

inspection, cleaning, upgrading, welding, and balancing) of customer-owned gas and steam turbine components (rotors, valves, blades, gears, couplings, airfoils, hubs and stationaries) and generators. Foreign-origin turbines and generators would also be distributed from the MPSA facility. The application indicates that large gas and steam turbines will be manufactured at the facility in the future, but MPSA is not seeking authority to produce these products under FTZ procedures at this time.

FTZ procedures could exempt MPSA from customs duty payments on foreign materials and components used in export production. On its domestic shipments, MPSA would be able to choose the duty rate that applies to finished gas turbine combustor baskets and transition pieces (2.4%) for the foreign nickel alloy inputs noted above. MPSA would also be exempt from duty payments on any foreign-origin nickel alloy that becomes scrap or waste during manufacturing. Duties also could possibly be deferred or reduced on foreign status production equipment. Customs duties could be reduced on foreign-origin turbines (6.7%) that may be withdrawn from the zone with generators for customs entry as complete generating sets (2.5%). FTZ procedures would further allow MPSA to realize logistical benefits through the use of weekly customs entry procedures. The application indicates that the savings from FTZ procedures would help improve the facility's international competitiveness.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, Pierre Duy of the FTZ Staff is designated examiner to evaluate and analyze the facts and information presented in the application and case record and to report findings and recommendations to the Board.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the following address: Office of the Executive Secretary, Room 2111, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230-0002. The closing period for receipt of comments is November 16, 2010. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to December 1, 2010.

A copy of the application will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Foreign-Trade Zones Board's Executive Secretary at the address listed above and in the "Reading Room" section of the Board's Web site,

which is accessible via <http://www.trade.gov/ftz>. For further information, contact Pierre Duy at Pierre.Duy@trade.gov or (202) 482-1378.

Dated: September 13, 2010.

Elizabeth Whiteman,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Argonne National Laboratory, et al.; Notice of Decision on Applications for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instruments

This is a decision pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-651, as amended by Pub. L. 106-36; 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301). Related records can be viewed between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. in Room 3720, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC.

Comments: None received. *Decision:* Approved. We know of no instruments of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instruments described below, for such purposes as this is intended to be used, that was being manufactured in the United States at the time of its order.

Docket Number: 10-052. *Applicant:* Argonne National Laboratory, University of Chicago Argonne, Lemont, IL 60439. *Instrument:* Pilatus 2M Pixel Detector System. *Manufacturer:* Dectris Ltd., Switzerland. *Intended Use:* See notice at 75 FR 51239, August 19, 2010. *Reasons:* The instrument will be used to obtain fine structural information for materials during chemical reactions, such as catalysis. The instrument has gatable data processing as well as high time resolution and high spatial resolution, which makes the instrument unique. Other unique features include direct detection of x-rays in single-photon-counting mode, a radiation-tolerant design, a high dynamic range, a short readout time, high frame rates, high counting rates, and shutterless operation.

Docket Number: 10-053. *Applicant:* Argonne National Laboratory, University of Chicago Argonne, Lemont, IL 60439. *Instrument:* UHV Low-Temperature Atomic Force Microscope System for Application in High Magnetic Fields. *Manufacturer:* Omicron Nanotechnology, Germany. *Intended Use:* See notice at 75 FR 51239, August 19, 2010. *Reasons:* The instrument will be used to study atomic

scale electrical and magnetic properties of electrically conduction as well as insulation nanostructures prepared by in situ deposition onto clean surfaces. In-situ capacities allow the preparation of clean and well-defined nanostructures on pristine surfaces which would contaminate otherwise. Unique features of this instrument include the capability of applying large magnetic fields (>3 Tesla), which is necessary to allow the clear separation of structural, electronic, and magnetic signals of nanostructures and the evaluation of the properties to be studied in these experiments. The instrument also has in-situ preparation capability and the ability to operate in low temperatures. Further, the instrument is capable of performing imaging in two main modes of operation, *i.e.*, scanning tunneling microscopy and atomic force microscopy.

Dated: September 10, 2010.

Gregory W. Campbell,

Acting Director, Subsidies Enforcement Office, Import 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: Applications for three new scientific research permits.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has received three 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 to help guide management and conservation efforts. The applications 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 October 18, 2010.

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 nmfs.nwr.apps@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, or online at 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 Puget Sound (PS).

Steelhead (*O. mykiss*): threatened PS, threatened middle Columbia River (MCR).

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). 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.

Applications Received

Permit 15549

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC) is seeking a five-year permit to expand on and extend work previously conducted under Permit 1532. They wish to take juvenile steelhead during the course of research designed to determine the fishes' freshwater movements and how those movements are affected by the area's substantially altered hydrograph. They would also collect baseline information on stock status. The research would take place in Satus, Ahtanum, Naches, and Toppenish Creeks, Washington.

The fish would be captured using screw traps and backpack

electrofishing equipment. They would then be anesthetized and measured. Some would be tissue-sampled and some would receive passive integrated transponder (PIT) tags. The information gathered would be used to determine the fishes' movements and abundance and monitor the ongoing status of the various MCR steelhead populations in the Yakima River subbasin. The research would benefit the fish by helping managers determine the effectiveness of current recovery measures and design new ones where needed. The CRITFC does not plan to kill any of the fish being captured, but a few may die as an unintentional result of the research

Permit 15582

The City of Bothell (COB) in northwestern Washington State is seeking a new 5-year permit to take juvenile PS Chinook and steelhead while conducting research designed to provide information on the condition of fish populations in the waters around the city. The purpose of the research is to provide information that will help the COB prioritize and direct habitat restoration actions. The information gathered by this research would benefit the fish by helping the COB (a) protect important salmonid habitat and (b) measure its compliance with their Federal National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit and the Clean Water Act. The COB is seeking to capture fish (using backpack electrofishing equipment), anesthetize them, measure them, allow them to recover from the anesthesia, and release them. No listed fish are expected to die during these activities.

Permit 15695

The Western Washington University (WWU) is seeking a new 3-year permit to take juvenile PS Chinook and steelhead while conducting research designed to (1) investigate the effects of hypoxia (decreased levels of oxygen in water) on fish abundance and distribution; (2) determine spatial and temporal variations in hypoxia in the Nooksack River basin; and (3) investigate the dominant mechanisms causing hypoxia in northwestern streams. The research is designed to provide information about the life history and habitat requirements for suckers and threatened salmonids and thus would benefit listed fish by enhancing the effectiveness of watershed management and conservation policies. The WWU is seeking to capture fish (using minnow traps), identify and enumerate them,

and release them. No listed fish are expected to die during these activities.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the ESA. NMFS will evaluate the applications, associated documents, and comments submitted to determine whether the applications meet the requirements of section 10(a) of the ESA and Federal regulations. The final permit decisions will not be made until after the end of the 30-day comment period. NMFS will publish notice of its final action in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: September 13, 2010.

Therese Conant,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1707]

Expansion of Foreign-Trade Zone 157, Casper, WY

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

Whereas, the Casper/Natrona County International Airport, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 157, submitted an application to the Board for authority to expand FTZ 157 to include a site in Casper, Wyoming, within the Casper Customs and Border Protection port of entry (FTZ Docket 23-2010, filed March 29, 2010);

Whereas, notice inviting public comment has been given in the **Federal Register** (75 FR 17125-17126, 04/05/2010) and the application has been processed pursuant to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations; and,

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner's report, and finds that the requirements of the FTZ Act and Board's regulations are satisfied, and that the proposal is in the public interest;

Now, Therefore, the Board hereby orders:

The application to expand FTZ 157 is approved, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including Section 400.28, and further subject to the Board's standard 2,000-acre activation limit.