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Arizona State Office, P.O. Box 16563, Phoenix, Arizona 85011, Arizona; Notice of Filing of Plats of Survey

January 24, 1995.

1. The plats of survey of the following described lands were officially filed in the Arizona State Office, Phoenix, Arizona, on the dates indicated:

A plat, in 5 sheets, representing the dependent resurvey of the south boundary, portions of the east boundary, subdivisional lines and subdivision of sections 26 and 27, and certain record meanders in sections 26 and 27; and the survey of a portion of the east boundary, the north boundary, and portions of the subdivisional lines and subdivision of section 27, and a metes-and-bounds survey in section 26, Township 27 North, Range 26 East, Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona, was accepted October 4, 1994, and was officially filed October 14, 1994.

A plat representing the survey of the east boundary and the subdivisional lines of Township 28 North, Range 26 East, Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona, was accepted October 4, 1994, and was officially filed October 14, 1994.

A plat, in 2 sheets, representing the survey of the east and north boundaries and the subdivisional lines of Township 31 North, Range 26 East, Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona, was accepted October 24, 1994, and was officially filed November 2, 1994.

A plat, in 3 sheets, representing the survey of the east boundary, sectional guide meridians, auxiliary bases and remaining subdivisional lines of Township 32 North, Range 26 East, Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona, was accepted November 28, 1994, and was officially filed December 7, 1994.

These plats were prepared at the request of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Navajo Area Office.

A plat representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines, and the subdivision of section 22 and a metes-and-bounds survey, in Township 4 North, Range 19 West, Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona, was accepted November 30, 1994, and was officially filed December 7, 1994.

This plat was prepared at the request of the Bureau of Land Management, Yuma Resource Area Manager.

A plat representing the dependent resurvey of portions of the north and west boundaries, and a portion of the subdivisional lines; and the subdivision of section 6, and a metes-and-bounds survey in section 6, Township 24 South,

Range 14 East, Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona, was accepted October 17, 1994, and was officially filed October 20, 1994.

This plat was prepared at the request of the Bureau of Land Management, Phoenix District Office.

A plat representing a dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines, and a metes-and-bounds survey in Township 6 South, Range 17 East, Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona, was accepted December 22, 1994, and was officially filed December 22, 1994.

This plat was prepared at the request of the Bureau of Land Management, Arizona State Office.

2. These plats will immediately become the basic records for describing the land for all authorized purposes. These plats have been placed in the open files and are available to the public for information only.

3. All inquiries relating to these lands should be sent to the Arizona State Office, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 16563, Phoenix, Arizona 85011.

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Fish and Wildlife Service**Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (Duck Stamp) Contest**

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Service announces the dates and locations of the 1995 Federal Duck Stamp Contest, and the public is invited to attend.

DATES: 1. This action is effective July 1, 1995, the beginning of the 1995-1996 contest.

2. The public may view the 1995 Federal Duck Stamp Contest entries on Monday, November 6, 1995, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., in the Department of the Interior Auditorium.

3. This year's judging will be held from November 7-8, 1995, beginning at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 7, and continuing at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 8.

4. Persons wishing to enter this year's contest may submit entries anytime after Saturday, July 1, but all must be postmarked no later than midnight Friday, September 15.

ADDRESSES: Requests for complete copies of the regulations, reproduction

rights and the display and participation agreements should be addressed to: Federal Duck Stamp Contest, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW., Suite 2058, Washington, DC 20240.

LOCATION OF CONTEST: Department of the Interior Building Auditorium (C Street Entrance), 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Lita F. Poole, Federal Duck Stamp Program, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, DC 20240, Telephone: (202) 208-4354.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following *four* eligible species for the 1995-1996 duck stamp contest are listed below:

- (1) Barrow's Goldeneye
- (2) Black Scoter
- (3) Mottled Duck
- (4) Surf Scoter

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Dated: January 25, 1995.

John G. Rogers,*Acting Director.*

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Minerals Management Service**Request for Comments Concerning the Effects of Removing Oil and Gas Platforms and Structures in the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS)**

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The MMS is assessing oil and gas platform and structure removal techniques. The assessment will focus on safety and environmental issues. This document requests comments regarding the effects of using various removal techniques.

DATES: The MMS must receive comments to this notice on or before March 3, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Mail or hand-carry comments to the Department of the Interior; Minerals Management Service; MS-4700; 381 Elden Street; Herndon, Virginia 22070-4817; Attention: Acting Chief, Technology Assessment and Research Branch.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charles E. Smith, Acting Chief, Technology Assessment and Research Branch, telephone (703) 787-1559.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: At the request of MMS, the Marine Board of

the National Research Council (NRC) is assessing techniques for removing fixed offshore structures. The assessment will determine the occupational hazards and environmental effects of removal processes, determine techniques to mitigate undesirable effects, and appraise current regulations governing the removal of platforms and structures located in the OCS. The study will evaluate both explosive and nonexplosive removal techniques. The MMS is seeking comments concerning methods for removing offshore structures, their hazards and effects, and mitigating strategies. The MMS offers the following information and questions to assist you in your response to this notice.

Requirements for Removal

1. Current regulations require that lessees remove all structures to a depth of 15 feet below the mud line. The MMS is inviting the public, including other users of ocean space (boaters, fishers, conservationists, etc.) to comment on the need for this requirement and to bring to the attention of the NRC committee any information that MMS should consider in assessing and updating this requirement.

Status of Technology

2. What are the alternatives to the removal of offshore structures?
3. What new approaches or improvements to existing techniques for removing offshore structures are in development?
4. What are the requirements and/or limitations of the existing or new techniques relative to different water depths or soil types?

Economic Costs

5. What are the comparative costs of explosive versus nonexplosive techniques for removing offshore structures?
6. Are new technologies in development likely to alter the comparative economics of alternative approaches?

Hazards

7. What are the environmental hazards of explosive and nonexplosive removal techniques?
8. What are the occupational hazards of explosive and nonexplosive removal techniques?

Impacts

9. What are the direct and indirect impacts on living marine resources (fish, marine mammals, sea turtles, etc.) from explosive removal of offshore structures (for example:

direct=mortality, injury, indirect=damage to habitats, damage to overall health and survivability, etc.)?

10. What are the direct and indirect impacts of living marine resources from nonexplosive removal of offshore structures?

11. How do alternative removal techniques affect other users of the marine environment (fishers, recreational boaters, ship operators, others)?

Regulations

12. Do other users of the marine environment have needs that MMS should take into account in regulations for full or partial platform removal and for site clearance?

13. Are existing MMS regulations and operating rules governing the removal of offshore structures adequate?

Dated: January 25, 1995.

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Associate Director for Offshore Minerals Management.

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National Park Service

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Environmental Statements Availability; Mississippi National River and Recreation Area

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of Final Comprehensive Management Plan/Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190, as amended), the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, has prepared a Final Comprehensive Management Plan/Final Environmental Impact Statement (FCMP/FEIS) that describes and analyzes a proposed action and three alternatives for the future management and use of the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area, Minnesota.

The Draft Comprehensive Management Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Statement was released for public review on July 5, 1993 (58 FR 32546), and the public comment period closed October 11, 1993. During this period, four public hearings were held; written comments also were received. The FCMP/FEIS contains responses to the comments received and modifications to the text as needed in response to the comments.

The proposed action and alternatives all have been designed to preserve, protect, and enhance the significant values of the waters and land of the Mississippi River corridor within the Saint Paul-Minneapolis metropolitan area. They differ primarily in approach to overall management emphasis and level of federal involvement.

The proposed action provides a framework to balance and coordinate natural, cultural, and economic resource protection, visitor use, and sustainable development activities. It minimizes adverse effects on the river corridor and conflicts between users while providing for a broad spectrum of land and water uses and managed growth. Corridor management policies would be applied in a practical manner, with individual communities retaining flexibility to respond to unusual situations in special ways, providing that the resources identified in Public Law 100-696, the unit's enabling legislation, are protected. The proposed action emphasizes the importance of biological diversity in the corridor. It also recognizes the importance of economic activities and provides for the commercial use of the corridor consistent with P.L. 100-696. Commercial navigation activities would be continued. A wide range of visitor use activities would be encouraged. The National Park Service would have a lead role in coordinating interpretation for the corridor.

Alternative A (no action) would continue existing resource protection activities, land and water management, and visitor use programs. No overall comprehensive plan would be adopted. Local communities would continue to manage the river with minimal coordination and cooperation. Political boundaries would continue to delineate different management regulations, and the 72-mile segment of the Mississippi River would be managed according to different plans.

Alternative B would place a greater emphasis on resource protection, more restrictive land management, and passive recreation activities. Efforts for resource protection would be coordinated between the National Park Service and existing state, federal, and local programs, with the National Park Service taking the lead on protection of natural and cultural resources.

Alternative C would place greater emphasis on the use and development potential of the corridor; increased tourism and new commercial and industrial development would be encouraged to a greater degree. There would be less land management activity in alternative C, and visitor activities