

comments. Written comments will be accepted for 30 days after the public scoping meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Quigel, Engineering and Environmental Staff, Rural Utilities Service, at (202) 720-0468. Mr. Quigel's E-mail address is bquigel@rus.usda.gov. Information is also available from Joey Ward of South Mississippi Electric Power Association at (601) 268-2083. Mr. Ward's E-mail address is jward@smepa.com.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: South Mississippi Electric Power Association proposes to construct three GE LM6000 combustion turbines with a nameplate rating of 47 megawatts each at a site approximately 2 miles south of Sylvarena in Smith County, Mississippi, three GE 7EAs with a nameplate rating of 83.5 megawatts each at a site located approximately 6 miles east of Silver Creek, in Jefferson Davis County, Mississippi, and one GE 7EA at its existing Moselle Generating Plant which is located approximately 1 mile north of Moselle in Jones County, Mississippi.

Alternatives considered by RUS and South Mississippi Electric Power Association include: (a) No action, (b) purchased power, (c) load management and conservation of energy, (d) renewable energy, (e) combined cycle, and (f) various site locations.

An alternatives evaluation and siting study for the projects was submitted to RUS by South Mississippi Electric Power Association. The alternatives evaluation and siting study are available for public review at RUS in Room 2242, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC, and at the headquarters of South Mississippi Electric Power Association, 7037 US Highway 49, Hattiesburg, Mississippi. This document will also be available at the Prentiss Public Library, Prentiss, Mississippi; the Evon A. Ford Library, 208 Spring Street, Taylorsville, Mississippi; the Floyd A. Robinson Memorial Library, 150 Main Street, Raleigh, Mississippi; the Laurel-Jones Library, 530 Commerce Street, Laurel, Mississippi; and Ellisville Public Library, 110 Court Street, Ellisville, Mississippi.

From information provided in the alternatives evaluation and site selection study, input that may be provided by government agencies, private organizations, and the public, South Mississippi Electric Power Association will have prepared an environmental analysis to be submitted to RUS for review. RUS will use the environmental analysis to determine the significance of the impacts of the projects and may adopt it as its

environmental assessment of the projects. RUS' environmental assessment of the projects will be available for review and comment for 30 days.

Should RUS determine, based on the environmental assessment of the project, that the impacts of the construction and operation of the projects will not have a significant environmental impact, it will prepare a finding of no significant impact. Public notification of a finding of no significant impact will be published in the **Federal Register** and in newspapers with a circulation in the areas where the projects are proposed to be located.

Any final action by RUS related to the proposed project will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with environmental review requirements as prescribed by Council on Environmental Quality and RUS environmental policies and procedures.

Dated: July 12, 2001.

Glendon D. Deal,

Acting Director, Engineering and Environmental Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship Program.

Form Number(s): CD-346.

OMB Approval Number: 0648-0432.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 3,517.

Number of Respondents: 2,000.

Average Hours Per Response: 4.75 hours for an application, 45 minutes for a letter of recommendation, 90 minutes for an annual report, 5 minutes for a "no concurrent work" statement, 45 minutes for a CD-346, and 1 hour for a biography/photograph submission.

Needs and Uses: The Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship Program recognizes outstanding scholarship by providing financial support to graduate students pursuing masters and doctoral degrees in the areas of marine biology, oceanography, and maritime

archaeology. Applicants must submit information that allows NOAA to make scholarship selections and those applicants selected to receive scholarships must submit additional information that enables NOAA to arrange funding and track their academic progress.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: One-time, annual.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3129, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at MClayton@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: July 13, 2001.

Madeleine Clayton,

Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 071701B]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Commerce has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Title: Southeast Region Logbook Family of Forms.

Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: 0648-0016.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 1,400.

Number of Respondents: 350.

Average Hours Per Response: 10 minutes per trip form, 30 minutes per annual form

Needs and Uses: Participants in the Atlantic snapper-grouper and mackerel

fisheries in the Southeast Region are currently required to submit catch and effort logbooks for their fishing trips. The NMFS proposes that fishermen also be required to submit information about dockside prices, trip operating costs, and annual fixed costs. The data will be used in analyses of the economic effects of proposed regulations.

Affected Public: Business and other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: By trip, annual.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897. Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3129, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at MClayton@doc.gov).

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Dated: July 13, 2001.

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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 applications for scientific research permits.

SUMMARY: NMFS has received applications for Endangered Species Act (ESA) scientific research permits from: Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Eugene, OR; Cascade General, Inc. (CGI) in Portland, OR; Western Washington University (WWU) in Bellingham, WA; Lower Willamette Group (LWG) in Portland, OR; Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NWFSC), NMFS in Seattle, WA; Weyerhaeuser in Federal Way, WA; King County Department of Transportation (KCDOT) in King County, WA; City of Bellingham, WA; Oregon State University (OSU) in

Corvallis, OR; Oregon Metallurgical Corporation (OREMET) in Portland, OR; United States Forest Service (USFS) in Corvallis, OR; Port Blakely Tree Farms (PBF) in Tenino, WA; and United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) in Vancouver, WA.

DATES: Comments or requests for a public hearing on any of the new applications or the modification request must be received no later than 5 p.m. Pacific daylight time on August 20, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the applications should be sent to Protected Resources Division (PRD), F/NWO3, 525 NE Oregon Street, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97232-2737 (503/230-5400). Comments may also be sent via fax to 503/230-5435. The documents are also available on the Internet at <http://www.nwr.noaa.gov/>. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or the Internet.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cherelle Blazer, Portland, OR, phone: 503/231-2001, fax: 503/230-5435, e-mail: Cherelle.Blazer@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following ESA-listed evolutionary significant units (ESUs) are covered in this notice:

Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*): Threatened Snake River (SR) fall-run, Threatened SR spring/summer-run, Endangered Upper Columbia River (UCR), Threatened Upper Willamette River (UWR), Threatened Lower Columbia River (LCR), Threatened Puget Sound (PS) Steelhead (*O. mykiss*): Threatened Snake River Basin (SRB), Endangered UCR, Threatened Middle Columbia River (MCR), Threatened LCR, Threatened UWR

Chum salmon (*O. keta*): Threatened Columbia River (CR)

Sockeye salmon (*O. nerka*): Endangered SR

New Applications Received

BLM is seeking a 5-year permit (1256) to take adult and juvenile UWR chinook salmon and OC coho salmon in Wolf Creek, Siuslaw River, Esmond Creek Basin, North Creek, Pugh Creek, Bierce Creek, Siuslaw River mainstem, and Upper Lake Creek in OR. The purposes of the study are to: (1) collect data on fish abundance and presence, adult escapement, and habitat needs prior to stream enhancement; (2) evaluate habitat restoration projects, migration time, non-salmon species presence and smoltification size; and (3) perform watershed analysis. The study will benefit UWR chinook salmon and OC coho salmon by determining changes in

fish habitat due to management projects as compared to natural fluctuation. BLM proposes to observe fish by snorkeling during habitat and spawning surveys, and capture (using backpack electrofishing, seining, dipnetting, and rotary trapping), handle, and release juvenile and adult salmonids. Some fish will be marked with a subcutaneous injection of colored dye using Panjet needles. BLM also requests juvenile fish indirect mortality associated with the study.

CGI is seeking a 3-year permit (1326) to take adult and juvenile UWR chinook salmon, LCR chinook salmon, UWR steelhead, and LCR steelhead associated with scientific research to be conducted at Swan Island in the Portland Harbor located in the lower Willamette River. The purpose of this study is to test a freshwater air screen for use in preventing or minimizing fish entry onto a floating dry dock facility. The research will benefit listed species by determining their presence and testing new methods of moving fish away from dry dock areas during operations thus providing useful information for protecting listed species at dry dock facilities. CGI proposes to capture (using boat electrofishing and intake porthole nets), anesthetize, identify, measure, check for marks, weigh, and release juvenile salmonids. Adult fish that may be encountered will not be netted. CGI also requests juvenile fish indirect mortality associated with the study.

WWU is seeking a 5-year permit (1327) to take adult and juvenile UWR chinook salmon and UWR steelhead on the Willamette and McKenzie Rivers. The purpose of this study is to identify and rank sources of stress in the watershed, create a valid process for differentiation between anthropogenic and natural impacts on streams used as receiving waters associated with pulp and paper mill operation, and make an ecological risk assessment specifically aimed at point-non-point source pollution in the Upper Willamette-Lower McKenzie watershed. The study will benefit UWR chinook salmon and UWR steelhead recovery through ecological assessment and stressor identification in the watershed. WWU proposes to capture (using boat electrofishing), identify, and release juvenile fish. No attempt will be made to net or capture adult listed fish. WWU also requests juvenile fish indirect mortality associated with the study.

LWG is seeking a 4-year permit (1328) to take adult and juvenile UWR chinook salmon, LCR chinook salmon, UWR steelhead, and LCR steelhead during scientific research efforts on the Lower Willamette River. The purpose of