

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Farm Service Agency****Information Collection; Minority Farm Register****AGENCY:** Farm Service Agency, USDA.**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on an extension of a currently approved information collection for the Minority Farm Register. The Minority Farm Register is a voluntary register of minority farm and ranch operators, landowners, tenants and others with an interest in farming or agriculture. USDA Office of Advocacy and Outreach uses the collected information to better inform minority farmers about USDA programs and services.

DATES: We will consider comments that we receive by June 24, 2013.**ADDRESSES:** We invite you to submit comments on this notice. In your comments, include date, volume, and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Ternechue Butler, Outreach Specialist, Farm Service Agency, STOP 0539, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-0539.

Comments also should be sent to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. Copies of the information collection may be obtained from Ternechue Butler at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ternechue Butler, Outreach Specialist, Farm Service Agency, (202) 720-6870.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:***Title:* USDA Minority Farm Register.*OMB Number:* 0560-0231.*Expiration Date:* 10/31/2013.*Type of Request:* Extension.

Abstract: The Minority Farm Register is a voluntary register of minority farm and ranch operators, landowners, tenants and others with an interest in farming or agriculture. The registrant's name, address, email, phone number, race, ethnicity, gender, farm location, and signature will be collected; however, the registrant's name, address, and signature are the only items required to register. Providing this

information is completely voluntary. USDA's Office of Advocacy and Outreach will use this information to help inform minority farmers and ranchers about programs and services provided by USDA agencies.

The Minority Farm Register is maintained by FSA and jointly administered by FSA and USDA's Office of Advocacy and Outreach. Because USDA partners with community-based organizations, minority-serving educational institutions, and other groups to communicate USDA's program and services, the Office of Advocacy and Outreach may share information collected with these organizations for outreach purposes. The race, ethnicity, and gender of registrants may be used to provide information about programs and services that are designed for these particular groups. Information about the Minority Farm Register is available on the Internet to ensure that the program is widely publicized and accessible to all.

Respondents: Individuals and households.*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 5000.*Estimated Average Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.*Estimated Total Annual Number of Responses:* 5000.*Estimated average time to respond:* 5 minutes (0.083 hours) and 1 hour traveling time.*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 4667 hours.

We are requesting comments on all aspects of this information collection to help us to:

(1) Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of FSA, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of FSA's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All responses to this notice, including name and addresses when provided, will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Signed on April 10, 2013.

Juan M. Garcia,*Administrator, Farm Service Agency.*

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Forest Service****Southwest Idaho Resource Advisory Committee****AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Southwest Idaho Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet in Boise, Idaho. The RAC is authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, (the Act) (Pub. L. 110-343) and operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (Pub. L. 92-463). The purpose of the RAC is to improve collaborative relationships and to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service concerning projects and funding consistent with Title II of the Act. The meeting is open to the public. The purpose of the meeting is review Title II project status and adjustments related to Title II spending availability.

DATES: The meeting will be held Thursday, May 30, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. (MDT).

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at Idaho Department of Fish and Game Headquarters, Trophy Room, 600 South Walnut Street, Boise, Idaho. Written comments may be submitted as described under Supplementary Information. All comments, including names and addresses when provided are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at the Payette National Forest, New Meadows Ranger District, 3674 Highway 95, New Meadows, Idaho 83654. Please call ahead to Kim Pierson, Designated Forest Official by phone at (208) 347-0301 to facilitate entry into the building to view comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Pierson, Designated Forest Official, Payette National Forest, New Meadows Ranger District at (208) 347-0301, or by email to kpierson@fs.fed.us. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following business will be conducted: Review Title II project status and adjustments related to Title II spending availability. Anyone who would like to bring related matters to the attention of the RAC may file written statements with the RAC staff before the meeting. Written comments and requests for time for oral comments must be sent to Kim Pierson, Designated Forest Official, Payette National Forest, New Meadows Ranger District by email to kpierson@fs.fed.us or via facsimile to (208) 347-0309.

Meeting Accommodations: If you require sign language interpreting, assistive listening devices or other reasonable accommodation please request this in advance of the meeting by contacting the person listed in the section titled, "**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**". All reasonable accommodation requests are managed on a case-by-case basis.

Dated: April 18, 2013.

Keith B. Lannom,

Forest Supervisor, Payette National Forest.

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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 four new scientific research permits, six permit modifications, and five research permit renewals.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has received 15 scientific research permit application requests relating to Pacific salmon, sturgeon, and eulachon. 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 May 28, 2013.

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 email to nmfs.nwr.apps@noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rob Clapp, Portland, OR (ph.: 503-231-2314), Fax: 503-230-5441, email: Robert.Clapp@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 California Coastal (CC); threatened Central Valley spring-run (CVS); threatened Lower Columbia River (LCR); threatened Puget Sound (PS); endangered Sacramento River winter-run (SRW); threatened Snake River (SR) fall-run; threatened SR spring/summer-run (spr/sum); endangered Upper Columbia River (UCR) spring-run; threatened Upper Willamette River (UWR).

Steelhead (*O. mykiss*): Threatened UCR; threatened SR; threatened middle Columbia River (MCR); threatened California Central Valley (CCV); threatened Central California Coast (CCC); threatened LCR; threatened Northern California (NC); threatened PS; threatened South-Central California Coast (SCC); endangered Southern California (SC); threatened UWR.

Sockeye salmon (*O. nerka*): Endangered SR; threatened Ozette Lake (OL).

Chum salmon (*O. keta*): Threatened Columbia River (CR); threatened Hood Canal summer-run (HCS).

Coho salmon (*O. kisutch*): Endangered CCC; threatened LCR; threatened Oregon Coast (OC); threatened Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast (SONCC).

Eulachon (*Thaleichthys pacificus*): Threatened southern (S).

Green sturgeon (*Acipenser medirostris*): Threatened southern (S).

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 1422—3R

The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) is seeking to renew for five years a permit that currently allows them to annually take juvenile endangered UCR Chinook salmon, juvenile endangered UCR steelhead, and juvenile threatened MCR steelhead during research activities taking place at various points in the Yakima, Methow, Entiat, and Wenatchee River drainages in Washington State. Under the renewed permit, the fish would be captured (using minnow traps, hook-and-line angling, and electrofishing equipment), identified, and immediately released. The purpose of the research is to determine fish distribution in the subbasins listed above. The research would benefit the fish by giving land managers information they need in order to design forest management activities (e.g., timber sales, grazing plans, road building) in such a way as to conserve listed species. The USFS does not intend to kill any of the listed fish being captured, but a small percentage may die as an unintended result of the research activities.

Permit 10020—3M

The City of Bellingham (COB) is seeking to modify a five-year research permit that currently allows them to take juvenile PS Chinook salmon and PS steelhead. The sampling would take place in Cemetery Creek, a tributary of Whatcom Creek in Bellingham, WA. The purpose of the study is to assess the effectiveness of habitat restoration measures implemented as part of the Whatcom Creek Long-term Restoration Plan and would document fish population trends. The COB proposes to capture fish using a smolt trap placed in Cemetery Creek. Fish would be identified by species, measured, have a tissue sample taken (to determine their origin), and be released. This research would benefit the affected species by informing future restoration designs as well as providing data to support future