

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces the availability for public review of a draft revision of the southern sea otter recovery plan. This species occurs along the central coast of California, from Point Año Nuevo south to Purisima Point. The Service solicits review and comment from the public on this draft revised plan. One public workshop will be held.

**DATES:** Comments on the draft revised recovery plan must be received on or before September 24, 1996 to receive consideration by the Service. Public hearings will be held in Monterey, California on July 18, 1996, from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Public hearings will be held at the Hyatt Regency Monterey, 1 Golf Course Road, Monterey, California.

Persons wishing to review the draft revised recovery plan may obtain a copy by written request addressed to the Field Supervisor, Ventura Field Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2140 Eastman Avenue, Suite 100, Ventura, California 93003, or the Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 911 N.E. 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-4181. Written comments and materials regarding the plan should be addressed to Mr. Carl Benz at the above Ventura, California address. Comments and materials received are available upon request for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above Ventura, California address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Carl Benz at the above Ventura, California address (telephone 805-644-1766).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

The southern (California) sea otter was listed as threatened in 1977 under the Federal Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. It is also recognized as a depleted population pursuant to the Marine Mammal Protection Act. Reduced range and population size, vulnerability to oil spills, and the oil spill risk from coastal tanker traffic were the primary reasons for the threatened status. The southern sea otter population contains about 2,400 individuals and ranges between Point Año Nuevo south to Purisima Point. Approximately 17, including pups, otters are at San Nicolas Island as a result of translocation efforts to establish an experimental population. After review of new biological information, the Service, with assistance of the Southern Sea Otter Recovery

Team, drafted for public review and comment a revised recovery plan in 1991. After review of public comments on that draft and review of new technical information regarding oil spill risk to southern sea otters, the Service, with assistance of the Southern Sea Otter Recovery Team and technical consultants, has drafted for public review and comment a new revised recovery plan.

**Public Comments Solicited**

The Service solicits written comments on the recovery plan described. All comments received by the date specified 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. 1533(f).

Dated: June 12, 1996.

Thomas Dwyer,

*Acting Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 1.*

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**Issuance of Permit for Incidental Take of Endangered Species**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** On August 4, 1995, a notice was published in the Federal Register (60 FR 39964) that an application had been filed with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) by the Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency for a permit to incidentally take, pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1532 *et seq.*), the endangered Stephens' kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys stephensi*). This is in conjunction with otherwise legal activities such as private and public development and improvement projects in portions of Riverside County, California, pursuant to the Implementation Agreement that implements the Long-Term Stephens' Kangaroo Rat Habitat Conservation Plan.

Notice is hereby given that on May 3, 1996, as authorized by the provisions of the Act, the Service issued an incidental take permit PRT-805414 to the above-named party subject to certain conditions set forth therein. The permit was granted only after it was determined that it was applied for in good faith, that by granting the permit it will not lead to the jeopardy of the endangered species, and that it will be

consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in the Act.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Carlsbad Field Office, 2730 Loker Avenue West, Carlsbad, California 92008, telephone (619) 431-9440, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. weekdays.

Dated: June 14, 1996.

Thomas Dwyer,

*Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.*

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**Geological Survey**

**Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC); Public Meeting of the Standards Working Group**

**AGENCY:** Geological Survey, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is to invite public participation in a meeting of the FGDC Standards Working Group. The major topics for this meeting are: Review of the Cadastral Data Content Standards for final endorsement as an FGDC standard, development of working group membership guidelines, and reports on the status of other FGDC standards.

**TIME AND PLACE:** 9 July 1996, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. The meeting will be held in Room 0305 of the South Agriculture Building, Independence Avenue and 14th Street SW., Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Denise Perreca, FGDC Secretariat, U.S. Geological Survey, 590 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 22092; telephone (703) 648-4573; facsimile (703) 648-5755; Internet "dperreca@usgs.gov". Minutes of meetings are available by clicking on Standards at the FGDC Internet address <http://www.fgdc.gov>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FGDC is a committee of Federal agencies engaged in geospatial activities. The FGDC Standards Working Group promotes and coordinates the standards activities of the Subcommittees and Working Groups that make up the FGDC. The Standards Working Group provides guidance on FGDC standards policy and procedures, facilitates the coordination of standards activities between Subcommittees and Working Groups that have mutual interests, reviews and recommends approval of proposals for FGDC standards, reviews standards for compliance to FGDC policies and procedures, and makes recommendations to the FDGC