Pultz,

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

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[I.D. 081203A]

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

ACTION: Receipt of applications for scientific research permits 1433 and 1440 and request for comment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has received an application for scientific research from US Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) in Shasta Lake, CA (1433) and Interagency Ecological Program (IEP) in Stockton, CA (1440). These permits would affect federally endangered Sacramento River winter-run Chinook salmon, threatened Central Valley spring-run Chinook salmon, and threatened Central Valley steelhead. The latter permit (1440) would also affect threatened Central California Coast steelhead. This document serves to notify the public of the availability of the permit applications for review and comment.

DATES: Written comments on the permit applications must be received at the

appropriate address or fax number (see **ADDRESSES**) no later than 5 p.m. Pacific standard time on September 17, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on this request should be sent to the appropriate office as indicated below. Comments may also be sent via fax to the number indicated for the request. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or the Internet. The applications and related documents for permits 1433 and 1440 are available for review by appointment at the following address: Protected Resources Division, NMFS, 650 Capitol Mall, Suite 8-300, Sacramento, CA 95814 (ph: 916-930-3614, fax: 916-930-3629).

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