

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of incidental take permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS issued an incidental take permit (ITP) to Pierce County Planning and Public Works (Pierce County), pursuant to the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973, as amended, for the incidental take of ESA-listed species in Pierce County, Washington. The ITP is issued for a duration of 30 years. The ITP application and Pierce County Planning and Public Works Flood Risk Reduction Structures Maintenance and Operations Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) were submitted to NMFS pursuant to the ESA. NMFS also prepared a final environmental assessment (EA) and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) associated with NMFS' issuance of the ITP for the HCP.

DATES: The publication date for this action is September 9, 2026.

ADDRESSES: The permit, the Final EA and FONSI, and other related documents are available on the NMFS West Coast Region website at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/action/pierce-county-and-public-works-flood-risk-reduction-structures-maintenance-and-operations>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Price, NMFS, 253–693–0792, david.price@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Species Covered in the HCP***ESA-Listed Species Covered by NMFS*

- Chinook Salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) threatened Puget Sound evolutionary significant unit;
- Steelhead (*O. mykiss*) threatened Puget Sound distinct population segment.

Non-ESA-Listed Species Covered by NMFS

- Coho salmon (*O. kisutch*) Puget Sound/Strait of Georgia evolutionary significant unit.

ESA-Listed Species Covered by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)

- Bull trout (*Salvelinus confluentus*) threatened coastal recovery unit distinct population segment.

Non-ESA-listed Species Covered by USFWS

- Pacific lamprey (*Entosphenus tridentatus*), distinct population segment;
- River lamprey (*Lampetra ayresii*) distinct population segment;
- Western brook lamprey (*L. richardsoni*) distinct population segment.

Hereafter, these seven species are collectively referred to as the “covered species.”

Background

Section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), authorizes NMFS and the USFWS to issue ITPs to non-Federal parties for potential incidental take of endangered or threatened species as a result of covered activities. In support of its applications for such ITPs, Pierce County prepared an HCP that provides an assessment of impacts of its flood risk reduction structures maintenance and operations in and along the Puyallup, White, and Nisqually Rivers in Pierce County on the covered species; measures to monitor, minimize and mitigate for those impacts on those species; and procedures to account for unforeseen or extraordinary circumstances. NMFS received the ITP application and HCP in November 2024 from Pierce County, in accordance with the requirements of the ESA.

On July 23, 2025, NMFS published a notice of receipt and availability in the **Federal Register** (90 FR 34642) asking for public comments on the draft HCP and the associated draft NEPA EA. NMFS received two comment letters and responses to those comments were included in the final EA. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the ESA on July 8, 2026. This ITP authorizes the incidental take of ESA-listed species set forth in the HCP over the 30-year permit term.

Authority

Section 9 of the ESA and Federal regulations prohibit the taking of a species listed as endangered or threatened. The ESA defines “take” to mean harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct. NMFS may issue permits, under limited circumstances, to take listed species incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities.

Section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA and implementing regulations provide for authorizing incidental take of listed species. NMFS regulations governing permits for threatened and endangered species are promulgated at 50 CFR 222.307.

Dated: September 3, 2026.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Telecommunications and Information Administration****Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; NTIA Internet Use Survey**

AGENCY: National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Information Collection, request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before November 9, 2026. Comments submitted after this date will be considered if circumstances allow.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments by mail to Christopher Quarles, Policy Advisor, NTIA, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Suite 4725, Washington, DC 20230, or via email at data@ntia.gov. Please reference OMB Control Number 0660–0021 in the subject line of your comments. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to Christopher Quarles, Policy Advisor, NTIA, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW,