DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
RIN 0648–XG549

Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish

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

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), this notice announces that NMFS is preparing a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) to supplement information in the 2017 Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for 10 Hatchery and Genetic Management Plans (HGMP) for salmon and steelhead hatchery programs jointly submitted by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) with the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe and the Suquamish Tribe (referred to as the co-managers), for NMFS’s evaluation and determination under Limit 6 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) 4(d) Rule for threatened salmon and steelhead. The HGMPs specify the propagation of salmon and steelhead in the Duwamish-Green River basin in Washington State. The DSEIS will analyze an additional alternative reflecting an increase in hatchery production of juvenile Chinook salmon.

DATES: Because NMFS has previously requested (81 FR 26776, May 6, 2016) and received information from the public on issues to be addressed in the DEIS, and because the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) do not require additional scoping for this DSEIS process (40 CFR 1502.9(c)(4)), NMFS is not asking for further public scoping information and comment at this time. Upon release of the DSEIS, NMFS will provide a 45-day public review/comment period.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve Leider, NMFS, by phone at (360) 753–4650, or email to steve.leider@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The WDFW, and the co-managers have jointly submitted to NMFS HGMPs for 10 hatchery programs in the Duwamish-Green River basin in Washington State. The HGMPs reviewed in the DEIS were submitted to NMFS from 2013 to 2015, pursuant to limit 6 of the 4(d) Rule for salmon and steelhead. The hatchery programs include releases of ESA-listed Chinook salmon and winter-run steelhead into the Duwamish-Green River basin. The hatchery programs are also release non-listed coho and fall-run chum salmon and summer-run steelhead into the Duwamish-Green River basin. One hatchery program releases coho salmon into marine waters adjacent to the Duwamish-Green River basin. Seven of the programs are currently operating, and three are new.

NEPA requires Federal agencies to conduct environmental analyses of their proposed major actions to determine if the actions may affect the human environment. NMFS’s action of determining that implementation of the co-managers’ HGMPs would not appreciably reduce the likelihood of survival and recovery of affected threatened ESUs under Limit 6 of the 4(d) Rule for salmon and steelhead promulgated under the ESA is a major Federal action subject to environmental review under NEPA.

On May 4, 2016, NMFS announced its intent to prepare an EIS and the 30-day public scoping period ended on June 3, 2016. On November 3, 2017, NMFS announced the release of a DEIS for public comment. The DEIS includes an analysis of the proposed action identified in the 2016 NOI and the anticipated environmental impacts. Following an extension, the 75-day public comment period ended on January 19, 2018.

In light of subsequent information, NMFS has determined that the Final EIS would benefit from the analysis of an expanded range of potential alternatives for hatchery production of Chinook salmon. The alternative to be analyzed in the DSEIS is informed by the applicant’s interest in increasing hatchery production of juvenile Chinook salmon, and NMFS’ analysis of the status of endangered Southern Resident Killer Whales and the importance of Chinook salmon prey to their food base. The DSEIS will analyze an increased level of Chinook salmon hatchery production and provide the public with an opportunity for review and comment. The DSEIS, in conjunction with the 2017 DEIS, will collectively evaluate the proposed action and alternatives.

Alternatives

The alternatives analyzed in the 2017 DEIS are summarized in the DEIS Notice of Intent (82 FR 26776, May 4, 2016). The upcoming DSEIS will analyze an alternative in which hatchery production from the Soos Creek Chinook salmon program would produce an additional 2,000,000 juvenile Chinook salmon to be released at Palmer Ponds in the Duwamish-Green River basin.

Authority

The environmental review of the 10 salmon and steelhead HGMPs in the Duwamish-Green River basin of Washington State will be conducted in accordance with requirements of the NEPA of 1969 as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), NEPA Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), other appropriate Federal laws and regulations, and policies and procedures of NMFS for compliance with those regulations.
O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 8501–8506) in connection with the product and services deleted from the Procurement List.

End of Certification

Accordingly, the following product and services are deleted from the Procurement List:

Product
NSN(s)—Product Name(s): 6545–00–853–6309—First Aid Kit, Eye Dressing

Mandatory Source of Supply: Suburban Adult Services, Inc., Elma, NY

Contracting Activity: Defense Logistics Agency Troop Support

Services
Service Type: Reproduction and Courier Service

Mandatory for: Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Chesapeake Engineering Field Activity Chesapeake, 1314 Harwood Avenue SE, Washington, DC

Mandatory Source of Supply: Linden Resources, Inc., Arlington, VA

Contracting Activity: DEPT OF THE NAVY, U.S. FLEET FORCES COMMAND

Service Type: Janitorial/Custodial Service

Mandatory for: Naval & Marine Corps Reserve Center (NMCRC), 1201 N 35th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ

Mandatory Source of Supply: The Centers for Habituation/TCH, Tempe, AZ

Contracting Activity: DEPT OF THE NAVY, NAVFAC SOUTHWEST

Service Type: Grounds Maintenance Service

Mandatory for: Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division: Buildings 456 (9N7) and 1438 (Main Post Area), White Sands Missile, NM

Mandatory Source of Supply: Tresco, Inc., Las Cruces, NM

Contracting Activity: DEPT OF THE NAVY, U.S. FLEET FORCES COMMAND

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Deletions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Deletions from the Procurement List.

SUMMARY: This action deletes a product and services from the Procurement List previously furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

DATES: Date deleted from the Procurement List: November 18, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, 1401 S. Clark Street, Suite 715, Arlington, Virginia 22202–4149.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Deletions

On 9/14/2018 (83 FR 179), the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice of proposed deletions from the Procurement List.

After consideration of the relevant matter presented, the Committee has determined that the product and services listed below are no longer suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 8501–8506 and 41 CFR 51–2.4.

Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities.

2. The action may result in authorizing small entities to furnish the product and services to the Government.

3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-