

a public hearing on the matter. A request for a hearing must be received by Trade Adjustment Assistance, Room 7315, Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230, no later than the close of business of the tenth calendar day following the publication of this notice.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance official program number and title of the program under which these petitions are submitted is 11.313, Trade Adjustment Assistance.

Dated: April 29, 2003.

Brenda A. Johnson,

Technical Assistance Specialist, Planning and Development Assistance Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Availability of Seats for the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

AGENCY: National Marine Sanctuary Program (NMSP), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice and request for applications.

SUMMARY: The Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary (CINMS or Sanctuary) is seeking applicants for the following vacant seats on its Sanctuary Advisory Council (Council): Conservation Representative Alternative and Education Representative Alternate. Applicants are chosen based upon their particular expertise and experience in relation to the seat for which they are applying; community and professional affiliations; philosophy regarding the conservation and management of marine resources; and the length of residence in the area affected by the Sanctuary.

Applicants who are chosen as members should expect to serve three-year terms, pursuant to the Council's Charter.

DATES: Applications are due by May 19, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Application kits may be obtained from Nancy Berenson at Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary, 115 Harbor Way, Suite 150, Santa Barbara, CA 93109. Completed applications should be sent to the same address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy Berenson at (805) 884-1469, or nancy.berenson@noaa.gov, or visit the

CINMS Web site at: <http://www.cinms.nos.noaa.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The CINMS Advisory Council was originally established in December 1998 and has a broad representation consisting of 20 members and 21 alternates, including ten government agency representatives and ten members from the general public. The Council functions in an advisory capacity to the Sanctuary Manager. The Council works in concert with the Sanctuary Manager by keeping him or her informed about issues of concern throughout the Sanctuary, offering recommendations on specific issues, and aiding the Manager in achieving the goals of the Sanctuary program. Specifically, the Council's objectives are to provide advice on: (1) Protecting natural and cultural resources, and identifying and evaluating emergent or critical issues involving Sanctuary use or resources; (2) Identifying and realizing the Sanctuary's research objectives; (3) Identifying and realizing educational opportunities to increase the public knowledge and stewardship of the Sanctuary environment; and (4) Assisting to develop an informed constituency to increase awareness and understanding of the purpose and value of the Sanctuary and the National Marine Sanctuary Program.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. Section 1431, *et seq.*

(Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog Number 11.429 Marine Sanctuary Program)

Dated: April 28, 2003.

Jamison S. Hawkins,

Acting Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management.

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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: Notice of availability and request for comments.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the availability of a Routine Road Maintenance Program (RMP) that the City of Portland, Oregon, Office of Transportation, has submitted pursuant to the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

NMFS promulgated a protective rule for 14 threatened salmon and steelhead Evolutionarily Significant Units (ESUs). The RMP would affect seven ESUs of threatened salmonids identified in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The 4(d) rule provides for limits on ESA take prohibitions for the various activities set out in the rule. The RMP addresses the limit for routine road maintenance activities of any state, city, county or port. This Notice serves to notify the public of the availability of the City of Portland RMP for review and comment before a final approval or disapproval is made by NMFS.

DATES: Written comments on the draft RMP must be received no later than 5 p.m. Pacific Standard Time (see **ADDRESSES**) on June 4, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to Dr. Nancy Munn, Habitat Conservation Division, National Marine Fisheries Service, 525 NE Oregon Street, Suite 500, Portland, Oregon 97232.

Comments may also be faxed to 503-231-6893. Copies of the entire RMP are available on the Internet at: <http://www.portlandtransportation.org/CurrentNews/InterimRoadMaintenanceProgram.pdf>, or from the address posted on that site. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via email or the Internet.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Nancy Munn at phone number: 503-231-6269, or e-mail: nancy.munn@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is relevant to the following seven threatened salmon ESUs:

Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*); threatened Upper Willamette River (UWR), and Lower Columbia River (LCR).

Steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*); threatened Upper Willamette River (UWR), Lower Columbia River (LCR), Snake River Basin (SRB), and Middle Columbia River (MCR).

Chum salmon (*Oncorhynchus keta*); threatened Columbia River (CR).

Background

The City of Portland, Office of Transportation, submitted the RMP for routine road maintenance activities that might affect certain salmonid ESUs listed as threatened within the boundaries of the City of Portland. The RMP was designed so that routine road maintenance activities would be protective of salmonids and their habitat.

As specified in the July 10, 2000, ESA 4(d) rule for salmon and steelhead (65 FR 42422, July 10, 2000) under limit 10(i), take prohibitions to threatened

species of salmonids do not apply to routine road maintenance activities of a state, county, city or port that complies with a program that is substantially similar to that contained in the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Routine Road Maintenance Water Quality and Habitat Guide Best Management Practices (Guide, July 1999), and that is determined to meet or exceed the protections provided in the ODOT Guide. NMFS may approve a routine road maintenance program of any state, city, county or port that contains management practices that are equivalent to or better than those in the ODOT Guide. Prior to final approval of a routine road maintenance program, NMFS must publish notification in the **Federal Register** announcing the program's availability for public review and comment.

The City of Portland RMP submittal includes a cover letter addressed to D. Robert Lohn, Regional Administrator of NMFS, and a statement of commitment from the City of Portland to implement the RMP. In Part 1, the RMP provides the responsible entity and legal authority for the program and provides a description of the program, including a comparison with ODOT's best management practices. In Part 2, the RMP provides a description of the geographic area to which the program applies, including an analysis of the environmental baseline of the watersheds of the lower Columbia River and the lower Willamette River, and tributaries to the Willamette River within the City of Portland. Part 2 also includes maps and tables that depict various habitat parameters such as culverts that block fish passage, riparian condition, and water quality condition. In Part 3, the RMP describes the listed species distribution and status, including distribution maps for steelhead and chinook. The RMP also provides information on fish within lower Willamette River and its tributary. A bibliography of relevant reports are provided in Part 4. In Part 5, the RMP makes an affirmative conclusion that the program is substantially similar to or better than ODOT's program, and summarizes the training, monitoring, and reporting elements of the RMP.

The RMP defines what activities are routine road maintenance. These consist of maintenance activities that are conducted on currently serviceable structures, facilities, and equipment, involve no expansion of or change in use, and do not result in significant negative hydrological impact. The City of Portland best management practices (Part 1b) includes three activities that differ from ODOT's. Best management

practices for surface work, sweeping/flushing, and snow/ice removal/sanding differ from ODOT's best management practices. The RMP provides information to support the assertion that the City of Portland's practices for these activities are as effective or more effective than ODOT's practices at protecting fish and their habitat. Approval or disapproval of the RMP will depend on NMFS findings after public review and comment.

Authority

Under section 4 of the ESA, the Secretary of Commerce is required to adopt such regulations as he deems necessary and advisable for the conservation of species listed as threatened. The ESA salmon and steelhead 4(d) rule (65 FR 424222, July 10, 2000) identifies specific categories of activities that contribute to the conservation of listed salmonids and sets out the criteria for such activities. The rule further provides that the prohibitions of paragraph (a) of the rule do not apply to activities associated with routine road maintenance provided that a state or local program has been approved by NMFS to be in accordance with the salmon and steelhead 4(d) rule (65 FR 424222, July 10, 2000).

Dated: April 28, 2003.

Phil Williams,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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NOAA Climate and Global Change Program, Program Announcement

AGENCY: Office of Global Programs, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Climate and Global Change Program represents a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) contribution to evolving national and international programs designed to improve our ability to observe, understand, predict, and respond to changes in the global environment. This program builds on NOAA's mission requirements and long-

standing capabilities in global change research and prediction. The NOAA Program is a key contributing element of the U.S. Global Change Research Program (USGCRP), which is coordinated by the interagency Committee on Environmental and Natural Resources. NOAA's program is designed to complement other agencies' contributions to that national effort.

All proposals must be submitted in accordance with the requirements below. Failure to heed these guidelines will result in proposals being returned without review.

DATES: Unless otherwise noted, strict deadlines for submission to the FY 2004 process are: Full Proposals must be received at the Office of Global Programs no later than 5 p.m. EDT 60 Business Days after the Announcement appears in the **Federal Register**. Letters of Intent should be received at the Office of Global Programs no later than 5 p.m. EDT 20 Business Days after the Announcement appears in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Full Proposals must be submitted to: NOAA Office of Global Programs; 1100 Wayne Avenue, Suite 1210; Silver Spring, MD 20910-5603. It is important to note that Full Proposals may not be submitted via facsimile or e-mail.

General Information Contact: Diane Brown at the above address, or diane.brown@noaa.gov 301-427-2089 ext. 107, fax: 301-427-2222.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Funding Availability

NOAA believes that the Climate and Global Change Program will benefit significantly from a strong partnership with outside investigators. Please be advised that actual funding levels will depend upon the final FY 2004 budget appropriations. In FY 2002, approximately \$6,000,000 in first year funding was available for approximately 60 new awards.

This Program Announcement is for projects to be conducted by investigators outside the Federal Government, primarily over a one-, two- or three-year period. The NOAA Climate and Global Change Program has been approved for multi-year funding up to a three-year duration. The funding instrument for awards will be a grant unless it is anticipated that NOAA will be substantially involved in the implementation of the project, in which case the funding instrument should be a cooperative agreement. Examples of substantial involvement may include, but are not limited to, proposals for collaboration between NOAA or NOAA