

The draft environmental impact statement should be available to the public in the spring of 1996.

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Notice of Availability of a Draft Recovery Plan for the June Sucker for Review and Comment

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of document availability and public comment period.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces the availability for public review of a draft recovery plan for the June sucker (*Chasmistes lioris*), a fish inhabiting Utah Lake and the Provo River in Utah. The Service solicits review and comment from the public on this draft recovery plan.

DATES: Comments on the draft recovery plan must be received on or before August 4, 1995 to receive consideration by the Service.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the draft recovery plan may obtain a copy by contacting the Field Supervisor, Ecological Services, Lincoln Plaza, Suite 404, 145 East 1300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84115. Written comments and materials regarding this draft recovery plan should be sent to the Field Supervisor at the Salt Lake City address given above. Comments and materials received are available on request for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Henry Maddox (see **ADDRESSES** above) at telephone (801) 524-4430.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Restoring an endangered or threatened animal or plant to the point where it is again a secure, self-sustaining member of its ecosystem is a primary goal of the Fish and Wildlife Service's (Service) endangered species program. To help guide the recovery effort, the Service is working to prepare recovery plans for most of the listed species native to the United States. Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for conservation of the species, establish criteria for the recovery levels for downlisting or delisting them, and estimate time and

cost for implementing the recovery measures needed.

The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act), as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), requires the development of recovery plans for listed species unless such a plan would not promote the conservation of a particular species. Section 4(f) of the Act, as amended in 1988, requires that public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment be provided during recovery plan development. The Service will consider all information presented during a public comment period prior to approval of each new or revised recovery plan. The Service and other Federal Agencies also will take these comments into account in the course of implementing approved recovery plans.

The June sucker (*Chasmistes lioris*) occurs only in Utah Lake and the Provo River in central Utah, although the species historically occupied the Spanish Fork River and possibly other tributaries of Utah Lake. This once common fish has declined in abundance due to a variety of human activities that have significantly altered the lake and river habitat in which the species occurs.

The June sucker was listed under the Act as an endangered species on March 31, 1986 (51 FR 10857), due to the precipitous decline in this once common fish. The species decline is believed to result from significant alterations in the species' lake and river habitat. Dams and water diversions constructed on the rivers flowing into Utah Lake have reduced water flows, altered flow regimes within the river, and dramatically increased fluctuations in the level of the lake. Increased pollution and nutrient inflow caused by urban development surrounding Utah Lake, have degraded water quality within the lake and destroyed shoreline vegetation. In addition, several species of nonnative predacious fish that may prey upon juvenile June suckers have been introduced into Utah Lake. The combination of these factors has apparently reduced the survival of young fish to the point that most fish found today are between 20 and 43 years old.

The goal of the recovery plan is increase reproduction and survival of young June sucker to increase population numbers and ensure the species' survival. Recovery actions recommended to facilitate recovery of the species include identification of habitat requirements, coordination of efforts to restore required water flows and other appropriate habitat conditions, and identification and

amelioration of the effects of predation by nonnative fish species.

Public Comments Solicited

The Service solicits written comments on the recovery plan described. All comments received by the date specified in the DATES section above will be considered prior to approval of the recovery plan.

Authority

The authority for this action is Section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533 (f).

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Klamath River Basin Fisheries Task Force; Meeting

AGENCY: U.S. 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 will meet from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 20, 1995, and from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 21, 1995.

PLACE: The meeting will be held at the Oregon Institute of Technology (Shasta Conference Center), 2301 Campus Drive, Klamath Falls, Oregon 97603.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Ronald A. Iverson, Project Leader, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1006 (1030 South Main), Yreka, California 96097-1006, telephone (916) 842-5763.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The principal agenda items at this meeting of the Klamath River Basin Fisheries Task Force will be to recommend a flow study approach for the Klamath River Basin; to recommend projects for funding through Federal and State and fishery restoration grants in the 1996 fiscal year; to decide how to proceed with a draft restoration plan amendment addressing issues on the upper Klamath River Basin; to solicit nominations for awards to recognize private landowner efforts towards restoration of anadromous fish in the Klamath Basin.