

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

Restoring an endangered or threatened species or plant to the point where it is again a secure, self-sustaining member of its ecosystem is a primary goal of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's 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 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 and other Federal agencies will also take these comments into account in the course of implementing approved recovery plans.

This Technical/Agency Draft is for *Stahlia monosperma* (cóbana negra), a tree currently known from parts of southwestern and northeastern coasts of Puerto Rico and the island of Vieques. Cóbana negra is a medium-sized evergreen tree that reaches 8 to 16 meters (25 to 50 feet) in height, and 1 to 1.5 feet in diameter. Flowers are yellow, and are produced between March and May, depending on rainfall. A thin, red, fleshy fruit is produced during late June and mid-July. Coastal development, along with its resulting dredging and filling of wetlands, poses the biggest threat to this species. This plan will describe measures necessary to recover the species, including studies of its reproductive biology and propagation.

Public Comments Solicited

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

Authority

The authority for this action is Section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1531.

Dated: September 14, 1995.
James P. Oland,
Field Supervisor.
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Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Proposed Reintroduction of Mexican Wolf to Historic Range in Southwestern United States

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public hearings.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announces its intention to conduct public hearings on its draft Environmental Impact Statement for a proposed reintroduction of Mexican wolves to the southwestern United States. The hearings will be held in Phoenix, Arizona; Socorro, New Mexico; and Austin, Texas.

DATES: The public hearings will be held in Austin, Texas on October 12, 1995; Socorro, New Mexico, on October 18; and Phoenix, Arizona, on October 19. Times and places of the hearings will be announced in the local media and in mailings to the interested public.

ADDRESSES: Questions and comments concerning the public hearings or the draft Environmental Impact Statement should be sent to David Parsons, Mexican Wolf Recovery Coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Parsons (see address above) at telephone (505) 248-6786; facsimile (505) 248-6922.

Background

In the June 27, 1995, Federal Register the Service announced the availability of a draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a proposal to reintroduce Mexican wolves to portions of its historic range in the southwestern United States. The locations and times of fourteen public open house meetings to be held from August 22 through September 21 were announced at that time. The public open house meetings are being held as scheduled. Written comments on the draft EIS will be accepted through October 31, 1995.

The Service will hold three formal public hearings (see locations listed under **DATES** above) in addition to the open house meetings to give organizations and individuals the opportunity to submit oral comments on the draft EIS. Oral statements recorded at these public hearings will be entered into the record and will carry the same weight as written comments in the

National Environmental Policy Act process. Written comments may be sent to the Service (see address above), delivered to a Service representative at one of the public open house meetings or public hearings, hand delivered to the address above, or sent by telephone facsimile using the number listed above. Oral comments may be made at one of the public hearings.

A copy of the draft EIS or draft EIS Summary may be obtained by contacting the above address. The draft EIS Summary has been sent to everyone on the Service's mailing list for information on the Mexican Wolf Recovery Program. The draft EIS is also available for inspection at public and University libraries throughout southeastern Arizona, southern New Mexico, and southwestern Texas.

Dated: September 8, 1995.
James A. Young,
Acting Regional Director, Southwest Region, Fish and Wildlife Service.
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Marine Mammal Annual Report Availability, Calendar Year 1992

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of calendar year 1992 marine mammal annual report.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has issued its 1992 annual report on administration of the marine mammals under its jurisdiction, as required by section 103(f) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972. The report covers the period January 1 to December 31, 1992, and was submitted to the Congress on August 28, 1995. By this notice, the public is informed that the 1992 report is available and that interested individuals may obtain a copy by written request to the Service.

ADDRESSES: Written requests for copies should be addressed to: Publications Unit, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Mail Stop 130-Webb, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeffrey L. Horwath, Division of Fish and Wildlife Management Assistance, Telephone (703) 358-1718.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Service is responsible for eight species of marine mammals under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior, as assigned by the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972. These species are polar bear, sea and marine otters, walrus, manatees (three species)

and dugong. The report reviews the Service's marine mammal-related activities during the report period. Administrative actions discussed include appropriations, marine mammals in Alaska, endangered and threatened marine mammal species, law enforcement activities, scientific research and public display permits, certificates of registration, research, Outer Continental Shelf environmental studies and international activities.

Dated: September 19, 1995.

John G. Rogers, Jr.,

Acting Director.

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Klamath Fishery Management Council 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 Fishery Management Council, 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 Fishery Management Council will meet from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, October 12, 1995.

PLACE: The meeting will be held at the Miner's Inn Convention Center, 122 East Miner, Yreka, California 96097.

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, (916-842-5763).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The principal agenda item at this meeting will be hearing a retrospective on the 1995 salmon fishing season from ocean recreational salmon fishing representatives, tribal fishing representatives, in-river recreational representatives, and from California and Oregon government representatives.

The Council will also hear reports on the status of the salmon and water resources. This information will be used as a starting point for technical assignments to develop options for the 1996 salmon harvest season.

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 19, 1995.

Don Weathers,

Acting Regional Director.

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Minerals Management Service

Outer Continental Shelf, Alaska Region, Beaufort Sea Lease Sale 144

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Reschedule of dates and times of public hearings.

On August 23, 1995, a notice appeared in the Federal Register (Vol. 60, No. 163, pages 43813-4) announcing the availability of the draft Environmental Impact Statement and the locations, dates, and times of public hearings for proposed oil and gas lease Sale 144 in the Beaufort Sea, Alaska.

In response to subsequent requests by community leaders in Nuiqsut and Kaktovik, Alaska, the hearings in Nuiqsut, Kaktovik, and Barrow have been rescheduled to the following dates and times.

November 6, 1995: Kisik Community Center, Nuiqsut, Alaska, 7:00 p.m.

November 7, 1995: Community Building, Kaktovik, Alaska, 6:00 p.m.

November 8, 1995: North Slope Borough Assembly Chambers, Barrow, Alaska, 7:30 p.m.

The date and time for the hearing in Anchorage, Alaska, remain unchanged.

Interested individuals, representatives of organizations, and public officials wishing to testify at the hearings are asked to contact the Regional Director at the Alaska Regional Office, 949 East 36th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99503-4302, or Ray Emerson by telephone (907) 271-6650 or toll free 1-800-764-2627 by October 20, 1995. An oral statement may be supplemented by a more complete written statement which may be submitted to a hearing official at the time of oral presentation or by mail until November 20, 1995.

Dated: September 19, 1995.

Thomas A. Readinger,

Acting Associate Director for Offshore Minerals Management.

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Outer Continental Shelf, Beaufort Sea Natural Gas and Oil Lease Sale 144

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Availability of the proposed notice of sale.

Outer Continental Shelf (OCS); Notice of Availability of the Proposed Notice of Sale for proposed Natural Gas and Oil Lease Sale 144 in the Beaufort Sea. This Notice of Availability is published pursuant to 30 CFR 256.29(c), as a matter of information to the public.

With regard to natural gas and oil leasing on the OCS, the Secretary of the Interior, pursuant to section 19 of the OCS Lands Act, as amended, provides the affected States the opportunity to review the proposed Notice of Sale.

The proposed Notice of Sale for proposed Sale 144 may be obtained by written request to the Public Information Unit, Alaska OCS Region, Minerals Management Service (MMS), 949 E. 36th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99508-4302 or by telephone at (907) 261-4010.

The final Notice of Sale will be published in the Federal Register at least 30 days prior to the date of bid opening scheduled for mid-1996.

Dated: September 15, 1995.

Cynthia Quarterman,

Director, Minerals Management Service.

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National Park Service

Final Environmental Impact Statement/General Management Plan Joshua Tree National Park, California; Notice of Approval of Record of Decision

SUMMARY: Pursuant to § 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-90, as amended) and regulations promulgated by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR Part 1505.2), the Department of the Interior, National Park Service has approved a Record of Decision on the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the General Management Plan of Joshua Tree National Park.

The National Park Service will implement the selected plan, identified as the proposal in the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the General Management Plan, issued in July, 1995.

Copies of the approved Record of Decision may be obtained from the Superintendent, Joshua Tree National Park, 74485 National Park Dr., Twentynine Palms, California, 92277, or via telephone request to the park at (619) 367-4528.

September 12, 1995.

Patricia L. Neubacher,

Field Director, Pacific West Area.

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