

further isolate the habitat. Under this alternative, no contribution to the acquisition, preservation, and management of high-quality offsite Morro shoulderband snail habitat would occur.

The Alternate Site Alternative involves the use of a site for a commercial development project that does not support any listed species; therefore, the project would not result in the incidental take of a listed species. This alternative is considered to be unfeasible from a business and commercial standpoint given market, development, and private contractual constraints. Although this alternative would result in no impact at the proposed project site, it would not substantially benefit the Morro shoulderband snail. The project site contains marginal snail habitat, including non-native plants. Human disturbances to the project site would likely continue. Under this alternative, no contribution to the acquisition, preservation, and management of high-quality offsite Morro shoulderband snail habitat would occur.

This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Act and Service regulations for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (40 CFR 1506.6). The Service will evaluate the application, its associated documents, and submitted comments to determine whether the application meets the requirements of law. If the Service determines that the requirements are met, a permit will be issued for the incidental take of the Morro shoulderband snail. A final decision on permit issuance will be made no sooner than 30 days from the date of this notice.

Dated: June 1, 1998.

Thomas Dwyer,

Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Availability of a Revised Application for an Incidental Take Permit and Revised Environmental Assessment for Obyan Beach Resort Associates, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Department of Lands and Natural Resources

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Obyan Beach Resort Associates and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (Commonwealth) Department of Lands and Natural Resources (Applicants) have applied to the Fish and Wildlife Service for an incidental take permit (PRT-824821) pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The application package includes a Habitat Conservation Plan (Plan), Implementation Agreement, and the Saipan Upland Mitigation Bank Agreement (Agreement). The Service also announces the availability of an Environmental Assessment for the proposed issuance of the incidental take permit. The proposed permit would authorize the incidental take of the federally listed endangered nightingale reed-warbler (*Acrocephalus luscini*) and Micronesian megapode (*Megapodius laperouse*), and/or their habitat during the construction of a proposed 36-hole golf course and resort. Green sea turtles (*Chelonia mydas*) may nest at the beach near the project site, but outside of the project boundaries, and are not expected to be impacted by the project. The permit would be in effect for 50 years.

The Plan, Implementation Agreement and Environmental Assessment were circulated for public review in February, 1997, in accordance with the Act and the National Environmental Policy Act (62 FR 7794). The original permit application proposed establishment of a mitigation bank on Saipan to compensate for impacts to nightingale reed-warblers. Since that time, the proposed Saipan Upland Mitigation Bank (Mitigation Bank) has been developed, and a Mitigation Bank Agreement has been prepared. This Agreement is now included in the permit application. Other than development of the Mitigation Bank and associated Agreement, no major revisions have been made to the permit application and Environmental Assessment. This notice advises the public that the revised Plan, Implementation Agreement and Environmental Assessment, and the Agreement are available for review and comment. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the administrative record and may be made available to the public. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Act and National Environmental Policy Act regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

DATES: Written comments on the permit application and Environmental

Assessment should be received on or before June 23, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding the permit application, Plan, Agreement, or Environmental Assessment, or requests for these documents, should be addressed to Brooks Harper, Field Supervisor, Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 50088, Honolulu, Hawaii 96850; Fax (808) 541-3470. Please refer to permit number PRT-824821 when submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brooks Harper or Gina Shultz, Pacific Islands Fish and Wildlife Office, telephone (808) 541-3441.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 9 of the Act prohibits the "taking" of a species listed as threatened or endangered. However, the Service, under limited circumstances, may issue permits to take listed species incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Regulations governing permits for threatened species are promulgated in 50 CFR 17.32; regulations governing permits for endangered species are promulgated in 50 CFR 17.22.

Background

The Applicants propose to construct a 36-hole golf course and resort on the southeastern part of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The Applicants seek coverage for impacts to 814 acres that contain nightingale reed-warbler and Micronesian megapode habitat. To compensate for project impacts, the Applicants will: (1) Minimize on-site impacts and maintain habitat on-site for 10 pairs of nightingale reed-warblers, and (2) develop a Mitigation Bank and purchase 24 nightingale reed-warbler credits from the Mitigation Bank. Purchase of 24 credits from the Mitigation Bank will result in the permanent protection of 24 existing nightingale reed-warbler territories and permanent protection and enhancement of habitat to establish an additional 24 territories. Other measures are specified in the Plan to minimize potential for take during construction activities.

The Environmental Assessment considers the environmental consequences of three alternatives. Alternative 3, the proposed action, consists of the issuance of an incidental take permit, development of the Mitigation Bank, and implementation of the Plan and its implementation Agreement. This alternative is preferred because: (1) It satisfies the purpose and needs of the Service and Applicants; (2) impacts are minimized during construction; and (3) incidental take is

mitigated by the development of a Mitigation Bank, the purchase of 24 nightingale reed-warbler credits from the Mitigation Bank, and other measures specified in the Plan. Alternative 2 entails developing the project as originally permitted by the local government. The impacts to nightingale reed-warblers on site would be greater under this alternative and the protection of 24 nightingale reed-warbler territories and protection and enhancement of an additional 24 nightingale reed-warbler territories would not occur. Under alternative 1, the no action alternative, the Service would not issue an incidental take permit. The area leased would likely revert back to the Commonwealth government. None of the existing nightingale reed-warblers would be lost, at least immediately. After the land reverted back to the Commonwealth, it would then be available for other uses. These uses could have greater impacts to nightingale reed-warblers as a result of subdivision and the subsequent habitat fragmentation. Under the no action alternative, the 24 existing territories would not be preserved in the Mitigation Bank, and habitat protection and enhancement for the establishment of 24 additional territories would not occur.

Dated: June 2, 1998.

Thomas J. Dwyer,

Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Announcement of Meetings of the Klamath River Basin Fisheries Task Force on June 24, June 25, and June 26, 1998

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: 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 Klamath River Basin Fisheries Task Force, established under the authority of the Klamath River Basin Fishery Resources Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 460ss *et seq.*). The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The Klamath River Basin Fisheries Task Force (TF) will meet from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 24, 1998, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Thursday, June

25, 1998, and from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Friday, June 26, 1998.

PLACE: The meeting will be held in the Klamath Lake Room at the Shiloh Inn, 2500 Almond Street, Klamath Falls, Oregon.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Ronald A. Iverson, Project Leader, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1006 (1215 South Main), Yreka, California 96097-1006, telephone (530) 842-5763.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The principal agenda items at this meeting will be: (1) The Mid-program review of the Klamath Restoration Program; (2) a status report on the 1998 Klamath Project annual operations plan; (3) the development of the Task Force Fiscal Year 1999 workplan; (4) a report and decision on scoping for the Klamath River Basin Instream Flow Incremental Methodology (IFIM) flow study; (5) a report from the National Marine Fisheries Service on recovery actions for coho and steelhead and the relation to the Klamath Fishery Management Council, Task Force, and Tribal Trust responsibilities; (6) a decision on proceeding with the Upper Basin Amendment and related assignments; and (7) a report on the status of efforts to pursue additional funding for the Klamath Restoration Program.

For background information on the TF, please refer to the notice of their initial meeting that appeared in the **Federal Register** on July 8, 1987 (52 FR 25639).

Dated: June 1, 1998.

Thomas J. Dwyer,

Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

The proposed collection of information listed below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). On March 4, 1998, BLM published a notice in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 10649) requesting comment on this proposed collection. The comment period ended on May 8, 1998. BLM

received no (0) comments from the public in response to that notice. Copies of the proposed collection of information and related forms and explanatory material may be obtained by contacting the BLM clearance officer at the telephone number listed below.

The Office of Management and Budget is required to respond to this request within 60 days but may respond after 30 days. For maximum consideration, your comments and suggestions on the requirement should be made directly to the Office of Management and Budget, Interior Department Desk Officer (1004-0151), Office of information and Regulatory Affairs, Washington, D.C., 20503, telephone (202) 395-7340. Please provide a copy of your comments to the Bureau Clearance Officer (WO-630), 1849 C St. N.W., Mail Stop 204 LS, Washington D.C. 20420.

Nature of Comments: We specifically request your comments on the following:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for proper functioning of the BLM, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of BLM's estimate of the burden of collecting information, including the validation of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. The quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. How to minimize the burden of collecting the information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical and other forms of information technology.

Title: 43 CFR 4130.3-2(d), Actual Grazing Use Report.

OMB approval number: 1004-0051.

Abstract: The Bureau of Land Management is proposing to renew the approval of an information collection or an existing rule at 43 CFR 4130.3-2(d). This form is used by grazing permittees or lessees to provide information on the actual amount of livestock grazing use made on the public lands within a specified time to the Bureau of Land Management for billing purposes and program monitoring.

Bureau Form Number: Form 4130-5.

Frequency: Annually reporting as required.

Description of respondents: Respondents are holders of grazing permits or leases on the public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management.

Estimated completion time: 25 minutes.

Annual responses: 15,000.

Annual burden hours: 6,250.

Collection Clearance Officer: Carole Smith, (202) 452-0367.