

has increased the hourly burden estimates accordingly.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB approval number and the agency informs the potential persons who are to respond to such collections that they are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB approval number. The following requirements are included in this submission:

1. Title: Federal Fish and Wildlife Permit Application.

Service form number: 3-200-1.

Description and use: The application will be used by any person intending to engage in an activity for which a permit is required by subchapter B of 50 CFR. Persons desiring permit privileges authorized by subchapter B must complete an application for such a permit as required by 50 CFR 13, as well as other regulations which may require additional information for the specific permit desired.

Description of respondents: Individuals and households; business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; farms; state, local, tribal government; and federal government.

Number of respondents: 27,109.

Estimated completion time: 10 minutes (.166 hours).

Total annual burden: 4,337 hours.

2. Title: Designated Port Exception Permits (requirements in 50 CFR 14.31-14.33).

Service form number: 3-200-2.

Description and use: The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA), as amended, requires that fish or wildlife be imported into or exported from the United States only at a designated port or at a nondesignated port under certain limited circumstances. To date, thirteen (13) customs ports of entry are designed for the import and export of wildlife and wildlife products. Exceptions to the designated port requirement are permitted by the Secretary of the Interior under specific terms and conditions. Permits are available to import or export wildlife at nondesignated ports for any one of the three reasons: (1) Scientific purposes; (2) to minimize deterioration or loss; and (3) to alleviate undue economic hardship.

Description of respondents: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit; and not-for-profit institutions.

Number of respondents: 524.

Estimated completion time: 1 hour.

Total annual burden: 524.

3. Title: Import/Export License (requirements in 50 CFR 14.91-14.93).

Service form number: 3-200-3.

Description and use: This license will allow any person to engage in business as an importer or exporter of fish or wildlife under the Endangered Species Act, unless that person imports or exports certain excepted wildlife or falls within one of the categories of persons accepted from the requirement by the rules in 50 CFR 14.91-14.93. Currently, licensees must (1) pay \$50 for a license plus import/export inspection fees; (2) keep certain specified records and retain them for five years; (3) allow the Service to inspect these records and any inventories of imported wildlife; and, (4) file any requested reports.

Description of respondents: Business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; and individuals and households, or any other entities conducting "commercial" imports or exports of fish or wildlife.

Number of respondents: 7,000.

Estimated completion time: 1 hour.

Total annual burden: 7,000.

4. Title: Federal Fish and Wildlife Permit Application for Export or Re-export Permits (requirements in 50 CFR 23.12 and 23.15).

Service form number: 3-200-26.

Description and use: This permit will allow the re-export of specimens of Appendix II and II species regulated by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered species (CITES), and the export of specimens of American alligator (*Alligator mississippiensis*); Alaskan brown bear (*Ursus arctos*); Alaskan gray wolf (*Canis lupus*); Bobcat (*Lynx rufus*); Lynx (*Lynx canadensis*); and River otter (*Lutra canadensis*) which are species also CITES regulated.

Description of respondents: Individuals or households; businesses or other for-profit; and not-for-profit institutions.

Number of respondents: 2,360.

Estimated completion time: 1 hour.

Total annual burden: 2,360 hours.

Dated: September 29, 1997.

Tom Striegler,

Acting Assistant Director—Refuges and Wildlife.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Intent To Prepare a Comprehensive Management Plan and Associated Environmental Document

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

(Service) intends to gather information necessary to prepare a Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP) and an environmental document (environmental assessment or environmental impact statement) for Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge, Thurston and Pierce Counties, Washington. The Service is furnishing this notice in compliance with Service CMP policy and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and implementing regulations: (1) To advise other agencies and the public of our intentions, (2) to obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues to include in the environmental document, and (3) to announce a public open house to occur near the end of October. Information about the time and location of the open house will be published in local media or is available by contacting the refuge.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before November 10, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Address comments and requests for more information to: Refuge Manager, Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge, 100 Brown Farm Road, Olympia, Washington, 98516 (360/753-9467).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bill Hesselbart at the above address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Service started the comprehensive management planning process for Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge (Nisqually NWR) IN 1996. Several meetings were held with a variety of public and private interest groups, including a preliminary public scoping meeting in July 1996. Two planning updates soliciting additional comments were mailed on August 20, 1996, and November 10, 1996, to more than 200 addresses. Comments received are being used to develop goals, key issues, and habitat management strategies to be presented at a public scoping meeting in the fall of 1997. Additional opportunities for public participation will occur throughout the process, which is expected to be completed in late 1998, or early 1999. Data collection has been initiated to create computerized mapping, including vegetation, topography, habitat types and existing land uses. Data collection and mapping will continue through 1997.

It is Service policy to have all lands within the National Wildlife Refuge System managed in accordance with an approved CMP. The CMP guides management decisions and identifies

refuge goals, long-range objectives, and strategies for achieving refuge purposes. Public input into this planning process is encouraged. The CMP will provide other agencies and the public with a clear understanding of the desired conditions for the Refuge and how the Service will implement management strategies.

The Nisqually NWR was established in 1974, “* * * for use as an inviolate sanctuary, or for any other management purpose, for migratory birds” (16 U.S.C. 715d). A CMP is needed to update the 1978 Nisqually NWR Conceptual Plan and facilitate potential changes in habitat management and associated public uses, with full public participation. Until the CMP is completed, Refuge management will be guided by official Refuge purposes; Federal legislation regarding management of national wildlife refuges; the Nisqually NWR Conceptual Plan and other legal, regulatory and policy guidance. The major issues to be addressed in the CMP include habitat protection and enhancement, boundary expansion and completion of the Refuge, riparian and tidal restoration, control of invasive and exotic vegetation, future flooding, compatibility of secondary uses, jurisdiction over navigable waters within the Refuge, public access and accessibility, and hunting and fishing. The plan will include the following topics:

- (a) Habitat management, including management of forest, freshwater, estuarine, tidal and riparian areas, water courses, wetlands, old farm fields, and meadows;
- (b) Wildlife population management, including federally-listed endangered and threatened species, migratory birds, and native mammals and fish;
- (c) Public use management, including hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, environmental education and interpretation, hiking, biking;
- (d) Cultural resource identification and protection; and
- (e) Expansion of partnerships, community outreach and volunteers.

Alternatives (and their effects) that address the issues and management strategies associated with these topics will be included in the environmental document. With the publication of this notice, the public is encouraged to send written comments on these and other issues, courses of action that the Service should consider, and potential impacts that could result from CMP implementation on Nisqually NWR. Comments already received are on record and need not be resubmitted.

The environmental review of this project will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), NEPA Regulations (40 CFR 1500–1508), other appropriate Federal laws and regulations, Executive Order 12996, and Service policies and procedures for compliance with those regulations. We estimate that the draft environmental document will be available by Fall 1998.

Dated: September 25, 1997.

Thomas J. Dwyer,

Acting, Regional Director, Region I, Portland Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Ruffe Control Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Ruffe Control Committee, a committee of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force. The purposes of the upcoming meeting are to: (1) Review current information on ruffe populations; (2) review progress on implementation of the eight components of the Ruffe Control Program; and (3) review the status of the Ruffe Control Program and the Committee. Products of the meeting will be: (1) material for a report to the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force on 1997 activities; and (2) recommendations from the Committee to the Task Force regarding the future of the Ruffe Control Program and the Committee. An optional field trip is planned to trawl for ruffe in Duluth–Superior Harbor.

DATES: The Ruffe Control Committee will meet from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 29, 1997, and 8:00 a.m. to 12 Noon on Thursday, October 30, 1997. The optional field trip will begin at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 29, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Days Inn, 110 East Second Street, Superior, Wisconsin. The optional field trip will leave from the Days Inn.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Busiahn, Chair, Ruffe Control Committee, at 715–682–6185, or Bob Peoples, Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, at 703–358–2025.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal

Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. I), this notice announces a meeting of the Ruffe Control Committee, a committee of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force established under the authority of the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 4701–4741). Minutes of the meeting will be maintained by the Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Suite 840, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203–1622, and the Chair, Ruffe Control Committee, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Fishery Resources Office, 2800 Lake Shore Drive East, Ashland, Wisconsin 54806, and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, within 30 days following the meeting.

Dated: October 3, 1997.

Gary Edwards,

Co-Chair, Aquatic Nuisance, Species Task Force Assistant Director—Fisheries.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Final Environmental Impact Statement, Florida Canyon Mine Proposed Expansion and Comprehensive Reclamation Plan

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement addressing the Florida Canyon Mine Proposed Expansion and Comprehensive Reclamation Plan, and the initiation of a 30-day review period

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, notice is given that the Winnemucca Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared, by third party contractor, a Final Environmental Impact Statement on Florida Canyon Mining Incorporated's Florida Canyon Mine Expansion and Comprehensive Reclamation Plan. The mine is located on public and private lands in Pershing County, Nevada, approximately 35 miles northeast of Lovelock and 38 miles southwest of Winnemucca. This document will become available to the public for a 30-day review period before issuance of a Record of Decision.

DATES AND ADDRESSES: The Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)