

of Privileged or Confidential Information Section, below).

(2) Documentation demonstrating that you are technically and financially qualified to hold a lease as set forth in 30 CFR 585.106–107, including documentation demonstrating that you are technically and financially capable of constructing, operating, maintaining, and decommissioning the facilities described in (4), below. Guidance regarding the documentation that you may submit to demonstrate your technical and financial qualifications can be found at: <http://www.boemre.gov/offshore/RenewableEnergy/PDFs/QualificationGuidelines.pdf>.

(3) A statement that you wish to acquire a renewable energy ROW grant for the proposed grant area requested by AGH for the AWC project and a description of how your proposal would interfere with, or suffer interference from, the AWC proposed project. Any request for a ROW grant located outside of the proposed grant area should be submitted separately pursuant to BOEM's regulations at 30 CFR 585.305.

(4) A description of your objectives, including:

- Devices and infrastructure involved (if your project would require the use of offshore platforms, please indicate where those platforms would be located);
- Anticipated capacity;
- How the project would support renewable energy facilities; and
- A statement that the proposed activity conforms with state and local energy planning requirements, initiatives or guidance, as applicable.

(5) A schedule of proposed activities, including those leading to commercial operations; and;

(6) Available and pertinent data and information concerning environmental conditions in the area, including any energy and resource data and information used to evaluate the area. Where applicable, spatial information should be submitted in a format compatible with ArcGIS 9.3 in a geographic coordinate system, (NAD 83).

Your complete nomination, including the items identified in (1) through (6) above, must be provided to BOEM in both paper and electronic formats. BOEM considers an Adobe PDF file stored on a compact disc (CD) to be an acceptable format for submitting an electronic copy.

It is critical that you provide a complete submission of competitive interest so that BOEM may consider your submission in a timely manner. If BOEM reviews your submission and

determines that it is incomplete, BOEM will inform you of this determination in writing and describe the information that BOEM wishes you to provide in order for BOEM to deem your submission complete. You will be given 15 business days from the date of the letter to provide the information that BOEM found to be missing from your original submission. If you do not meet this deadline, or if BOEM determines your second submission is also insufficient, BOEM reserves the right to deem your submission invalid. In such a case, BOEM would not consider your submission.

Requested Information From Interested or Affected Parties

BOEM is also requesting from the public and other interested or affected parties specific and detailed comments regarding the following:

(1) Geological and geophysical conditions (including bottom and shallow hazards) in the area described in this notice;

(2) Known archaeological, historic, and/or cultural resource sites on the seabed in the area described in this notice;

(3) Multiple uses of the area described in this notice, including navigation (in particular, commercial and vessel usage, recreation, and commercial and recreational fisheries);

(4) Potential impacts to existing communication cables;

(5) Department of Defense operational, training and testing activities (surface and subsurface) that occur in the area described in this notice that may be impacted by the proposed project;

(6) Impacts to potential future uses of the area;

(7) Advisable setback distance for other offshore structures, including other cables, renewable energy structures, oil and gas structures, etc.

(8) The potential risk posed by anchors or other factors, and burial depths that would be required to mitigate such risks;

(9) Other relevant environmental and socioeconomic information.

Protection of Privileged or Confidential Information

Freedom of Information Act

BOEM will protect privileged or confidential information that you submit as required by the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Exemption 4 of FOIA applies to trade secrets and commercial or financial information that you submit that is privileged or confidential. If you wish to protect the

confidentiality of such information, clearly mark it and request that BOEM treat it as confidential. BOEM will not disclose such information, subject to the requirements of FOIA. Please label privileged or confidential information, "Contains Confidential Information," and consider submitting such information as a separate attachment.

However, BOEM will not treat as confidential any aggregate summaries of such information or comments not containing such information. Additionally, BOEM will not treat as confidential: (1) The legal title of the nominating entity (for example, the name of your company); or (2) the geographic location of nominated facilities and the types of those facilities. Information that is not labeled as privileged or confidential will be regarded by BOEM as suitable for public release.

National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470w–3(a))

BOEM is required, after consultation with the Secretary, to withhold the location, character, or ownership of historic resources if it determines that disclosure may, among other things, risk harm to the historic resources or impede the use of a traditional religious site by practitioners. Tribal entities should designate information that falls under Section 304 of NHPA, 16 U.S.C. 470w–3, as confidential.

Dated: November 30, 2011.

Tommy P. Beaudreau,
Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy
Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS–R8–ES–2011–N226; FXHC–1113–0000–05D]

Proposed Safe Harbor Agreement for the Shasta Crayfish in Cassel, Shasta County, CA

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; receipt of application.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that Michael, Melanie, and Paul Kerns (applicant) have applied to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for an Enhancement of Survival permit under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The permit application includes a proposed safe harbor agreement (agreement) between the

applicant and the Service for the federally endangered Shasta crayfish (*Pacifastacus fortis*). The agreement is available for public comment.

DATES: To ensure consideration, please send your written comments by January 20, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Mr. Rick Kuyper, via U.S. mail at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 13501 Franklin Boulevard, Galt, California 95632, or via email at richard_kuyper@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Rick Kuyper, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office (see **ADDRESSES**); telephone: (916) 691-4531.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Availability of Documents

You may obtain copies of the document for review by contacting the individual named above. You may also make an appointment to view the document at the above address during normal business hours.

Background

Under a safe harbor agreement, participating landowners voluntarily undertake management activities on their property to enhance, restore, or maintain habitat benefiting species listed under the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). Safe harbor agreements, and the subsequent enhancement of survival permits that are issued pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act, encourage private and other non-Federal property owners to implement conservation efforts for listed species by assuring property owners that they will not be subjected to increased property use restrictions as a result of their efforts to attract listed species to their property, or to increase the numbers or distribution of listed species already on their property. Application requirements and issuance criteria for enhancement of survival permits through safe harbor agreements are found in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17.22(c) and 17.32(c). An enhancement of survival permit allows any necessary future incidental take of species above the mutually agreed upon baseline conditions for the species, as long as the take is in accordance with the terms and conditions of the permit and accompanying agreement. The federally endangered Shasta crayfish (*Pacifastacus fortis*) is also listed as endangered under the California Endangered Species Act, and the Service has worked closely with the California Department of Fish and Game during the development of this safe harbor agreement.

Proposed Safe Harbor Agreement for the Shasta Crayfish

The agreement would cover a 0.25-acre pond located on the applicant's property. The pond has no direct inflow or outflow from surface waterways and is fed by an isolated spring that flows from an extensive basalt lava flow. The water from the spring is ponded by a levee that was originally built in the early 20th century. Water flows out of the pond through a drain pipe into a ditch and then goes subsurface. Therefore, the pond has barriers both upstream and downstream that prevent species that predate on, or compete with, Shasta crayfish from entering. Currently, the pond does not contain Shasta crayfish, predatory species, or nonnative crayfish that would compete with the Shasta crayfish. Because the pond does not contain Shasta crayfish the baseline for the Agreement would be zero. Other native aquatic flora and fauna, which could be important for Shasta crayfish, are present and plentiful. The applicant would undertake some enhancement of the pond by placing rock substrate along certain areas of the pond's bottom to create refugia and foraging habitat for Shasta crayfish. Some incidental take of Shasta crayfish could occur in the future during routine maintenance of a water intake pipe on the south side of the pond.

Because all extant populations of Shasta crayfish are currently in rapid decline due to the presence of nonnative predators and competitors, the Service is working closely with the California Department of Fish and Game and others to determine the feasibility of relocating individual Shasta crayfish from existing populations to the applicant's pond to establish a new population. Once the safe harbor agreement is signed, the landowners will allow the Service to translocate individual Shasta crayfish from nearby populations to their pond. The pond would provide high-quality foraging and breeding habitat that is free of nonnative crayfish and predatory fish species, thus creating a high likelihood that the applicant's pond will support a self-sustaining population of Shasta crayfish throughout the duration of the safe harbor agreement. If Shasta crayfish are established in the applicant's pond, this population could potentially be used to repopulate extirpated populations in other suitable areas within the historic range of the species.

Upon approval of this agreement and satisfactory completion of all other applicable legal requirements, and consistent with the Service's Safe

Harbor Policy (64 FR 32717), the Service would issue an Enhancement of Survival permit to the applicant. This permit will authorize the applicant to take the covered species incidental to the following: (1) Implementation of the management activities specified in the agreement; (2) other lawful uses of the property, including normal routine land management activities; and, (3) a return to baseline conditions, if desired by the applicant.

An applicant would receive assurances under our "No Surprises" regulations (50 CFR 17.22(c)(5) and 17.32(c)(5)) for all species included in the enhancement of survival permit. In addition to meeting other criteria, actions to be performed under an Enhancement of Survival permit must not jeopardize the existence of federally listed fish, wildlife, or plants.

Public Review and Comments

The Service has made a preliminary determination that the proposed agreement and permit application are eligible for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*). We explain the basis for this determination in an Environmental Action Statement that is also available for public review.

Individuals wishing copies of the Environmental Action Statement, and/or copies of the full text of the agreement, including a map of the proposed permit area, should contact the office and personnel listed in the **ADDRESSES** section above.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

The Service will evaluate this permit application, associated documents, and comments submitted thereon to determine whether the permit application meets the requirements of section 10(a) of the Act and NEPA regulations. If the Service determines that the requirements are met, we will sign the proposed agreement and issue an enhancement of survival permit under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act to the applicant for take of the Covered Species incidental to otherwise lawful activities in accordance with the terms of the agreement. The Service will not make our final decision until after the

end of the 30-day comment period and will fully consider all comments received during the comment period.

Authority

The Service provides this notice pursuant to section 10(c) of the Act and pursuant to implementing regulations for NEPA (40 CFR 1506.6).

Dated: December 14, 2011.

Susan K. Moore,

Field Supervisor, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, Sacramento, California.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Public Meeting, North Slope Science Initiative—Science Technical Advisory Panel

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, North Slope Science Initiative, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, North Slope Science Initiative (NSSI)—Science Technical Advisory Panel (STAP) will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting will be held January 31–February 2, 2012, in Fairbanks, Alaska. The meetings will begin at 9 a.m. in room 401, International Arctic Research Center (IARC) Building, 930 Koyukuk Drive, University of Alaska Fairbanks campus. Public comment will be received between 3 and 4 p.m. on Thursday, February 2, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John F. Payne, Executive Director, North Slope Science Initiative, AK-910, c/o Bureau of Land Management, 222 W. Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, AK 99513, (907) 271-3431 or email jpayne.blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-(800) 877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NSSI STAP provides advice and

recommendations to the NSSI Oversight Group regarding priority information needs for management decisions across the North Slope of Alaska. These priority information needs may include recommendations on inventory, monitoring, and research activities that contribute to informed resource management decisions. This meeting will include a review of the development and scenario planning presented to the Oversight Group in October, additional assignments to the STAP to include recommendations for monitoring and discussion on cumulative analysis.

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the Science Technical Advisory Panel through the Executive Director, North Slope Science Initiative. Each formal meeting will also have time allotted for hearing public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation, transportation, or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the Executive Director, North Slope Science Initiative. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: December 14, 2011.

Bud C. Cribley,

State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[LLOR-936000-L14300000-ET0000; HAG-12-0002; OR-47552]

Notice of Application for Proposed Withdrawal Extension and Opportunity for Public Meeting; Oregon

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Forest Service (USFS) has filed an application with the Department of the Interior,

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to extend the duration of Public Land Order (PLO) No. 6944 for an additional 20-year term. PLO No. 6944 withdrew approximately 43.75 acres of National Forest System land from location and entry under the United States mining laws in order to protect the Granite Chinese Walls Historic Site. The withdrawal created by PLO No. 6944 will expire on September 30, 2012, unless extended. This notice also gives an opportunity to comment on the application and proposed action and to request a public meeting.

DATES: Comments and requests for a public meeting must be received by March 20, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Comments and meeting requests should be sent to the Oregon/Washington State Director, BLM, 333 SW 1st Ave., P.O. Box 2965, Portland, Oregon 97208-2965.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael L. Barnes, BLM Oregon/Washington State Office, (503) 808-6155, or Dianne Torpin, USFS Pacific Northwest Region, (503) 808-2422. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-(800) 877-8339 to reach either of the named contacts during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with either of the above individuals. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The USFS has filed an application requesting that the Secretary of the Interior extend the duration of PLO No. 6944 (57 FR 45321 (1992)), which withdrew 43.75 acres of National Forest System land from location and entry under the United States mining laws, but not leasing under the mineral leasing laws, for an additional 20-year term, subject to valid existing rights. PLO No. 6944 is incorporated herein by reference.

The purpose of the proposed withdrawal extension is to continue the protection of the Federal recreation investment of the site along with the archaeological, cultural, and historic values of the Granite Chinese Walls Historic Site.

The use of a right-of-way, interagency agreement, or cooperative agreement would not provide adequate protection.

The USFS would not need to acquire water rights to fulfill the purpose of the requested withdrawal extension.

Records related to the extension application may be examined by contacting Michael L. Barnes at the above BLM address or phone number.