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Dated: January 16, 2002.

Richard W. Surdi,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 090297A]

Endangered and Threatened Species; Amendment to Permit 1056

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Commerce.

ACTION: Issuance of an amendment to scientific research permit 1056.

SUMMARY: NMFS has issued a permit amendment to the Fish Ecology Division of the Northwest Fisheries Science Center, NMFS, at Seattle, WA (NWFSC).

DATES: Written comments on the amended permit application must be received no later than 5 p.m. Pacific standard time on February 21, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the application should be sent to Protected Resources Division (PRD), F/NWO3, 525 NE Oregon Street, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97232-2737. Comments may also be sent via fax to 503-230-5435.

Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or the internet.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Koch, Portland, OR (503-230-5424; fax: 503-230-5435; e-mail: robert.koch@noaa.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following species and evolutionary significant units (ESUs) are covered in this notice:

Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*): threatened, naturally produced and artificially propagated, Snake River (SnR) spring/summer.

Permit Amendment Issued

Permit 1056 authorizes NWFSC annual takes of adult and juvenile, threatened, naturally produced and artificially propagated SnR spring/summer chinook salmon. These takes are associated with two scientific research studies conducted in various tributaries of the Salmon River in Idaho, the Grande Ronde River in Oregon, and the Imnaha River in Oregon. The objective of Study 1 is to characterize

the run-timing of naturally produced chinook salmon over a period of years to determine whether consistent patterns are apparent and to use this information for real-time management decisions regarding water allocation during the smolt outmigrations. The long-term objectives of Study 2 are to monitor the nature and extent of genetic change over time in supplemented and unsupplemented populations and to correlate the genetic changes with measures of productivity. For the permit amendment, permit 1056 has been extended to expire on April 30, 2002. Permit 1056 was due to expire on December 31, 2001. The extension is necessary to allow NWFSC scientists to continue their research activities in 2002 while NMFS completes a new section 7 consultation on the issuance of ESA section 10(a)(1)(A) permits for takes of threatened SnR spring/summer chinook salmon for scientific research purposes.

Dated: January 15, 2002.

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

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Endangered and Threatened Species; Withdrawal of Permit

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

ACTION: Withdrawal of a scientific research permit application (1169).

SUMMARY: NMFS has received notice from the United States Forest Service, Mt. Hood National Forest in Sandy, OR (MHN), to withdraw its application for a permit for take of an Endangered Species Act (ESA) - listed species associated with scientific research.

ADDRESSES: Protected Resources Division (PRD), F/NWO3, 525 NE Oregon Street, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97232-2737 (503-230-5400).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Leslie Schaeffer, Portland, OR (503-230-5424, fax: 503-230-5435, e-mail: leslie.schaeffer@noaa.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following ESA-listed species and

evolutionarily significant unit (ESU) is covered in this notice:

Steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*): threatened lower Columbia River (LCR).

Permit Application Withdrawn

Notice was published on August 27, 1998 (63 FR 45799) that MHN applied for a scientific research permit under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA. The permit was requested for take of adult and juvenile, threatened, LCR steelhead associated with four routine fish distribution and monitoring research studies. At the time the permit was requested, protective regulations for threatened LCR steelhead under section 4(d) of the ESA had not been promulgated by NMFS. After the protective regulations for threatened LCR steelhead were established (see 65 FR 42422, July 10, 2000), NMFS determined that MHN take of LCR steelhead associated with the proposed scientific research in the MHN would best be handled under Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's scientific research take limit under their 4(d) rule for that species. As such, on August 27, 2001, MHN notified NMFS to withdraw its permit application from consideration.

Dated: January, 15, 2002.

Phil Williams,

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

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Notice of Intent to Renew Collection 3038-0013, Exemptions From Speculative Limits

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on exemptions from speculative limits.