

centralized locations and then distributed to stores for sale, the proposal explores if tare weights should be required to be printed on the individual "case-ready" packages.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Henry V. Oppermann, Chief, NIST, Weights and Measures Division, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 2600, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-2600. Telephone (301) 975-4004, or email: owm@nist.gov.

Dated: December 17, 2004.

Hratch G. Semerjian,

Acting Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 120304A]

Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish

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

ACTION: Application for enhancement of survival permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has received an application for an enhancement of survival permit from the Lower Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group (LCFEG). The proposed action is intended to enhance and restore salmonid habitat in southwest Washington.

DATES: Comments or requests for a public hearing on the application request must be received at the appropriate address or fax number (see **ADDRESSES**) no later than 5 p.m. Pacific daylight-saving time on January 27, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the application should be sent to Habitat Conservation Division, NMFS, 510 Desmond Drive SE, Suite 103, Lacey, WA 98503. Comments may also be sent via fax to 360-753-9517 or by e-mail to stephanie.ehinger@noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephanie Ehinger, Lacey, WA (phone: 360-534-9341, fax: 360-753-9517, e-mail: stephanie.ehinger@noaa.gov); or Dan Guy at the same office (phone: 360-534-9342, email: dan.guy@noaa.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Species Covered in this Notice

The following listed species are covered in this notice:

Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*): Threatened Lower Columbia River (LCR).

Steelhead (*O. mykiss*): Threatened LCR.

Coho (*O. kisutch*): Proposed threatened LCR.

Authority

Scientific research and enhancement of survival permits are issued in accordance with section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) (ESA) and regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFS 222-226). NMFS issues permits based on findings that such permits/modifications: (1) are applied for in good faith; (2) if granted and exercised, would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species that are the subject of the permits; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA. The authority to take listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permits.

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

Application Received

The LCFEG is requesting a 5-year permit to annually take juvenile threatened LCR chinook salmon, threatened LCR steelhead, and proposed threatened LCR coho. They propose to undertake projects that will enhance and restore salmon habitat in southwest Washington. The primary tributaries they propose to work in are the Washougal, Lewis, Kalama, Cowlitz, Toutle, Elochman, Grays, and Chinook River watersheds. The LCFEG is one of 14 Regional Fisheries Enhancement Group's (RFEG's) created by the Washington State legislature in 1990. Each RFEG is an independent 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with the mission to increase salmonid populations.

The proposed projects were developed using the Lead Entity's Interim Strategy for Habitat Restoration (<http://www.lcfrb.gen.wa.us.gtml>) and the Limiting Factors Analysis completed by the Washington State Conservation Commission (<http://salmon.scc.wa.gov/reports/index.html>).

The projects would be carefully monitored, and the LCFEG would provide annual reports to NMFS so that the actions can be evaluated and, if needed, modified. The LCFEG will also monitor take and provide NMFS with

annual reports stating the take types and amounts.

The proposed activities will be carried out solely for the benefit of listed salmon; that is, for the enhancement of survival of listed salmonids. The LCFEG will take specific measures such as designing, scheduling, and sequencing construction work to minimize any adverse impacts. Complete details of conservation measures are provided in the permit application.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10 (c) of the ESA. NMFS will evaluate the application, associated documents and comments submitted to determine whether the application meets the requirements of section 10 (a) of the ESA and Federal regulations. The final permit decision will not be made until after the end of the 30-day comment period. NMFS will publish notice of its final action in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: December 21, 2004.

Phil Williams,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 122104D]

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Trawl Survey Advisory Panel, composed of representatives from the Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC), the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC), the New England Fishery Management Council (NEFMC), and several independent scientific researchers, will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on January 26, 2005, from noon to 5 p.m. and January 27, 2005, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Brookshire Suites (Inner Harbor), 711 Eastern Ave., Baltimore, MD; telephone: (410) 625-1300.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; 300 S. New Street, Room 2115, Dover, DE 19904.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Daniel T. Furlong, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; 300 S. New Street, Room 2115, Dover, DE 19904; telephone: (302) 674-2331, ext. 19.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this meeting is to review the results of the October Northeast Fisheries Science Center's experimental trawl survey cruise.

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 identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management 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 Debbie Donnangelo at the Mid-Atlantic Council Office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: December 22, 2004.

Alan D. Risenhoover,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 122104E]

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 Groundfish Oversight Committee in January, 2005 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 January 13, 2005, at 9:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, 31 Hampshire Street, Mansfield, MA 02048; telephone: (978) 339-2200.

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 Groundfish Committee will meet to consider changes to the management measures, if necessary, in order to meet the objectives of Amendment 13. In addition to changes that may be needed to respond to the updated assessments, the Committee may consider changes to other management measures. These could include, but are not limited to, an extension of the days-at-sea leasing program, modifications to the default measures, modifications to existing Special Access Programs (SAPs) or additional SAPs, changes to permitting conditions, reviews of bycatch information, etc.

As a result of the extensive scope of this next management action, the Groundfish Committee will also meet to develop recommendations on the broad issues to be addressed in the next adjustment, identify the information that will be needed to support decisions on those issues, develop a timeline for the Committee's work, and may begin to identify specific measures that will be included. The Committee's recommendations will be presented to the full Council for consideration at a later date.

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: December 22, 2004.

Alan D. Risenhoover,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 121404C]

Endangered Species; File No. 1508

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

ACTION: Receipt of application for permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Duke Power Company (Mr. Gene Vaughan, Principal Investigator), 13339 Hagers Ferry Rd., Huntersville, NC 28078, has applied in due form for a permit for scientific research on shortnose sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*).

DATES: Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before January 27, 2005.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)427-2521; and, Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432; phone (727)570-5301; fax (727)570-5320.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application should be mailed to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on the particular request would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301)427-2521, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period.

Comments may also be submitted by e-mail. The mailbox address for providing email comments is NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Include