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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Brandy Hutnak or Carrie Hubbard, (301)713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216), 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 222-226).

The applicant seeks a five year permit to study the behavior and dynamics of humpback whale female and calf pairs in the waters off of Maui, Hawaii, including waters of the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary. Up to 540 takes for close vessel approach, photo-identification, focal follows, underwater observations, collection of sloughed skin, and incidental harassment are requested annually to test the hypotheses that behavior, dynamics and distribution of female/calf pairs varies between different stocks and may be influenced by abiotic factors such as aspects of bathymetry, water quality, and levels of vessel traffic. Incidental harassment of bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*), spinner dolphins (*Stenella longirostris*), pantropical spotted dolphins (*Stenella attenuata*), false killer whales (*Pseudorca crassidens*), and pilot whales (*Globicephala* sp.) is also requested. Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: August 1, 2007.

**P. Michael Payne,**

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**

**RIN 0648-XB82**

**North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Notice of Public Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Meetings of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council Aleutian Island Ecosystem Team.

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Ecosystem Committee will meet at the Auke Bay Laboratory Lena Point facility, in Juneau, AK, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, August 22, 2007

**DATES:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Ecosystem Committee will meet on August 22, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** NMFS Auke Bay Laboratory, Ted Stevens Marine Research Institute, 17109 Pt. Lena Loop Road, Juneau, AK 99801.

*Council address:* North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Diana Evans, Council staff, Phone: 907-271-2809.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The agenda is to discuss the AI Fishery Ecosystem Plan (review summary pamphlet, discuss approaches to identifying desirable/ undesirable states of ecosystem), give feedback on the proposed approach to developing an Arctic Fishery Management Plan, and receive updates on the Alaska Marine Ecosystem Forum meeting and NOAA's integrated ecosystem assessment plans.

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Gail Bendixen at 907-271-2809 at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: August 1, 2007.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**RIN 0648-XB78**

**Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish**

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

**ACTION:** Applications for two scientific research permits.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that NMFS has received two scientific research permit application requests relating to Pacific salmon. The proposed research is intended to increase knowledge of species listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and help guide management and conservation efforts.

**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 5, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on the applications should be sent to the Protected Resources Division, NMFS, 1201 NE Lloyd Blvd., Suite 1100, Portland, OR 97232-1274. Comments may also be sent via fax to 503-230-5441 or by e-mail to *resapps.nwr@NOAA.gov*.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Garth Griffin, Portland, OR (ph.: 503-231-2005, Fax: 503-230-5441, e-mail: *Garth.Griffin@noaa.gov*). Permit application instructions are available from the address above.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Species Covered in This Notice**

The following listed species are covered in this notice:

Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*): threatened lower Columbia River (LCR), threatened upper Willamette River (UWR), threatened Snake River (SR) spring/summer-run (spr/sum), threatened SR fall-run. Steelhead (*O. mykiss*): threatened LCR, threatened Snake River (SR). Coho salmon (*O. kisutch*): threatened LCR. Sockeye salmon (*O. nerka*): endangered SR.

**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 222-226).