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Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*): endangered natural and artificially propagated upper Columbia

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) is seeking to modify its 5-year permit covering six studies that, among them, would annually take adult and juvenile endangered UCR spring chinook salmon (natural and artificially propagated) and UCR steelhead (natural and artificially propagated) at various points in the Wenatchee, Entiat, Methow, Okanogan, and Yakima River watersheds and other points in eastern Washington State. The ongoing research projects are: Study 1-Recovery of ESA-listed Entiat River Salmonids through Improved Management Actions; Study 2-Peshastin Creek Salmonid Production and Life History Investigations; Study 3-Entiat Basin Spawning Ground Surveys; Study 4-Snorkel Surveys in the Wenatchee, Entiat, Methow, Okanogan, and Yakima Watersheds and Other Waterways of Eastern Washington; Study 5-Fish Salvage Activities in the Wenatchee, Entiat, Methow, Okanogan, and Yakima Watersheds and other Waterways of Eastern Washington; Study 6-Icicle

Creek Salmonid Production and Life History Investigations. The FWS is only asking to change the first two studies. Under the ongoing research, listed adult and juvenile salmon and steelhead would be variously (a) captured (using nets, traps, and electrofishing equipment) and anesthetized; (b) sampled for biological information and tissue samples; (c) tagged with PIT tags or other identifiers; (d) marked and recaptured to determine trap efficiency, and (e) released.

The research has many purposes and would benefit listed salmon and steelhead in different ways. In general, the purposes of the research are to (a) gain current information on the status and productivity of various fish populations (to be used in determining the effectiveness of restoration programs); (b) collect data on the how well artificial propagation programs are helping salmon recovery efforts (looking at hatchery and wild fish interactions); (c) support the aquatic species restoration goals found in several regional plans; and (d) fulfill ESA requirements for several fish hatcheries. The fish would benefit through improved recovery actions, better designs for hatchery supplementation programs, and by being rescued outright when they are stranded by low flows in Eastern Washington streams. The FWS does not intend to kill any of the fish being captured, but a small percentage may die as an unintentional result of the research activities.

Permit 1338 - Modification 1

The FWS is asking to modify its 5-year permit to continue studying salmonids in tributaries of the Lower Columbia River. The FWS is requesting to increase its annual take of juvenile LCR chinook salmon and CR chum salmon because the abundance of juvenile salmon has increased in the study area.

The research is designed to provide a better understanding of life history requirements and factors affecting chum salmon in Hardy Creek and in Hamilton Springs and ultimately to improve the conservation of salmonids in the lower Columbia River. The study will benefit listed chum salmon by providing information on their freshwater life history that can be used in Columbia River water management and recover planning. The FWS is requesting authorization to capture (using fyke nets, weirs, or screw traps), handle, mark, and release additional juvenile fish. The USFWS does not intend to kill any fish being captured but some additional fish may die as an

unintentional result of the research activities.

Permit 1531

Aaron Maxwell of the Southern Oregon University (SOU) is asking for a 3-year research permit to identify existing salmonid strongholds and detail threats to salmonid survival and recovery. The research will take place in Bear Creek, a tributary to the Rogue River in southern Oregon. The SOU is requesting to take juvenile SONCC coho salmon.

The research is designed to assess species abundance and to further document the location of habitats occupied by native and non-native fish species in the Bear Creek Watershed. Detailed species abundance data will be used to identify productive habitats and to prioritize sites of feasible restoration potential. The study will benefit listed coho salmon by providing information on habitat that could be used for the long-term protection of intact ecosystems in the Klamath-Siskiyou Bioregion. The SOU proposes to capture, using minnow traps, handle, and release listed salmonids. The SOU does not intend to kill any fish being captured but some may die as an unintentional result of the research activities.

Permit 1532

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC) is seeking a 5-year permit to take juvenile MCR steelhead during the course of research designed to determine their freshwater movements and how those movements are affected by the area's substantially altered hydrograph. The research will take place in Satus, Ahtanum, and Toppenish Creeks, Washington.

The fish will be captured using screw traps, anesthetized, and some will be tissue-sampled and some will receive passive integrated transponder (PIT) tags. The information gathered will be used to determine the fishes' movements, abundance, and the ongoing status of the various MCR steelhead populations in the Yakima River subbasin. The research will benefit the fish by helping managers determine the effectiveness of current recovery measures and design new ones where needed. The CRITFC does not plan to kill any of the fish being captured, but a few may die as an unintentional result of the research.

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

of the ESA and Federal regulations. The final permit decisions 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: April 21, 2005.

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Information Collection; Submission for OMB Review, Comment Request

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter the "Corporation"), has submitted a public information collection request (ICR) entitled AmeriCorps Member Satisfaction Surveys to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13, (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Corporation for National and Community Service, LaMonica Shelton at (202) 606-5000, ext. 464. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY-TDD) may call (202) 565-2799 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. eastern time, Monday through Friday.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 31, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted, identified by the title of the information collection activity, to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: Ms. Katherine Astrich, OMB Desk Officer for the Corporation for National and Community Service, by any of the following two methods:

- (1) By fax to: (202) 395-6974, Attention: Ms. Katherine Astrich, OMB Desk Officer for the Corporation for National and Community Service; and
- (2) Electronically by e-mail to: Katherine_T._Astrich@omb.eop.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Corporation, including