

- Expanding watershed restoration activities to include in-situ mangrove nursery operations and restoration.

The evaluation within the original PEIS based on a broad range of potential impacts that could result from implementation of all activities, rather than a site-specific analysis. The actual environmental effects are evaluated by tiered site-specific, project-level review. In preparing the supplemental PEIS, NOAA will continue to use the tiered environmental decision-making framework established in the original PEIS to ensure compliance with other statutes protecting natural resources.

Alternatives

NOAA will analyze four program-level alternatives:

- **No-Action Alternative:** This reflects the “status quo” operations of the CRCP as described in the original PEIS, without the implementation of the new actions and expanded methods mentioned above.

- **Alternative One:** This alternative reflects the continued operation of the CRCP, but would eliminate in-water activities that restore viable coral populations (e.g., in-water coral restoration and intervention techniques) and the activities that reduce physical impacts to coral reefs (e.g., marine debris removal and installation of buoys).

- **Alternative Two:** This alternative continues the operation of the CRCP, including the in-water coral restoration and intervention activities and reduction of physical impacts to coral reef ecosystems that support restoring viable coral populations (i.e., the no-action alternative), and requires the implementation of discretionary conservation and mitigation measures. This alternative would include the new actions and expanded methods mentioned above.

- **Alternative Three:** This is the agency’s preferred alternative, which reflects the “status quo” operations of the CRCP as described in the original PEIS, with the addition of the new actions and expanded methods mentioned above.

Public Comment

We begin this NEPA process by soliciting input from the public and interested parties on environmental impacts and relevant information, studies, or analyses with respect to the CRCP’s new and expanded activities to be considered in the supplemental PEIS. Specifically, this scoping process is intended to accomplish the following objectives:

- Invite affected Federal, State, and local agencies, as well as other interested persons, to participate in the supplemental PEIS process.

- Identify potential significant environmental impacts, issues, or substantial new circumstances to be analyzed in the supplemental PEIS.

- Identify and eliminate issues determined to be insignificant or addressed in other documents.

- Identify related environmental documents being prepared.

- Identify other environmental review and consultation requirements.

The official scoping period starts on May 19, 2026. Please visit the NOAA CRCP web page for additional information regarding the program: <https://coralreef.noaa.gov/>.

Authority: The preparation of the supplemental PEIS for NOAA’s CRCP will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of NEPA and NOAA’s policies and procedures for compliance with NEPA.

Nicole R. LeBoeuf,

Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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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), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notification; availability of a proposed evaluation and pending determination for public comment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has received five Hatchery and Genetic Management Plans (HGMPs) for hatchery programs rearing and releasing fall-run Chinook salmon, coho salmon, and fall-run chum salmon in the Puyallup River basin. The plan describes five hatchery programs operated by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) and the Puyallup Tribe of Indians (PTI) as co-managers. This notice provides an opportunity to comment on a Proposed Evaluation and Pending Determination (PEPD) document on implementing the proposed hatchery programs and associated findings.

DATES: Comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. Pacific time on June 18, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on this document, identified by NOAA–NMFS–2026–1585, by electronic submission:

- *Electronic submission:* Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Visit <https://www.regulations.gov> and type NOAA–NMFS–2026–1585 in the Search box. Click on the “Comment” icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.

Instructions: Comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period, may not be considered by NMFS. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted for public viewing on <https://www.regulations.gov> without change. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address, etc.), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible. NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter “N/A” in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous). Comments received after June 18, 2026 may not be considered.

The document available for public comment is available on the internet at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/action/five-hatchery-and-genetic-management-plans-puyallup-river-basin>.

The HGMPs are available online concurrently while the comment period for the PEPD is open at: <https://www.puyalluptribe-nsn.gov/member-services/tribal-natural-resources/fisheries/> (PTI Programs) and <https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/management/hatcheries/hgmp#comment> (WDFW programs).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Molly Gorman, (206) 526–6114, molly.gorman@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Endangered Species Act (ESA)-Listed Species Covered in This Notice

- Puget Sound Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*): threatened, naturally and artificially propagated;
- Puget Sound Steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*): threatened, naturally and artificially propagated.

Background

The term “take” is defined under the ESA to mean harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any

such conduct. The ESA prohibits the take of endangered salmonids and, pursuant to ESA section 4(d), ESA regulations can be extended to prohibit the take of threatened salmonids. However, NMFS may make exceptions to the take prohibitions for hatchery programs that are approved by NMFS under the limits on the prohibitions outlined in 50 CFR 223.203(b). The operators, WDFW collaborating with tribal co-manager PTI, have submitted five HGMPs to NMFS pursuant to NMFS' Limit 6 of the 4(d) Rule of the ESA for hatchery activities in the Puyallup River basin, Washington. The PEPD is NMFS' initial determination for how the HGMPs address the criteria in 50 CFR 223.203(b)(5).

The hatchery programs under review are designed to help meet adult fish loss mitigation responsibilities, off-setting adverse impacts to natural-origin salmon abundances that historically sustained tribal, commercial, and recreational fisheries. These hatchery programs are intended to contribute to fulfilling federal trust responsibilities toward tribes with rights guaranteed through treaties, as affirmed in *United States v. Washington* (1974), by contributing to the recovery of ESA-listed salmon. Included in the HGMP is research and monitoring activities to study the effect of the programs on the recovery of Puget Sound Chinook salmon and Puget Sound steelhead.

Classification

Under section 4 of the ESA, the Secretary of Commerce is required to adopt such regulations as deemed necessary and advisable for the conservation of species listed as threatened. The ESA salmon and steelhead 4(d) Rule regulations (50 CFR 223.203(b)) specifies categories of activities that contribute to the conservation of listed salmonids and sets out the criteria for such activities. The rule further provides that the prohibitions of paragraph (a) of the regulations do not apply to actions undertaken in compliance with a plan developed jointly by a state and a tribe and determined by NMFS to be in accordance with the salmon and steelhead 4(d) Rule (65 FR 42422, July 10, 2000).

(Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*; 16 U.S.C. 742a *et seq.*)

Dated: May 15, 2026.

Jennifer Leigh Quan,

Regional Administrator, West Coast Region,
National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Marine Mammals; File No. 29621

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS' Marine Mammal Laboratory, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98118 (Responsible Party: Nancy Friday, Ph.D.), has applied in due form for a permit to conduct research on northern fur seals (*Callorhinus ursinus*).

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before June 18, 2026.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review by selecting "Records Open for Public Comment" from the "Features" box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 29621 from the list of available applications. These documents are also available upon written request via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov.

Written comments on this application should be submitted via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Please include File No. 29621 in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sara Young or Shasta McClenahan, Ph.D., (301) 427-8401.

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.*), the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

The applicant requests a research permit to investigate population status and trends, demographics, health, disease, and foraging ecology of northern fur seals. Northern fur seals may be taken annually from the Eastern

Pacific stock in Alaska, including by capture and handle, harassment, unintentional disturbance, ground and aerial surveys, observation, photograph/video, capture/handling, and collection of scat/spew. Samples may be salvaged from pinnipeds found dead, received from subsistence harvested animals, and exported for analysis. During capture and handling, animals may receive drug administration, external instruments, marks, biological sampling, measured and weighed. Up to 4 unintentional mortalities of northern fur seals annually, not to exceed 13 over the life of the permit, are also requested. Steller sea lions (*Eumetopias jubatus*) from the endangered western Distinct Population Segment and harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*) may be unintentionally disturbed annually during research.

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.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of the application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: May 15, 2026.

Shannon Bettridge,

Chief, Marine Mammal and Sea Turtle Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

[Docket No. CPSC-2024-0039]

Extension of the Date by Which Neck Floats Must Be Tested and Certified Subject to the Submission of Samples

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice of extension of date of testing and certification of neck floats.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (Commission or CPSC) is announcing that the Commission is extending, by 60 days, the date by which manufacturers (including importers) of neck floats must comply with the third party testing and certification requirements for children's products under the Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA). The extension is being provided because the