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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

At the request of an interested party, the Department of Commerce (the Department) initiated an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on stainless steel bar from Spain for the period March 1, 2005, through February 28, 2006. See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 71 FR 25145 (April 28, 2006). The preliminary results of this administrative review are currently due no later than December 1, 2006.

##### Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), requires the Department to make a preliminary determination within 245 days after the last day of the anniversary month of an order for which a review is requested and a final determination within 120 days after the date on which the preliminary determination is published. If it is not practicable to complete the review within these time periods, section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act allows the Department to extend the time limit for the preliminary determination to a maximum of 365 days after the last day of the anniversary month.

We determine that it is not practicable to complete the preliminary results of this review by the current deadline of December 1, 2006. We require additional time to analyze supplemental questionnaire responses with respect to a number of cost issues in this administrative review. Therefore, in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213(h)(2), we are extending the time period for issuing the preliminary results of this review by 75 days, to February 13, 2006.

This notice is published in accordance with sections 751(a)(3)(A) and 777 (i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: November 27, 2006.

**Stephen J. Claeys,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 112706D]

#### 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 comment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that NMFS has received an application from the Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County (Grant PUD), the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), and the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation (YN) for a direct take permit pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA). The duration of the proposed Permit is three years. This document serves to notify the public that the permit applications and the associated draft environmental assessment (EA) are available for comment before a final decision on whether to issue a Finding of No Significant Impact is made by NMFS for take of upper Columbia River spring-run chinook salmon and steelhead. All comments received will become part of the public record and will be available for review pursuant to the ESA.

**DATES:** Written comments on the application and draft EA must be received at the appropriate address or fax number (see **ADDRESSES**) no later than 5 p.m. Pacific standard time January 2, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on the application should be sent to Kristine Petersen, National Marine Fisheries Services, Salmon Recovery Division, 1201 N.E. Lloyd Boulevard, Suite 1100, Portland, OR 97232. Comments may also be submitted by e-mail to: [whiteriver.nwr@noaa.gov](mailto:whiteriver.nwr@noaa.gov). Include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following identifier: "Comments on White River program". Comments may also be sent via facsimile (fax) to (503) 872-2737.

Requests for copies of the permit application should be directed to the National Marine Fisheries Services, Salmon Recovery Division, 1201 NE Lloyd Boulevard, Suite 1100, Portland, OR 97232. The documents are also available on the Internet at [www.nwr.noaa.gov](http://www.nwr.noaa.gov). Comments received will be available for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours by calling (503) 230-5409.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kristine Petersen at (503) 230-5409 or e-mail: [kristine.petersen@noaa.gov](mailto:kristine.petersen@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is relevant to the following species and evolutionarily significant units (ESUs) or distinct population segments (DPSs):

1. Chinook salmon (*O. tshawytscha*): endangered, upper Columbia River spring-run.

2. Steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*): threatened, naturally produced and artificially propagated Upper Columbia River.

#### Background

Section 9 of the ESA and Federal regulations prohibit the "taking" of a species listed as endangered or threatened. The term "take" is defined under the ESA to mean harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct. NMFS may issue permits to take listed species for any act otherwise prohibited by section 9 for scientific purposes or to enhance the propagation or survival of the affected species, under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA. NMFS regulations governing permits for threatened and endangered species are promulgated at 50 CFR 222.307.

NEPA requires Federal agencies to conduct an environmental analysis of their proposed actions to determine if the actions may affect the human environment. NMFS expects to take action on two ESA section 10(a)(1)(A) submittals received from the applicants. Therefore NMFS is seeking public input on the scope of the required NEPA analysis, including the range of reasonable alternatives and associated impacts of any alternatives.

In an application received on August 27, 2006, the Grant PUD submitted an application to NMFS for an ESA section 10(a)(1)(A) permit for the direct take of ESA-listed upper Columbia River spring Chinook salmon from the White River in Chelan County, in order to carry out an artificial propagation (hatchery) program to enhance the species. The purpose of this program is to prevent the extinction of, conserve, and ultimately restore the naturally spawning White River spring Chinook salmon spawning aggregate, which is part of the Wenatchee population within the upper Columbia River basin.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the ESA. NMFS will evaluate the application, associated documents, and comments submitted thereon to determine whether the application meets the requirements of

section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA. If it is determined that the requirements are met, a permit will be issued jointly to the Grant PUD, the WDFW, and the YN for the purpose of carrying out the enhancement program. NMFS will publish a record of its final action in the **Federal Register**.

The general effects on the environment considered include the impacts on the physical, biological, and socioeconomic environments of the upper Columbia River Basin, particularly in the Wenatchee River Subbasin in which the program is located.

Dated: November 28, 2006.

**Angela Somma,**

*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. 112706C]

#### Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Scientific and Statistical Committee is hosting a public workshop, which is open to the public, on December 18-20, 2006. The primary purpose of the meetings is to evaluate aspects of the Council's groundfish harvest policies and assessment methodologies.

**DATES:** The workshop is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. on Monday, December 18, 2006 and conclude at 12 p.m. on Wednesday, December 20, 2006. The workshop will start at 9 a.m. each day and end at 5 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, or as necessary to complete each day's business.

**ADDRESSES:** All meetings will be held at the National Marine Fisheries Service, Southwest Fisheries Science Center, 8604 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla, CA 92037; telephone: (858) 546-7000.

*Council address:* Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. John DeVore, Pacific Fishery

Management Council; telephone: (503) 820-2280.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The workshop will address the following three issues: (1) Evaluate the performance of the 40-10 harvest policy for stocks with different life history and stock-recruit patterns, (2) Evaluate alternative methods to estimate proxies for initial or unfished biomass (B0) and the biomass that produces maximum sustainable yield (BMSY) and provide recommendations on their use, and (3) Provide recommendations on the use of priors for key assessment parameters in stock assessment models. Parameter for which priors could potentially be useful include natural mortality, stock-recruit, steepness, survey catchability, and recruitment variability. Workshop participants will develop guidance for stock assessment authors and provide recommendations for consideration by the Council and its advisory bodies. No management actions will be decided at this workshop.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agendas may be discussed, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Advisory body 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 Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the 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 Ms. Carolyn Porter at (503) 820-2280 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: November 28, 2006.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Office of Postsecondary Education; Overview Information; Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement (McNair) Program; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2007

*Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.217A.*

*Dates: Applications Available: December 1, 2006.*

*Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: January 31, 2007.*

*Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: April 2, 2007.*

*Eligible Applicants:* Institutions of higher education and consortia of those institutions.

*Estimated Available Funds:* The Administration requested \$380,100,000 for the Federal TRIO Programs for FY 2007, \$41,900,000 of which we intend to use for new awards for the McNair Program. The actual level of funding, if any, depends on final congressional action. However, we are inviting applications to allow enough time to complete the grant process if Congress appropriates funds for this program.

*Estimated Range of Awards:* \$220,000-\$365,000.

*Estimated Average Size of Awards:* \$234,000.

*Maximum Award:* We will not fund any application at an amount exceeding the maximum amounts specified below for a single budget period of 12 months. We may choose not to further consider or review applications with budgets that exceed the maximum amounts specified below, if we conclude, during our initial review of the application, that the proposed goals and objectives cannot be obtained with the specified maximum amount.

- For an applicant who is not currently receiving a McNair Program grant, the maximum award amount is \$220,000 for a project that will serve a minimum of 25 participants.

- For an applicant who is currently receiving a McNair Program grant, the maximum award is the greater of (a) \$220,000 or (b) an amount equal to \$9,000 multiplied by the number of participants the applicant is proposing to serve, not to exceed 105 percent of the applicant's grant award amount for FY 2006.

*Estimated Number of Awards:* 180.

**Note:** The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

*Project Period:* Four years except applicants whose peer review scores are within the highest ten percent of scores of all applicants receiving awards will receive five-year awards.

#### Full Text of Announcement

##### I. Funding Opportunity Description

*Purpose of Program:* The purpose of the McNair Program is to award grants to institutions of higher education for projects designed to provide disadvantaged college students with effective preparation for doctoral study.

*Program Authority:* 20 U.S.C. 1070a-11 and 1070a-15.