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*Director, Office of Protected Resources,
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 100797C]

Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Receipt of an application for a scientific research permit (1095).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation at Denver, CO (USBR) has applied in due form for a permit that would authorize a take of a threatened species for scientific research.

DATES: Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application must be received on or before November 24, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review in the following offices, by appointment:

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR3, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401); and

Protected Resources Division, F/NW03, NMFS, 525 NE Oregon Street, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97232-4169 (503-230-5400).

Written comments or requests for a public hearing should be submitted to the Chief, Protected Resources Division, Portland.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Koch, Protected Resources Division, (503-230-5400).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: USBR requests a permit under the authority of section 10 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) and the NMFS regulations governing ESA-listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217-227).

USBR (1095) requests a 1-year permit for a take of juvenile, threatened, Southern Oregon/Northern California coast coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) associated with research designed to collect data on seasonal fish distribution and abundance, particularly during spring and late summer, in Bear Creek and its principal tributaries, Little Butte Creek and its tributaries, and Big

Butte Creek in southwest Oregon. The information is needed to support management decisions associated with a water conservation feasibility study in the Rogue River Basin, authorized by the U.S. Congress and the Oregon Water Resources Congress. The purpose of the feasibility study is to support a proposal to implement habitat enhancement activities designed in part to increase instream flows, improve the reliability and efficiency of existing water supplies, improve water quality and environmental values, and conserve water. Data to analyze the potential impacts of proposed activities on salmonid distribution and abundance are inadequate, as are the fisheries data needed to develop and compare alternatives. ESA-listed juvenile fish are proposed to be captured by electrofishing, handled (identified, measured, weighed, and scanned for injuries or diseases), allowed to recover, and released. An indirect mortality of ESA-listed juvenile fish associated with the research is also requested.

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

Dated: October 9, 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

[I.D. 100697D]

Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Receipt of request to modify scientific research permit 1051.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Jorgen Skjveland, of the Maryland Fisheries Resource Office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has applied in due form for a modification to Permit 1051 to take listed species for the purpose of scientific research, subject to

certain conditions set forth in the permit.

DATES: Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this request must be received on or before November 24, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The application, permit, and related documents are available for review by appointment in the following offices:

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR3, NMFS, 1315 East-West Hwy., Room 13307, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401); or

Director, Northeast Region, NMFS, NOAA, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298 (508-281-9250).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Terri Jordan, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, (301-713-1401).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 29, 1997, Mr. Jorgen Skjveland was issued Permit 1051 take shortnose sturgeon (*Acipensery brevirostrum*) for scientific research activities, subject to certain conditions set forth therein, as authorized under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. §§ 1531-1543) and the NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217-227).

The applicant has requested authorization to increase the take of shortnose sturgeon in Chesapeake Bay from 25 to 30; as well as adding the Delaware River and Bay system to his permit and to take 30 fish in the same manner described in Permit 1051. In addition, the applicant has requested the permission to determine the genetic relationship between the Chesapeake and Delaware Bay sturgeons and determine if there is migration through the Chesapeake and Delaware (D and C) Canal.

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

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Nancy Chu,

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

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