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Status: The March 19–20, 2024 meeting will be open to public participation with a 15-minute public comment period at 4:45 p.m. EST on March 20, 2024. The SAB expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted verbal or written statements. In general, each individual or group making a verbal presentation will be limited to a total time of three minutes. Written comments for the March 19 and 20, 2024 meeting should be received by the SAB Executive Director's Office (noaa.scienceadvisoryboard@noaa.gov) by March 12, 2024 to provide sufficient time for SAB review. Written comments received by the SAB Executive Director after these dates will be distributed to the SAB, but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting date.

Special Accommodations: These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for special accommodations may be directed to the Executive Director no later than 12 p.m. on March 12, 2024.

Matters to be Considered: The meeting on March 19–20, 2024 will include the following topics: (1) the NOAA Update, (2) NOAA Science Update, (3) Presentation on the EISWG Annual Report to Congress, (6) TSTAP Annual Report and white paper on complicated water ways, (7) NOAA DEIA Report Response, (8) Presentation on NOAA Report Response for Rapidly Changing Marine Environment Report, (9) Presentation on NOAA Response to White Paper on Air Quality in a Changing Climate, and (10) NOAA Response to DAARWG Report on the NESDIS Common Cloud Framework. Meeting materials, including work products, will also be available on the SAB website: <https://sab.noaa.gov/current-meetings/current-meeting-documents/>.

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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: Notice; issuance of an enhancement of survival permit, including an associated hatchery and genetic management plan.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of the Final Environmental Assessment (EA) on the issuance of an Endangered Species Act (ESA) Enhancement of Survival Permit to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) for the operation of the Fall Creek Hatchery coho salmon program. The Fall Creek Hatchery coho salmon program is operated under an associated Hatchery Genetic Management Plan (HGMP). This notice also announces that NMFS has decided to issue a permit (15755–2M) to CDFW for activities described in their HGMP, and has authorized the HGMP for the Fall Creek Hatchery coho salmon program in the Klamath River watershed in California.

ADDRESSES: The application, permit, final HGMP, Final EA, and related documents are available for review by appointment at: California Coastal Area Office, 1655 Heindon Rd, Arcata, California 95521.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff Abrams; phone: (707) 825–5186; fax: (707) 825–4840; email: Jeff.Abrams@noaa.gov (include the permit number in the subject line of the fax or email).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Species Covered in This Notice

The following ESA-listed species are covered in this notice:

Coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*): threatened Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast (SONCC) Evolutionarily Significant Unit.

Background

On March 27, 2023, NMFS announced in the **Federal Register** a notice of receipt of a permit application (15755–2M) to enhance the propagation and survival of species listed under the ESA of 1973, as amended, from CDFW (88 FR 18123). Under permit application 15755–2M, CDFW requested to implement, for the next 8 years,

hatchery and monitoring activities associated with the Fall Creek Hatchery coho salmon program, under an associated HGMP. The HGMP is an update to the 2014 HGMP developed for the coho salmon hatchery program at Iron Gate Hatchery that was submitted by CDFW and PacifiCorp (permit 15755). Under permit application 15755–2M, CDFW proposed to continue to collect SONCC coho salmon for hatchery purposes. The draft HGMP specified methods of operation for the Fall Creek hatchery coho salmon program located along the Fall Creek, a tributary to the Klamath River, within the State of California. NMFS also announced the availability of the permit application and associated HGMP for public review and comment. The public review and comment period ended on April 26, 2023. NMFS did not receive any public comments on the permit application or draft HGMP during the public review period. Permit 15755–2M received final signature on August 22, 2023.

The HGMP covers activities related to the artificial production of coho salmon at Fall Creek Hatchery during the transition of the hatchery coho salmon program from Iron Gate Hatchery, and for 8 years after dam removal. NMFS will use the information in this HGMP to evaluate hatchery impacts on salmon listed under the ESA. Monitoring and in-river research activities, also included in the application, could result in take of SONCC coho salmon. The primary goal of an HGMP is to devise biologically based hatchery management strategies that ensure the conservation and recovery of salmon and steelhead species. Through implementation of this HGMP, and compliance with the ESA section 10(a)(1)(A) permit, the Fall Creek Hatchery coho salmon program will operate to conserve ESA-listed SONCC coho salmon.

The Fall Creek Hatchery coho salmon program will culture coho salmon of the Upper Klamath Population Unit. This unit is part of the SONCC Evolutionarily Significant Unit that is listed as threatened under ESA. The HGMP incorporates principles of hatchery operations developed by the Hatchery Scientific Review Groups of the Columbia River and California. The primary purpose of the Fall Creek Hatchery coho salmon program is to protect the genetic resources of the Upper Klamath Population Unit and reduce extinction risks prior to and 8 years after the removal of the four Klamath River dams. The purpose would be achieved by integrating natural origin adults into broodstock and using a genetically based spawning

matrix to reduce inbreeding. The natural origin fish required to integrate the Fall Creek Hatchery coho salmon program will be obtained from Bogus Creek, the Iron Gate Hatchery auxiliary fish ladder, Fall Creek (e.g., via seine or dip net), and fish voluntarily entering the Fall Creek Hatchery as described in the broodstock collection document and the terms and conditions of NMFS' 2021 Biological Opinion for the "Surrender and Decommissioning of the Lower Klamath Hydroelectric Project No. 14803."

The secondary purpose of the Fall Creek Hatchery coho salmon program is to provide adult coho salmon that could disperse to newly accessible habitat (76 miles or 122 kilometers) made available following dam removal. The potential dispersal of adult coho salmon results from Fall Creek Hatchery origin coho salmon straying to other tributaries and by releasing surplus adult coho salmon back to the mainstem Klamath River near Fall Creek.

Take of adult and juvenile coho salmon associated with permit 15755–2M is described in the NMFS permit and particularly detailed in table 1 of the permit. Permit 15755–2M expires on December 31, 2031.

This notice is provided under National Environmental Policy Act regulations and NMFS ESA permit regulations to inform the public that the Final EA, HGMP, and associated documents are available for review.

Authority

Enhancement 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 part 222). 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; (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies of section 2 of the ESA; (4) whether the permit would further a bona fide and necessary or desirable scientific purpose or enhance the propagation or survival of the endangered species, taking into account the benefits anticipated to be derived on behalf of the endangered species; and additional issuance criteria (as listed at 50 CFR 222.308(c)(5)–(12)). The authority to take listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permit.

Dated: February 23, 2024.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Substantive Submissions Made During the Prosecution of the Trademark Application

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. The USPTO invites comments on this information collection renewal, which helps the USPTO assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on December 4, 2023 during a 60-day comment period (88 FR 84132). This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comment.

Agency: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

Title: Substantive Submissions Made During the Prosecution of the Trademark Application.

OMB Control Number: 0651–0054.

Needs and Uses: This collection of information is required by the Trademark Act, 15 U.S.C. 1051 *et seq.*, which provides for the registration of trademarks, service marks, collective trademarks and collective service marks, collective membership marks, and certification marks. Individuals and businesses that use or intend to use such marks in commerce may file an application to register their marks with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

Such individuals and businesses may also submit various communications to the USPTO, including providing additional information needed to process a request to delete a particular filing basis from an application or to divide an application identifying multiple goods and/or services into two or more separate applications. Applicants may seek a six-month

extension of time to file a statement that the mark is in use in commerce or submit a petition to revive an application that was abandoned for failure to submit a timely response to an office action or a timely statement of use or extension request. In some circumstances, an applicant may expressly abandon an application by filing a request for withdrawal of the application.

The rules implementing the Trademark Act are set forth in 37 CFR part 2. These rules mandate that each register entry include the mark, the goods and/or services in connection with which the mark is used, ownership information, dates of use, and certain other information. The USPTO also provides similar information concerning pending applications. The register and pending application information may be accessed by an individual or by businesses to determine the availability of a mark. By accessing the USPTO's information, parties may reduce the possibility of initiating use of a mark previously adopted by another. As a result, the Federal trademark registration process is intended to reduce unnecessary litigation, and its accompanying costs and burdens.

The information in this collection is used to process the substantive submissions made during prosecution of the trademark application. The submissions in this information collection are a matter of public record and are used by the public for a variety of private business purposes related to establishing and enforcing trademark rights. The information is accessible online, through the USPTO website, as well as through various USPTO facilities.

Form Numbers:

- PTO 1553 (Allegation of Use (Statement of Use/Amendment to Allege Use))
- PTO 1554 (Request to Divide Application)
- PTO 1555 (Response to Intent-to-Use/ Divisional (ITU/Divisional) Unit Office Action)
- PTO 1556 (Response to Petition to Revive Deficiency Letter)
- PTO 1557 (Petition to Revive with Request to Delete Section 1(b) Basis or to Delete ITU Goods/Services/ Collective Membership Organization After NOA)
- PTO 1581 (Request for Extension of Time to File a Statement of Use)
- PTO 2194 (Petition to Revive Abandoned Application—Failure to Respond Timely to Office Action)
- PTO 2195 (Petition to Revive Abandoned Application—Failure to