

to the Alaska Office of Native American Programs Administrator; the Director, Office of Loan Guarantees; the Director, Office of Grants Management; and the Director, Office of Grants Evaluation the following power and authority with respect to the Native American Rural Housing and Economic Development Initiative grant funds:

- (1) Execute all necessary agreements, including, but not limited to, grant agreements;
- (2) Review performance reports submitted by the grantee and issue reports based upon such review; and
- (3) All other authority necessary to carry out the purposes of the program which have not been excepted from this notice.

**Authority:** Section 7(d), Department of Housing and Urban Development Act, 42 U.S.C. 3535(d).

Dated: September 9, 1999.

**Andrew Cuomo,**  
*Secretary.*

Dated: September 9, 1999.

**Harold Lucas,**  
*Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.*

Dated: September 9, 1999.

**Jacqueline Johnson,**  
*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Native American Programs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Klamath Fishery Management Council; Meeting

**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 Fishery Management Council, established under the authority of the Klamath River Basin Fishery Resources Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 460ss *et seq.*). The Klamath Fishery Management Council makes recommendations to agencies that regulate harvest of anadromous fish in the Klamath River Basin. The objective of this meeting is to review the progress of the 1999 Klamath chinook salmon fishing season and plan for fishery management in 2000. The meeting is open to the public.

**DATES:** The Klamath Fishery Management Council will meet from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, October 5,

1999; from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, October 6, 1999; and from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Thursday, October 7, 1999.

**PLACE:** The meeting will be held at the Yurok Tribal Office, Weitchpec, California.

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

Dated: September 16, 1999.

**Mary Ellen Mueller,**  
*Acting Manager, California/Nevada Operations Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Klamath River Basin Fisheries Task Force; Meeting

**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 (Task Force) will meet from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, October 14, 1999, and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, October 15, 1999.

**PLACE:** The meeting will be held at the Miner's Inn, 122 East Miner Street, Yreka, California.

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

Dated: September 16, 1999.

**Dan Walsworth,**  
*Manager, California/Nevada Office.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Geological Survey

#### Technology Transfer Act of 1986

**AGENCY:** U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) negotiations.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Geological Survey (USGS) is planning to enter into a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) with Clean Lakes, Inc. d.b.a. Aquatics, Martinez, California. The purpose of the CRADA is to perform research and development in the monitoring of East African aquatic ecosystems. The primary result of this CRADA will be the development and demonstration of technology that enables the monitoring of water hyacinth in Lake Victoria by governments in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, and Rwanda. Any other organization interested in pursuing the possibility of a CRADA for similar kinds of activities should contact the USGS.

**ADDRESSES:** Inquiries may be addressed to the Senior Scientist for Geographic and Cartographic Research, U.S. Geological Survey, 500 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192; Telephone (703) 648-5084, facsimile (703) 648-4706; Internet "blowell@usgs.gov".

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brent Lowell, address above.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is to meet the USGS requirement stipulated in the Survey Manual.

Dated: September 12, 1999.

**Kathryn R. Clement,**  
*Associate Chief for Operations, National Mapping Division.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Species at Risk Program

**AGENCY:** U.S. Geological Survey.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Geological Survey is announcing the availability of funds through the Species at Risk Program (SAR). The basic purpose of SAR is to

fund short-term research and assessment projects to generate information that allows development of conservation agreements, action plans, and management alternatives that provide for the protection of flora and fauna and their habitats and thereby reduce the need for listing species as threatened or endangered.

**DATES:** Information packages describing requirements for participation in this program will be available upon request until October 29, 1999. Pre-proposals are due to the address below by November 1, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Parties interested in this program should request an information package from: Species at Risk Program, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 300, Reston, VA 20192 ATTN: Dr. Al Sherk.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Al Sherk, Species at Risk Program, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 300, Reston, VA 20192; [Al\\_Sherk@usgs.gov](mailto:Al_Sherk@usgs.gov); or 703-648-4076.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**A. Purpose**

Species at Risk (SAR) is a program that develops scientific information on the status of sensitive species or groups of species, particularly with respect to the relationship of species abundance and distribution to habitat conditions and environmental stresses. The basic purpose of SAR is to generate information that allows the development of conservation agreements, action plans, management alternatives, etc., to provide for the protection of species and their habitats and thereby preclude the need for listing species as threatened or endangered.

The initiative provides an opportunity for scientists to participate through survey and research activities. Projects are specifically intended to be of short duration and should seek to optimize partnerships with Federal agencies, states, universities, and the private sector. Successful SAR projects are often conducted by investigators who have identified key, small but critical gaps in our biological knowledge. Projects provide resource managers, regulators, and private landowners with usable information for which prudent resource management decisions can be based. Projects must be new, self-contained work designated to be completed, including the final report, within 18 months.

Projects must focus on species or groups of species for which there is concern but limited information. Projects that focus on groups of species

within the same habitat or ecosystem are encouraged. Projects should identify or develop new information that will reduce the need for a formal listing under the Endangered Species Act of 1982, as amended. Regional and national offices of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have provided a list of species or groups and their management needs. Projects must focus on these species or groups and demonstrate how they support management needs. Principal investigators are encouraged to communicate directly with USFWS regional contacts before project submission.

This program is conducted in furtherance of the Secretary's obligations under the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742a-742j, as amended) and the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. 661-667e, as amended).

**B. Background**

The U.S. Geological Survey gathers and analyzes biological information and serves as an information clearinghouse, providing broad access to the widest possible range of factual data on the status and trends on the Nation's biota and the potential effects of land management choices. This information serves public and private landowners who are interested in sustaining biological resources. It also provides understanding to help avoid conflicts that can both impede development and degrade natural habitats.

The Species at Risk Program will develop scientific information and alternatives to assist Federal, State, and other land managers in their decisions regarding the protection of sensitive species and habitats.

**C. Availability of Funds**

Through this program, pre-proposals are invited for funding in Fiscal Year 2000 from non-Federal research, scientific or technical organizations. Total funding anticipated for the fiscal year is approximately \$370,000. Monies will be provided to successful applicants on a competitive basis. There is no minimum project cost; the maximum project cost will be \$80,000.

Funds for this program are not currently available. Funding of the program is contingent on a Fiscal Year 2000 appropriation.

**D. Eligibility Requirements**

Under the terms specified in the information package, pre-proposals will be accepted from State agencies, private and industry groups, academic institutions, and Native American Tribes and Nations. Pre-proposals will

be evaluated in light of their relevance to an identified management need, partnership opportunities, potential for providing useful information to resource managers, potential for conservation agreements, possibilities for cost sharing, and demonstration of successful completion within 18 months of date of initiation. Possible selectees will then be invited to submit a full project proposal for scientific peer review and consideration of funding.

**E. Application Process**

Parties interested in participating in this program should request an information package that will include detailed application forms, Federal Assistance forms (Standard Form 424, etc.), proposal format requirements, etc., from:

Mail: Species at Risk Program, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 300, Reston, VA 20192, ATTN: Dr. Al Sherk, or E-Mail: [Al\\_Sherk@usgs.gov](mailto:Al_Sherk@usgs.gov), or Call: (703) 648-4076.

**F. Dates**

Notice of interest in this program must be received by October 29, 1999.

**Susan D. Haseltine,**

*Associate Chief Biologist for Science.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Reclamation**

**Meeting of the Conservation Advisory Group, Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project, Yakima, WA**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** As required by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given that the Conservation Advisory Group, Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project, Yakima, Washington, established by the Secretary of the Interior, will hold a public meeting. The purpose of the Conservation Advisory Group is to provide technical advice and counsel to the Secretary and the State on the structure, implementation, and oversight of the Yakima River Basin Water Conservation Program.

**DATES:** Thursday, October 14, 1999, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Bureau of Reclamation Office, 1917 March Road, Yakima, Washington.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Alan L. Scherzinger, Acting Manager,