

the endangered species list. NMFS has determined that the petitions do not contain substantial scientific or commercial information indicating that the petitioned actions may be warranted.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

Section 4(b)(3)(A) of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) requires that NMFS make a finding on whether a petition to list, delist, or reclassify a species presents substantial scientific or commercial information indicating that the petitioned action may be warranted. To the maximum extent practicable, this finding is to be made within 90 days of the receipt of the petition, and the finding is to be published promptly in the Federal Register. If the finding is positive, NMFS is required to commence a status review of the involved species.

The criteria considered in determining whether or not a petition is substantial is outlined in 50 CFR 424.14(b). Further, in order for a petition on a Pacific salmon stock to be considered substantial, it must provide evidence to indicate that the petitioned stock may qualify as a "species" under the ESA, in accordance with NMFS "Policy on Applying the Definition of Species Under the Endangered Species Act to Pacific Salmon" (November 20, 1991: 56 FR 58612).

NMFS has determined that Columbia and Snake River sturgeon petitions contained no supporting documentation indicating that the petitioned actions may be warranted. Furthermore, NMFS has determined that the Snake River coho salmon petition did not contain any documentation or discussion indicating that the petitioned fish may qualify as a "species" under the ESA. Since the petitions do not contain substantial information, NMFS is not initiating a status review.

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**Listing of Endangered and Threatened  
Species; Petitions to List the Columbia  
River White Sturgeon, Snake River  
Coho Salmon, and Snake River White  
Sturgeon**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries  
Service (NMFS), NOAA, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of finding.

**SUMMARY:** On February 4, 1992, NMFS received a petition from Captain Jack E. White of Rufus, Oregon, to list Columbia River white sturgeon (*Acipenser transmontanus*) as an endangered species. Two petitions were subsequently received from Mr. Del Lathim of Pasco, Washington, to add Snake River coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) (February 26, 1992), and Snake River white sturgeon (*A. transmontanus*) (March 11, 1992) to