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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Stacey Miller, NWFSC; telephone: 206-860-3480; or Mr. John DeVore, Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: 503-820-2280.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Dates, Locations and Times of the Meetings**

The Pacific ocean perch, darkblotched rockfish, and cabezon STAR Panel meeting will be held at National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NWFSC), 2725 Montlake Boulevard East, Seattle, WA 98112; telephone: 206-860-3200, on Monday, May 16, 2005, Tuesday, May 17, 2005, Wednesday, May 18, 2005 and again on Friday, May 20, 2005.

On Thursday, May 19, 2005, the Pacific ocean perch, darkblotched rockfish, and cabezon STAR Panel meeting will be held at the University Inn, 4140 Roosevelt Way NE, Seattle, WA 98105; telephone: 206-632-5055.

The purpose of the STAR Panel meeting is to review draft stock assessment documents and any other pertinent information, work with the Stock Assessment Teams to make necessary revisions, and produce a STAR Panel report for use by the Council family and other interested persons. No management actions will be decided by the STAR Panel. The STAR Panel's role will be development of recommendations and reports for consideration by the Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee at its June meeting in Foster City, CA.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may come before the STAR Panel participants for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal STAR Panel action during this meeting. STAR Panel 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 STAR Panel participants' 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.

Entry to the NWFSC requires visitors to show a valid picture ID and register

with security. A visitor's badge, which must be worn while at the NWFSC facility, will be issued to non-federal employees participating in the meeting.

Dated: April 15, 2005.

**Emily Menashes,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 041505C]

**Western 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 Western Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Community Demonstration Project Program Advisory Panel (CDPP-AP) will meet on May 10 and 11, 2005, in Honolulu, HI. At the meeting, the Advisory Panel will select and rank proposals to be recommended for Council review. The Advisory Panel will develop criteria, objectives and priorities for recommendation to the Council for a subsequent solicitation for the Community Demonstration Project Program.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held on May 10 and 11, 2005. See

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates, and times for the meetings.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Council Office, 1164 Bishop Street, Honolulu, HI; telephone: 808-522-8220.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: 808-522-8220.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On February 1, 2005 (70 FR 5166), proposals were solicited through the **Federal Register** for grants to support Community Demonstration Projects in the Western Pacific Area. The grants are authorized under section 111(b) of the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996, Public Law 104-297. Solicitation was closed on April 4, 2005, 5:00 P.M., Hawaii Time.

A meeting of the CDPP-AP is scheduled for May 10 and 11, 2005 to review proposals and discuss the program.

At the meeting, the Advisory Panel will review and rank proposals to be

recommended for Council review. The Council or its designee will select proposals to be recommended for funding to the NMFS Grants Management Division. Successful applicants will be notified of their selection. Proposals not selected for will be returned to the applicants. Successful applicants will participate in a Grant Workshop in Honolulu to complete their grant application.

**Dates and Locations**

The CDPP-AP will meet from 8 a.m. on May 10 and 11, at the Western Pacific Fishery Regional Fishery Management Council office. The order in which agenda items are addressed may change. The CDPP-AP will meet as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

The agenda for the Community Demonstration Project Program Advisory Panel will include the items listed below:

*May 10, 2005*

1. Introductions
2. Report on the program implementation and workshops
3. Review selection criteria
4. Review of qualified proposals

*May 11, 2005*

1. Review and Ranking of proposals for recommendation to the Council
2. Program review
  - a. Development and review of objectives and priorities for the next solicitation
  - b. Review program eligibility criteria
  - c. Discussion and recommendations

**Special Accommodations**

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, 808-522-8220 (voice) or 808-522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: April 15, 2005.

**Emily Menashes,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Endangered Species; Permits No. 1501 and 1506**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Issuance of permits.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that two applicants have been issued a permit to take endangered and threatened sea turtles for purposes of scientific research.

**ADDRESSES:** The permits and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)427-2521; and

Assistant Regional Administrator for Protected Resources, Southeast Region, NMFS, 263 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701 (tel: 727/824-5312, fax 727/824-5517).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Ruth Johnson or Patrick Opay, (301)713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On October 8, 2004, notice was published in the *Federal Register* (69 FR 60363) that a request for a scientific research permit to take endangered and threatened sea turtles had been submitted by the above-named individuals. The requested permits have been issued under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226).

Dr. Allen Foley, Fish and Wildlife Research Institute, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 6134 Authority Avenue, Building 200, Jacksonville, FL 32221; Permit No. 1501 authorizes Dr. Foley to take listed turtles in Florida Bay. Researchers may annually capture 175 loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*), 20 green (*Chelonia mydas*), 10 hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) and 20 Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*) sea turtles by hand to continue long-term studies. Researchers may also annually capture an additional 50 adult loggerhead sea turtles by hand for studies of reproductive movements and behavior from southeast U.S. foraging grounds. Animals would be weighed, measured, examined, photographed, flipper and passive integrated transponder (PIT) tagged, paint marked on carapace, blood sampled, and released. The additional 50 loggerhead turtles would also be skin sampled, transported to a lab for ultrasound and laparoscopy, held 24 hours, testicular biopsy sampled, and

released. A subset of 15 of the 50 loggerheads may be tagged with satellite, sonic, and time-depth recorder (TDR) transmitters.

Blair E. Witherington, Ph.D., (Principal Investigator), Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Fish and Wildlife Research Institute, Melbourne Beach Field Laboratory, 9700 South A1A, Melbourne Beach, FL 32951; Permit No. 1506 authorizes Dr. Witherington to annually capture 250 loggerhead, 10 green, 5 hawksbill, 2 Kemp's ridley, and 2 leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*) neonate and juvenile sea turtles in the Florida Atlantic Ocean and Gulf coasts to continue long-term studies. Turtles would be captured using a long handled dip net, handled, measured and released. A subset of loggerhead turtles would be transported to a lab and examined with a veterinary high resolution magnetic resonance interferometry (MRI) or computerized tomography (CT) exam, held for 3-4 days and released to determine their level of anthropogenic debris ingestion.

Issuance of this permit, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permit (1) was applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of such endangered or threatened species, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: March 23, 2005.

**Stephen L. Leathery,**

Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 041205D]

#### Endangered and Threatened Species; Recovery Plans; Notice of Availability of a Draft Interim Regional Recovery Plan

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) announces the availability for public review of the Draft Interim Regional Recovery Plan (Plan) for portions of three Evolutionarily Significant Units (ESUs)

of salmon and steelhead Lower Columbia River Chinook Salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*), Columbia River Chum Salmon (*Oncorhynchus keta*), and Lower Columbia River Steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) within the Washington Lower Columbia Management Unit. NMFS is soliciting review and comment on the Plan from the public and all interested parties.

**DATES:** The comment period for the Draft Interim Regional Recovery Plan closes on June 20, 2005. NMFS will consider and address all substantive comments received during the comment period. Comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time on June 20, 2005. A description of previous public and scientific review, including scientific peer review, can be found in the NMFS Supplement to the Plan.

**ADDRESSES:** Please send written comments and materials to Patty Dornbusch, National Marine Fisheries Service, Salmon Recovery Division, 1201 N.E. Lloyd Boulevard, Suite 1100, Portland, OR 97232. Comments may be submitted by e-mail. The mailbox address for providing e-mail comments is [LCRsalmonWMU.nwr@noaa.gov](mailto:LCRsalmonWMU.nwr@noaa.gov).

Include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following identifier: *Comments on LCR Salmon Plan*. Comments may also be submitted via facsimile (fax) to 503-872-2737. Persons wishing to review the Plan can obtain an electronic copy (i.e., CD-ROM) from Carol Joyce by calling 503-230-5408 or by e-mailing a request to [LCRsalmonWMU.nwr@noaa.gov](mailto:LCRsalmonWMU.nwr@noaa.gov), with the subject line *CD-ROM Request for LCR Salmon Plan*. Electronic copies of the Plan are also available on-line on the NMFS Web site [www.nwr.noaa.gov/1srd/](http://www.nwr.noaa.gov/1srd/).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patty Dornbusch, (503-230-5430); or Elizabeth Gaar, (503-230-5434).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### Background

Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for the conservation and recovery of species listed under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA), as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The ESA requires that recovery plans incorporate (1) objective, measurable criteria which, when met, would result in a determination that the species is no longer threatened or endangered; (2) site-specific management actions necessary to achieve the plan's goals; and (3) estimates of the time required and costs to implement recovery actions. The ESA requires the development of recovery