

50 CFR part 259. At the completion of the construction/reconstruction, a certificate to that effect must be submitted.

II. Method of Collection

The information will be collected on forms: the Fishing Vessel Capital Construction Fund Application, the Interim Capital Construction Fund Agreement, and the Certificate of Construction/Reconstruction.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0090.

Form Number: NOAA Form 88-14.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business and other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 3.5 hours for an agreement, 1 hour for a certificate.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,250.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$1,000.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: January 19, 2001.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 011901B]

Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Receipt of an application for a scientific research permit 1275 and 1276.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following actions regarding permits for takes of endangered and threatened species for the purposes of scientific research and/or enhancement: NMFS has received a scientific research permit application from Mr. Joseph Hightower, of North Carolina Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit (NCCFWRU) (1275) and from Mr. Jay Holder, of Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FFWCC) (1276).

DATES: Comments or requests for a public hearing on any of the new applications or modification requests must be received at the appropriate address or fax number no later than 5 p.m. eastern standard time on February 26, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on any of the new applications or modification requests should be sent to the appropriate office as indicated below. Comments may also be sent via fax to the number indicated for the application or modification request. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or the Internet. The applications and related documents are available for review in the indicated office, by appointment:

For permits 1275, 1276: Office of Protected Resources, Endangered Species Division, F/PR3, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (ph: 301-713-1401, fax: 301-713-0376).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Terri Jordan, Silver Spring, MD (ph: 301-713-1401, fax: 301-713-0376, e-mail: Terri.Jordan@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 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

The following species and evolutionarily significant units (ESU's) are covered in this notice:

Fish

Shortnose sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*)

New Applications Received

Application 1275: The applicant proposes to conduct a two year survey of the Nuese River to prepare a baseline study of the possible existence of shortnose sturgeon in the river. The research will use the NMFS sampling protocols for determining presence or absence of shortnose sturgeon in a selected river. The goals of the study are to determine whether shortnose sturgeon are present within the Nuese River system, and to determine if suitable shortnose sturgeon habitat is available within the river system.

Application 1276: The applicants propose to conduct an absence/presence study for shortnose sturgeon in the St. John River, Florida. Shortnose sturgeon were last reported in the system in the 1970s and 1980s. The primary objective of the study is to determine the existing population level of shortnose sturgeon within the river system. The applicant will use the NMFS approved sampling protocols for a presence/absence study. Obtaining an estimate of shortnose sturgeon numbers will allow resource partners to implement the secondary objective whereby other recovery plan strategies for the species can proceed.

Dated: January 19, 2000.

Margaret Lorenz,

*Acting 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.011701C]

Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit 1267.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has issued a permit, on December 20, 2000, to the Plum Creek Timber Company (Plum Creek Timber Company, Inc., Plum Creek Timberlands, L.P., Plum Creek Timber I, L.L.C., Plum Creek Marketing, Inc., Plum Creek Land Company, Plum Creek Northwest Lumber, Inc., Plum Creek Northwest Plywood, Inc., and Plum Creek MDF, Inc.), hereafter referred to as A "Plum Creek," that authorizes incidental take of Endangered Species Act-listed anadromous fish, subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

ADDRESSES: The applications and related documents are available for review in the following office, by appointment:

Snake River Habitat Branch Office,
10215 W Emerald, Suite 180, Boise,
Idaho 83704.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Ries (208-882-6148).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The permit was issued under the authority of section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) and NMFS regulations governing ESA-listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 222-227).

The permit covers activities associated with manufacturing of forest products and commercial forest management, including timber harvest, tree planting, stand maintenance, fire suppression, prescribed burning, cattle grazing, sales of gravel and landscaping stones, habitat restoration, scientific surveys and studies, special forest use permits, and manufacturing plants in Idaho, Washington, and Montana, as described in the Plum Creek Native Fish Habitat Conservation Plan and associated Environmental Impact

Statement, and Record of Decision. The Record of Decision was signed on November 20, 2000.

Notice was published on December 17, 1999 (64 FR 70695), that an application had been filed by Plum Creek for an incidental take permit. Permit 1267 was issued to the Plum Creek on November 20, 2000. Permit 1267 authorizes Plum Creek incidental take of threatened Columbia River Chum Salmon ESU (*Oncorhynchus keta*), Lower Columbia River chinook salmon ESU (*O. tshawytscha*), Lower Columbia River steelhead ESU (*O. mykiss*), Mid-Columbia River steelhead ESU (*O. mykiss*), Snake River steelhead ESU (*O. mykiss*), Snake River spring/summer chinook ESU (*O. tshawytscha*), and Snake River fall chinook salmon ESU (*O. tshawytscha*). In addition, Permit 1267 would authorize incidental take of the following unlisted species if they become listed prior to expiration of the permit: Upper Columbia River summer/fall chinook salmon ESU (*O. tshawytscha*), Mid-Columbia River spring chinook salmon ESU (*O. tshawytscha*), and Lower Columbia River/Southwest Washington coho salmon ESU (*O. kisutch*). Permit 1267 expires on November 20, 2030.

Issuance of the permit was based on a finding that Plum Creek had met the permit issuance criteria of 50 CFR 222.22(c). The permit will take effect for listed covered species on the effective date of a rule under Section 4(d) of the ESA prohibiting take of the species. For unlisted covered species, the permit will take effect upon the listing of a species as endangered, and for a species listed as threatened, on the effective date of a rule under section 4(d) of the ESA prohibiting take of the species.

Dated: January 22, 2001.

Margaret Lorenz,

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

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Announcement of an Import Limit for Certain Wool Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Russia

January 19, 2001.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs establishing a limit.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 25, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Naomi Freeman, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on the quota status of this limit, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port, call (202) 927-5850, or refer to the U.S. Customs website at <http://www.customs.gov>.

For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, refer to the Office of Textiles and Apparel website at <http://www.otexa.ita.doc.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended.

The Bilateral Textile Agreement, effected by exchange of notes dated August 13, 1996 and September 9, 1996, as amended on December 15, 2000 and January 12, 2001, between the Governments of the United States and the Russian Federation establishes a limit for wool textile products in Category 435 for the period January 1, 2001 through March 31, 2001.

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs to establish the limit for the period January 1, 2001 through March 31, 2001.

This limit may be revised if Russia becomes a member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the United States applies the WTO agreement to Russia.

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of HTS numbers is available in the CORRELATION: Textile and Apparel Categories with the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (see **Federal Register** notice 65 FR 82328, published on December 28, 2000).

Richard B. Steinkamp,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

January 19, 2001.

Commissioner of Customs,
Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: Pursuant to section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; and the Bilateral Textile Agreement, effected by exchange