

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.

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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.