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Permit 1427

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) in Eugene, OR is requesting a 5-year permit to annually take adult and juvenile threatened LCR chinook salmon, adult and juvenile threatened UWR chinook salmon, adult and juvenile threatened LCR steelhead and adult and juvenile threatened UWR steelhead associated with a study in the Willamette River, OR. The ODEQ proposes to capture (using boat electrofishing), count, and release listed salmonids.

The objectives of the study are to (1) describe the relationship between mercury in fish tissue and in the water column in order to develop a site-specific bioaccumulation factor, (2) describe the relationship between methylmercury in water and total mercury in water and sediment, and (3) begin to identify and quantify mercury sources and loadings in the Willamette River system. The study is designed to fulfill the requirement mandated by the Federal Clean Water Act and will benefit listed fish by helping reduce mercury loading in the Willamette River system. The ODEQ does not intend to kill any of the listed fish being captured, but a small percentage may die as an unintended result of the research activities.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the ESA. NMFS will evaluate the applications, associated documents, and comments submitted to determine whether the applications meet the requirements of section 10(a) of the ESA and Federal regulations. The final permit decisions will not be made until after the end of the 30 day comment period. NMFS will publish notice of its final actions in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: April 23, 2003.

Phil Williams,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Request for Comments on the Draft Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report for the Lower Cache Creek, Yolo County, CA, City of Woodland and Vicinity, for Potential Flood Damage Reduction Report

AGENCY: Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Corps of Engineers is extending the comment period for the draft "Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report for the Lower Cache Creek, Yolo County, CA, City of Woodland and Vicinity, for Potential Flood Damage Reduction Report." This extension will provide interested persons with additional time to prepare comments.

DATES: Consideration will be given only to comments that are received on or before June 4, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Patti Johnson, USACE, Sacramento District (CESPK-PD), 1325 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814-2922 or to Karen Enstrom, Department of Water Resources, Division of Flood Management, 3310 El Camino Ave., Sacramento, CA 95821-6340. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for electronic filing address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patti Johnson, USACE, Sacramento, California at (916) 557-6611; or Karen Enstrom, Department of Water Resources, Division of Flood Management at (916) 574-0372.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 21, 2003 we published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 13907) the "Draft Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report for the Lower Cache Creek, Yolo County, CA, City of Woodland and Vicinity, for Potential Flood Damage Reduction Report." Comments regarding the reports were required to be received on or before May 5, 2003. During the comment period, we received requests to extend the comment period.

In response to these requests, we are extending the comment for the reports through June 4, 2003.

Electronic Filing Addresses: You may submit comments by E-mail to either

patti.p.johnson@usace.army.mil or to *kenstrom@water.ca.gov*.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Chief of Engineers Environmental Advisory Board; Meeting

AGENCY: Department of the Army; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), announcement is made of the forthcoming meeting. The meeting is open to the public.

Name of Committee: Chief of Engineers Environmental Advisory Board (EAB).

Date: May 15, 2003.

Location: Doubletree Hotel at Lloyd Center, 1000 NE Multnomah Blvd., Portland, Oregon 97232 (503) 281-6111.

Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Norman Edwards, Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington, DC 20314-1000; Ph: 202-761-4559.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Board advises the Chief of Engineers on environmental policy, identification and resolution of environmental issues and missions, and addressing challenges, problems and opportunities in an environmentally sustainable manner. The theme of this meeting is the environmental aspects of the dams on the Snake River, fish passage, Columbia River channel improvement, and the Columbia Estuary Project. It is emphasized that this is not a public meeting on these subjects but will focus on selected aspects that may have national application. The intent of this meeting is to present an opportunity for the Chief of Engineers to receive the views of his EAB. Time will be provided, however, for public comment. Each speaker will be limited to no more than three minutes in order to accommodate as many people as possible within the limited time available. If you wish to receive electronic notice of future meetings you may subscribe to a list server at: