

hatchery programs at Livingston Stone National Fish Hatchery (LSNFH); the Winter Chinook Integrated-Recovery Supplementation Program, and the Winter Chinook Captive Broodstock Program. LSNFH is located on the Upper Sacramento River in California's Central Valley. This document serves to notify the public of the availability of the permit application and associated HGMPs for review and comment, prior to a decision by NMFS whether to issue the permit. The permit application and associated HGMPs may be viewed online at: https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov/preview/preview_open_for_comment.cfm.

DATES: Comments or requests for a public hearing on the applications must be received at the appropriate address or fax number (see **ADDRESSES**) no later than 5 p.m. Pacific standard time on September 21, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the application should be submitted to the California Central Valley Office, NMFS, 650 Capitol Mall, Suite 5-100, Sacramento, CA 95814. Comments may also be submitted via fax to 916-930-3629 or by email to Amanda.Cranford@noaa.gov (include the permit number in the subject line of the fax or email).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amanda Cranford, Sacramento, CA (ph.: 916-930-3706), Fax: 916-930-3629, email: Amanda.Cranford@noaa.gov. Permit application instructions are available from the address above, or online at <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Species Covered in This Notice

The following listed species are covered in this notice:

Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*): Threatened Central Valley spring-run (CVSR); endangered Sacramento River winter-run (SRWR).

Steelhead (*O. mykiss*): Threatened California Central Valley (CCV).

Authority

Scientific research permits are issued in accordance with section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 222-227). NMFS issues permits based on findings that such permits: (1) Are applied for in good faith; (2) if granted and exercised, would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species that are the subject of the permit; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policy of section 2 of the ESA. The authority to take listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permits.

Anyone 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**). Such hearings are held at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NMFS.

Permit Application(s) Received

Permit 16477

The USFWS has applied for a permit under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA for a period of 10 years that would allow take of adult and juvenile SRWR Chinook salmon, from the endangered Sacramento River Evolutionarily Significant Unit pursuant to HGMPs, which were developed with technical assistance from NMFS. Take of adult CVSR Chinook salmon and adult CCV steelhead may also occur as a result of hatchery activities at LSNFH. The HGMPs will be implemented as part of the existing Integrated-Recovery Supplementation Program and Captive Broodstock Program at LSNFH. Actions taken pursuant to the permit are designed to enhance the survival of SRWR Chinook salmon residing in the Upper Sacramento River below Keswick Dam. The HGMPs incorporate two main components: Artificial propagation activities and research, monitoring and evaluation (RM&E).

Artificial propagation activities that could lead to the take of ESA-listed salmonids include; adult broodstock collection, spawning, rearing, handling, evaluation, tagging and release of progeny. Additionally, USFWS will maintain a Captive Broodstock Program at LSNFH sourced from fish originating from the Integrated-Recovery Supplementation Program. Release of captive broodstock will not be authorized under Permit 16477. Release of these fish will be permitted through separate section 10(a)(1)(A) Permits or authorizations, as needed. The HGMPs include measures to minimize the likelihood of genetic or ecological effects to naturally produced, ESA-listed salmonids resulting from hatchery operations and propagation of SRWR Chinook salmon.

RM&E activities will collect necessary data to document achievement of performance indicators specified in the HGMPs. USFWS is currently involved with the following research and monitoring projects directly involved with evaluating the effects of the hatchery programs at LSNFH: (1) The Adult Acoustic Telemetry Study to monitor the movements of adult winter-run Chinook salmon that are captured at the Keswick Dam Fish Trap and not

retained for broodstock; and (2) the Juvenile Acoustic Tracking Study using acoustic tags to study emigration patterns and survival of juvenile hatchery-origin winter-run Chinook salmon. For a more detailed discussion of the RM&E activities, please see the permit application package.

Public Comments Solicited

NMFS invites the public to comment on the permit application and associated HGMPs during a 30 day public comment period beginning on the date of this notice. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1529(c)). All comments and materials received, including names and addresses, will become part of the administrative record and may be released to the public. We provide this notice in order to allow the public, agencies, or other organizations to review and comment on these documents.

Next Steps

NMFS will evaluate the applications, associated documents, and comments submitted to determine whether the applications meet the requirements of section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA and Federal regulations. The final permit decisions will not be made until after the end of the 30-day public comment period and after NMFS has fully considered all relevant comments received. NMFS will publish notice of its final action in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: August 15, 2016.

Donna S. Wieting,

*Director, Office of Protected Resources,
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Requesting Nominations for the Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Protected Areas Center, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice and request for nominations and notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Department) is seeking nominations for membership on the Marine Protected

Areas Federal Advisory Committee (Committee). The Committee advises the Secretaries of Commerce and Interior on implementing Section 4 of Executive Order 13158, specifically on strategies and priorities for developing the national system of marine protected areas (MPAs) and on practical approaches to further enhance and expand protection of new and existing MPAs. Nominations are sought for highly qualified non-Federal scientists, resource managers, and people representing other interests or organizations involved with or affected by marine protected areas, including in the Great Lakes. Ten of the 20 members of the Committee have terms that expire November 15, 2016, and nominations are sought to fill these vacancies. Additionally, notice is hereby given of a Committee meeting to be held via webinar on Monday, October 3, 2016 from 3:00–5:30 p.m. ET. The Webinar is open to members of the public.

DATES:

Nominations: Nominations must be received before or on October 7, 2016.

Meeting: The Committee will convene a meeting via webinar on Monday, October 3, 2016 from 3:00–5:30 p.m. ET. Webinars are open to the public and participants can dial in on a telephone for audio during the webinar. Additionally, participants who choose to use the webinar conference feature, in addition to a telephone, will also be able to view any presentations as they are being given. Members of the public that would like to participate in the meeting must register in advance by Friday, September 30, 2016. These times and the agenda topics described below are subject to change. Refer to the following Web page for the most up-to-date meeting agenda: <http://marineprotectedareas.noaa.gov/fac/meetings/>.

ADDRESSES:

Nominations: Nominations should be sent to Nicole Capps at West Coast Region, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, 99 Pacific Street, Suite 100 F, Monterey, CA, 93940, or Nicole.Capps@noaa.gov. Electronic submissions are acceptable.

Meeting: The meeting will be held via Web conference call. Register by contacting Nicole Capps at Nicole.Capps@noaa.gov or by telephone at (831) 647–6451. Webinar and teleconference capacity may be limited.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lauren Wenzel, Designated Federal Officer, MPA FAC, National Marine Protected Areas Center, 1305 East West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. (Phone: 240–533–0652, Fax:

301–713–3110); email: Lauren.Wenzel@noaa.gov; or visit the National MPA Center Web site at <http://www.marineprotectedareas.noaa.gov>).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Executive Order 13158 directed the Department of Commerce and the Department of the Interior to seek the expert advice and recommendations of non-federal scientists, resource managers, and other interested people and organizations through a Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee (Committee). The Committee was established in June 2003 and includes 20 members.

The Committee meets at least twice annually; meetings may be in person or via teleconference/webinar. Committee members serve one, four-year nonrenewable term. Members of the Committee are not compensated for their time, but their travel expenses associated with attending Committee meetings are reimbursed.

Nominations: Anyone is eligible to nominate and self-nominations will be accepted. Each nomination submission should include: (1) The nominee's full name, title, institutional affiliation, and contact information; (2) the nominee's area(s) of expertise; (3) a short description of his/her qualifications relative to the kinds of advice being solicited; and (4) a resume or CV not to exceed four pages in length. Nominations may choose to include letters of support (no more than three) describing the nominee's qualifications and interest in serving on the Committee. The intent is to select from the nominees; however, NOAA retains the prerogative to nominate people to the Committee that were not nominated through the process outlined in this **Federal Register** notice if it deems it is necessary to achieve the desired balance. Once selected, Committee members' names will be posted at: <http://marineprotectedareas.noaa.gov/fac/>.

Individuals seeking membership on the Committee should possess demonstrable expertise in a related field or represent a stakeholder interest in MPAs. Nominees will also be evaluated based on the following factors: Marine policy experience; leadership and organizational skills; region of country represented; and member demographics. The membership reflects the Department's commitment to attaining balance and diversity. The full text of the Committee charter and its current membership can be viewed at the Agency's Web page at <http://marineprotectedareas.noaa.gov>.

Meeting: The focus of the Committee's meeting will be to finalize and vote on subcommittee products focused on External Financing and Ecological Connectivity. Public comment will be accepted from 5:00–5:30 p.m. ET. The agenda, subject to change, will be posted at <http://marineprotectedareas.noaa.gov/fac/meetings/>.

Dated: August 8, 2016.

John Armor,

Acting Director, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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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: Issuance of two scientific research permits.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has issued scientific research Permit 14808–2M and enhancement Permit 18181–2M to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). The authorized research and monitoring activities are intended to increase knowledge of the species listed under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) and to help guide management and conservation efforts. Rescue and relocation efforts are conducted in order to enhance the survival of ESA-listed species.

ADDRESSES: The approved application for each issued permit is available on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species (APPS), <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov> Web site by searching the permit number within the Search Database page. The applications, issued permits and supporting documents are also available upon written request or by appointment: NMFS West Coast Region, 650 Capitol Mall, Suite 5–100, Sacramento, California 95814 (Phone: (916) 930–3600, Fax: (916) 930–3629).

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