

process, as required under the provisions of section 10(a) of the Act. The Services will evaluate the incidental take permit application and associated Plan in accordance with section 10(a) of the Act and its implementing regulations. The environmental review of the permit application and the Plan will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act and its implementing regulations. A No Action alternative will be considered consistent with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. Another possible alternative is a "Listed Species Only" alternative. A revised Plan under this alternative would only address the habitat needs of the northern spotted owl, marbled murrelet, and coho salmon; there would be no permit coverage for species currently not listed under the Act. Further consideration of a reasonable range of project alternatives will be given during and subsequent to this scoping process.

Dated: November 14, 1997.

Thomas Dwyer,

Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC); Application Notice Announcing the Opening Date for Transmittal of Applications Under Three FGDC National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI) Partnership Funding Programs for Fiscal Year (FY) 1998 Under the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 15.809 National Spatial Data Infrastructure Competitive Cooperative Agreements Program

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice inviting applications for the NSDI Cooperative Agreements Program awards, the NSDI Benefits Program awards, and the NSDI Framework Demonstration Projects Program awards, for fiscal year 1998, with performance to begin in September 1998.

SUMMARY: The purpose of the FGDC National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI) Partnership Funding Programs is to facilitate and foster partnerships and alliances within and among various public and private entities to assist in

building the NSDI. The NSDI consists of policies, standards, agreements, and partnerships among a variety of sectors and disciplines that promotes more cost-effective production, ready availability, and greater use of high quality geospatial data. Three separate but related programs constitute the FGDC Partnership Funding Programs: the NSDI Cooperative Agreements Program, the NSDI Benefits Program, and the NSDI Framework Demonstration Projects Program.

The Cooperative Agreements Program funds projects focused on promoting metadata collection and creating clearinghouses of geographic data linked to the Internet, developing NSDI standards, advancing the NSDI through education, and organizing and strengthening State-wide or regional programs for geographic data sharing.

The Benefits Program funds projects that assess the qualitative or quantitative benefits of using a shared data resource to solve particular problems over a given geographic area.

The Framework Demonstration Projects Program funds projects that demonstrate technical, operational and business capabilities to collaboratively create and maintain certain categories of commonly needed "Framework" data. Activities initiated under each of the three mentioned programs will promote development and maintenance of and access to data sets that are needed for national, regional, State, and local analyses.

Applications must involve partnering between two or more organizations. Applications may be submitted by Federal agencies, State and local government agencies, educational institutions, private firms, private foundations, and Federally acknowledged or State-recognized Native American tribes or groups. Applications from Federal agencies will not be competed against applications from other sources. Participants are expected to cost share in the project. Authority for this program is contained in the Organic Act of March 3, 1879, 43 U.S.C. 31 and Executive Order 12906.

DATES: The program announcements and application forms for each of the three aforementioned programs are expected to be available on or about November 29, 1997. Applications must be received on or before February 28, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Copies of Program Announcement #1434-HQ-98-PA-00044 for the NSDI Cooperative Agreements Program, Program Announcement #1434-HQ-98-PA-00046 for the NSDI Benefits Program,

and Program Announcement #1434-HQ-98-PA-00045 for the NSDI Framework Demonstration Projects Program may be obtained by writing to Ms. Karen Staubs, U.S. Geological Survey, Office of Acquisition and Federal Assistance, Mail Stop 205B, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192, (703) 648-7372, fax (703) 648-7901. Also, copies of each Program Announcement will be available through the Internet at <www.usgs.gov/contracts/index.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

For the NSDI Cooperative Agreements Program contact Ms. Kathleen Craig, U.S. Geological Survey, Office of Acquisition and Federal Assistance, Mail Stop 205B, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192; (703) 648-7357, fax (703) 648-7901.

For the NSDI Benefits Program contact Ms. Deborah Walsh, U.S. Geological Survey, Office of Acquisition and Federal Assistance, Mail Stop 205B, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192; (703) 648-7384, fax (703) 648-7901.

For the NSDI Framework Demonstration Projects Program contact Ms. Tammy Fanning, U.S. Geological Survey, Office of Acquisition and Federal Assistance, Mail Stop 205B, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192; (703) 648-7363, fax (703) 648-7901.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the NSDI Cooperative Agreements Program proposals are to be directed towards any of four components of the NSDI. The first is the establishment of a National Geospatial Data Clearinghouse for finding and accessing geospatial data. Second is the development and promulgation of standards in data collection, documentation, transfer, and search and query. Third is the development and implementation of educational outreach programs to increase the awareness and understanding of the NSDI vision and concepts. Fourth is the building and strengthening of relationships among organizations to support digital geographic data coordination.

Under the NSDI Benefits Program, proposals are to be directed towards projects that assess the benefits of using shared geographic data, or spatially referenced information, to aid a public decision-making process within a particular geographic area. Assessment of the benefits of data sharing can be by quantitative or qualitative measures. No restriction is placed on the primary issue or problem being addressed. The problem may be environmental, economic, social, or cultural. Defined

geographic areas might include watersheds, ecosystems, counties, municipalities, regions, and so forth.

Under the NSDI Framework Demonstration Projects Program, proposals are to be directed towards projects that demonstrate or operationalize the framework concept. Projects can address initial or advanced technical, operational, and business aspects/capabilities to collaboratively create and maintain certain categories of commonly needed "Framework" data, or deal with specific framework topics such as coding permanent feature identifiers, data integration, generalization, transactions and feature maintenance, feature level metadata, and data certification. Framework data are defined as geodetic control, cadastral, digital orthoimagery, elevation, bathymetry, transportation, hydrography, and governmental units.

Dated: November 12, 1997.

Jack Fischer,

Associate Chief, Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs,

Saginaw Chippewa Tribe Liquor Ordinance

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice is published in accordance with authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8, and in accordance with the Act of August 15, 1953, 67 Stat. 586, 18 U.S.C. 1161, as interpreted by the Supreme Court in *Rice v. Rehner*, 463 U.S. 713 (1983). I certify that the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe of Michigan Liquor Ordinance was duly adopted by Resolution No. 97-067 of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe of Michigan Tribal Council on June 26, 1997. The ordinance provides for the regulation, sale, possession and use of alcoholic liquor within the Tribe's jurisdiction.

DATES: This ordinance is effective as of November 21, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jerry Cordova, Office of Tribal Services, 1849 C Street, N.W., MS 4641 MIB, Washington, D.C. 20240-4401; telephone (202) 208-4401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Saginaw Chippewa Tribe of Michigan Liquor Ordinance shall read as follows:

Chapter 8.7 Liquor Control Act

8.7.1 Legislative Findings. The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council hereby finds as follows:

8.7.1.1 The Council has authority to adopt this Act pursuant to powers vested in it by Article VI, sections 1(e), (i), (j), (k), (n), (o), and Article VI, section 2 of the Amended Tribal Constitution, said Constitution and Bylaws having been ratified by the Tribe on March 27, 1937, and approved by the Secretary of Interior on May 6, 1937, with revised amendments approved on November 4, 1986. Further, the Supreme Court held in *United States v. Mazurie*, 419 U.S. 544 (1975), that Congress through 18 U.S.C. 1161 delegated to Indian tribes authority to control the introduction, distribution, and use of alcoholic beverages into Indian country.

8.7.1.2 The importation, distribution, manufacture, and sale of alcoholic liquor for commercial purposes on the Isabella Reservation ("Reservation") is a matter of special concern to the Tribe.

8.7.1.3 Federal law as embodied in 18 U.S.C. 1161 provides that certain sections of the United States Code, commonly referred to as Federal Indian Liquor Laws, shall not apply to any act or transaction within any area of Indian country, provided such act or transaction is in conformity with both the laws of the state in which such act or transaction occurs, and with an act duly adopted by the tribe having jurisdiction over such area of Indian country.

8.7.2 Declaration of Policy.

8.7.2.1 The Council hereby declares that the policy of the Tribe is to eliminate the problems associated with unlicensed, unregulated, and unlawful importation, distribution, manufacture, and sale of alcoholic liquor for commercial purposes on the Reservation, and to promote temperance in the use and consumption of alcoholic liquor by increasing tribal control over such activities on the Reservation.

8.7.2.2 The importation, distribution, manufacture, and sale of alcoholic liquor for commercial purposes on the Reservation shall be lawful, provided that such activity is conducted by the Tribe or by an authorized tribal enterprise, and is in conformity with this Act. Such conditions are necessary to increase the Tribe's ability to control and regulate the distribution, sale, and possession of alcoholic liquor, while at the same time provide an important and necessary source of revenue for continued

operation of the tribal government and delivery of tribal governmental services.

8.7.3 Short Title. This Act shall be known and cited as the "Saginaw Chippewa Liquor Control Act."

8.7.4 Purpose. The purpose of this Act is to prohibit the importation, manufacture, distribution, and sale of alcoholic liquor for commercial purposes on the Reservation except pursuant to a license issued by the Council under the provisions of this Act and other tribal laws.

8.7.5 Application of 18 U.S.C. 1161. The importation, manufacture, distribution, and sale of alcoholic liquor for commercial purposes on the Reservation shall be "in conformity with" this Act and the laws of the State of Michigan as that phrase is used in 18 U.S.C. 1161.

8.7.6 Incorporation by Reference of Michigan Laws.

8.7.6.1 In accordance with 18 U.S.C. 1161, the Tribe hereby adopts and applies as tribal law those Michigan laws, as amended, relating to the sale and regulation of alcoholic beverages encompassing the following areas: Sale to a minor; sale to a visibly intoxicated individual; sale of adulterated or misbranded liquor; hours of operation; and similar substantive provisions, including such other laws prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages to certain categories of individuals. Said tribal laws which are defined by reference to the substantive areas of Michigan laws referred to in this section shall apply in the same manner and to the same extent as such laws apply elsewhere in Michigan to off-Reservation transactions unless otherwise agreed by the Tribe and State; provided, that nothing in this Act shall be construed as a consent by the Tribe to the jurisdiction of the State of Michigan or any of its courts or subordinate political subdivisions or municipalities within the Reservation over any activity arising under or related to the subject of this Act nor shall anything in this Act constitute an express or implied waiver of the sovereign immunity of the Tribe.

8.7.6.2 The Tribe, for resale by the Tribe, shall purchase spirits from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission, and beer and wine from distributors licensed by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission, at the same price and on the same basis that such beverages are purchased by similar licensees.

8.7.6.3 In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between "adopted and applied" Michigan laws and this Act, the provisions of this Act shall govern.

8.7.6.4 Whenever such Michigan laws are incorporated herein by reference, amendments thereto shall