

the potential incidental harvest of ESA-listed residual sockeye, visually indistinguishable from kokanee. The take of ESA-listed adult fish associated with the proposed kokanee fishery in Redfish Lake is requested in 1997 only.

Also for modification 4 to permit 844 (P503I), IDFG requests an additional incidental take of adult, threatened, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon associated with a salmon sport fishery on the upper South Fork of the Salmon River after June 12, 1997. The fishery will target non-listed, artificially-propagated, summer chinook salmon. The primary source of take would be the incidental catch, handling, and release of ESA-listed adult fish with an associated catch and release mortality. The specifics of the fishery, including season dates, duration, locations, and mitigative activities are tailored to provide the appropriate level of protection for ESA-listed fish in the watershed. The fishery is proposed to be terminated when quotas are reached or before the onset of spawning activities. The additional take of ESA-listed adult fish associated with the proposed upper South Fork Salmon River salmon fishery is requested in 1997 only. Permit 844 expires on April 30, 1998.

Those individuals requesting a hearing on the permit modification request should set out the specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate (see ADDRESSES). The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in the above application summary are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Dated: April 29, 1997.

Nancy Chu,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Marine Mammals; Scientific Research Permit (PHF# 859-1373)

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

ACTION: Receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the United States Air Force, 30th Space Wing, Vandenberg Air Force Base, CA 93437-5320, has applied in due form for a permit to take California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*), Pacific harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina richardsi*), and northern elephant seals (*Mirounga angustirostris*) for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before June 4, 1997.

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

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (310/980-4001).

Written data or views, or requests for a public hearing on this request, should be submitted to the Director, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The purpose of the proposed research is to study the effects of noise from rocket launches and subsequent sonic booms on pinnipeds inhabiting Vandenberg Air Force Base (VAFB) and the Northern Channel Islands (NCI). Up to 25 California sea lions, 60 Pacific harbor seals (if available, rehabilitated beached/stranded harbor seals will be used in ABR studies at VAFB), and 25 northern elephant seals per year may be taken by capture, chemically sedation, blood sampling, measurement of auditory brainstem response, flipper tagging, and attachment/retrieval of telemetry instruments. Not all animals may be subjected to all procedures and some animals will be captured a second time for instrument recovery. Up to 200 California sea lion pups and up to 500 northern elephant seal pups will be roto-tagged annually. Up to 5,000

California sea lions, 600 Pacific harbor seals, and 2,000 northern elephant seals may be taken by incidental disturbance caused by capture or census activities annually. Although mortality from the proposed activities is not anticipated, it is possible that undetected health problems may lead to aberrant reactions to the immobilizing drugs and therefore permission is requested for the accidental mortality of up to 2 animals of each species annually. In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Dated: April 24, 1997.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Technology Administration

Notice of Public Meeting on the Proposed Experimental Program To Stimulate Competitive Technology (EPSCoT)

AGENCY: Technology Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting on the proposed experimental program to stimulate competitive technology (EPSCoT).

SUMMARY: The Technology Administration will hold an open meeting on May 29, 1997 to solicit input on the proposed Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Technology (EPSCoT) from representatives of state and local government, universities, and the private- and non-profit sectors, who are involved with technology development, diffusion, commercialization, and using technology to promote economic growth. The purpose of the meeting is to determine what activities are currently being conducted in the states to foster technology-based economic growth and how a new competitive, cost-shared federal grant program with the mission of fostering the development of indigenous technology assets in states that are traditionally under represented in Federal R&D funding could be structured. The following states would currently be eligible to participate in the EPSCoT: