

MHPA, including 6 rare or protected habitats. Fifty-seven species are proposed to be adequately protected under the MHPA. The Service would issue incidental take permits for listed animal species and covered species agreements for listed and unlisted plant and animal species that are adequately protected.

The DEIR/DEIS considers the environmental consequences of 5 alternatives, including the proposed action and no action alternatives. Under the no action or no project alternative, the regional MSCP would not be implemented. Jurisdictions would either avoid take of listed species within the planning area or apply for individual 10(a) permits on a project-by-project basis. Existing land use and environmental regulations would apply to all projects proposed within the planning area. Existing regulatory practices require mitigation for impacts to sensitive species and habitats resulting in lands being set aside for open-space preservation. Analyses indicate that the amount of land potentially conserved within the MSCP planning area under the no action alternative would be similar to that conserved under the proposed action (MHPA). However, under the no action alternative, greater habitat fragmentation would likely occur because the lands set aside for open-space preservation would not be assembled in coordination with a regional preserve design.

Other alternatives consider different preserve configurations. The coastal sage scrub (CSS) scenario would conserve 84,900 acres. According to the MSCP plan, CSS would include 21 habitats, providing adequate protection for 2 habitats, neither of which is rare. Twenty-six species would be covered under CSS. The biologically preferred (BP) scenario would conserve 167,000 acres. According to the MSCP plan, BP would include 24 habitats, adequately protecting 9. Of these 9 habitats, 7 are considered rare. Seventy-three species are proposed to be adequately protected under BP. The public lands (PL) scenario would conserve 147,000 acres. According to the MSCP plan, PL would include 24 habitats and adequately protect 6, all of which are rare. Thirty-five species are proposed to be adequately protected under PL.

Local jurisdictions would implement their respective portions of the MSCP plan. Preserve establishment would be a cooperative effort among Federal, State, and local governments and private landowners. These groups would manage habitat on certain lands they currently own and on additional lands acquired for the preserve. Additional

lands within the preserve would be acquired as compensation for impacts to habitat both inside and outside the preserve.

In addition to off-site mitigation, take within the preserve would be avoided or minimized through local land-use regulation, environmental review, and resource protection guidelines. Land-use regulations would emphasize avoidance by limiting encroachment onto sensitive biological resources. Long-term preserve management plans would be prepared to address habitat management and land-use issues. The MSCP plan provides guidelines for vegetative restoration and reintroduction, fencing, signs, fire management, grazing, predator and exotic species control, insects and disease, lighting, and other factors.

Each jurisdiction would sign an individual implementing agreement (IA) with the Service and California Department of Fish and Game to (1) obtain permits to take listed animals, (2) obtain covered species agreements and assurances for listed plants and unlisted plants and animals, and (3) identify the specific responsibilities of each party in implementing the MSCP plan. Each jurisdiction would then exercise its land-use review and approval powers in accordance with its IA and the MSCP. The 5 percent limit on interim take of coastal sage scrub, imposed as part of the NCCP program and special 4(d) rule, would be replaced by the conditions of each jurisdiction's IA.

Each jurisdiction would be expected to adopt the final configuration of the MSCP preserve within its boundary and adopt the recommendations of the MSCP through amendment of its General plan or other applicable plans. Zoning would be retained or properties rezoned, as needed, and zoning regulations amended to reflect the preserve boundaries and to achieve consistency with the MSCP plan. The MSCP guidelines for compatible land uses in and adjacent to the preserve are expected to be incorporated into the General Plan, zoning regulations, and approval process for projects, including adoption of appropriate mitigation guidelines. Procedures and regulations for interim controls will be necessary to address activities that would potentially impact sensitive habitats prior to issuance of permits to individual jurisdictions.

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Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council; Notice of Meeting

Summary: Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.), this notice announces a regularly scheduled meeting of the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council. This meeting is sponsored by the Council. Interested persons may attend, make oral statements to the Council or may file written statements for consideration. Summary minutes of the meeting will be maintained by the Coordinator for the Council at 4040 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203, and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours (7:30-4:00) Monday through Friday within 30 days following the meeting. Personal copies may be purchased for the cost of duplication.

Date: The meeting will be held on June 6, 1995, from 12:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Place: The meeting will be held at the American Automobile Association Hdqtrs., 1440 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 200, Washington, D.C.

Agenda: The Council will receive reports from the Initiatives, Boating, Ethics, and Education Committees.

Contact Person for More Information: For further information individuals may contact Chris Dlugokenski, Council Coordinator, at 703 358-1777.

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Minerals Management Service

Announcement of Workshop on Proposed Policy Options for Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Natural Gas and Oil Resource Management

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: The Minerals Management Service (MMS) will hold a workshop at the Gulf of Mexico Regional Office located at 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, Jefferson, Louisiana 70123, on June 12-13, 1995.

The agenda will cover the following policies:

- Bid Adequacy Procedures (bidding methods and number of bid and geometric average evaluation of the tract rules).
- Increased Flexibility in Length of Lease Terms, with Possible Changes in Rental Rates and Minimum Bids (and provision for suspension and