

Davies County, Illinois. Expansion of the scope of Ms. Ross's permit is proposed for genetic research for the purpose of survival and enhancement of the species in the wild.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Ecological Services Operations, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111-4056, and must be received within 30 days of the date of this publication.

Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Ecological Services Operations, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111-4056. Telephone: (612/725-3536 x250); FAX: (612/725-3526).

Dated: March 11, 1997.

Matthias A. Kerschbaum,
Acting Assistant Regional Director, IL, IN, MO (Ecological Services), Region 3, Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

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Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act; Meeting

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service will hold a joint meeting to discuss coordination of activities that support Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission coastal fisheries management plans under the Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act and the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act.

DATES: The meeting will be held on April 9, 1997, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and is open to the public.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Room 200AB, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Perra, National Marine Fisheries Service, at (301) 427-2014.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting is being held pursuant to Public Law 103-206, as amended, and Public Law 89-304, as amended. Minutes of the meetings will be maintained by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Room 840, 4401 North Fairfax Drive,

Arlington, Virginia 22203 and the National Marine Fisheries Service, FX2, 8484 Georgia Ave., Suite 425, Silver Spring, MD 20910, and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Friday within 30 days following the meeting.

Dated: March 10, 1997.

Gary Edwards,
Co-Chair, Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act Coordination Committee, Assistant Director—Fisheries.

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Bureau of Land Management

[NM-910-07-1020-00]

New Mexico Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of council meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), 5 U.S.C. Appendix 1, The Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), announces a meeting of the New Mexico Resource Advisory Council (RAC). The meeting will be held on April 24 and 25, 1997 at the New Mexico Activities Association building, 6600 Palomas Av NE, Albuquerque, NM. This location is near the Amberley Suites Hotel in Albuquerque, NM.

The agenda for the RAC meeting will include agreement on the meeting agenda, any RAC comments on the draft summary minutes of the last RAC meeting of January 9 and 10, 1997 in Albuquerque, NM., an update and discussion on the status of the Resource Management Plan Amendment/ Environmental Impact Statement for the RAC Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Livestock Grazing, and discussions by the RAC on off road vehicle use and access to BLM lands and other items appropriate for RAC discussion. The meeting will begin on April 24, 1997 at 8:00 a.m. The meeting is open to the public. The time for the public to address the RAC is on Thursday, April 24, 1997, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The RAC may reduce or extend the end time of 5:00 p.m. depending on the number of people wishing to address the RAC. The length of time available for each person to address the RAC will be established at the start of the public comment period and will depend on how many people there are that wish to address the RAC.

At the completion of the public comments the RAC may continue discussion on its Agenda items. The meeting on April 25, 1997, will be from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The end time of 4:00 p.m. for the meeting may be changed depending on the work remaining for the RAC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Armstrong, New Mexico State Office, Planning and Policy Team, Bureau of Land Management, 1474 Rodeo Road, P.O. Box 27115, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-0115, telephone (505) 438-7436.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Resource Advisory Council is to advise the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with the management of public lands. The Council's responsibilities include providing advice on long-range planning, establishing resource management priorities and assisting the BLM to identify State and regional standards for rangeland health and guidelines for grazing management.

Dated: March 10, 1997.

William C. Calkins,
State Director.

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Qualification for Category 5 Royalty Rate Reduction in Designated Areas of Fort Union Federal Coal Production Region

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Montana State Office, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Qualification for Category 5 Royalty Rate Reduction Region; Establishment of Competitive Royalty Rate; and Acceptance of Applications for Consideration for Royalty Relief: McLean, Mercer, and Oliver Counties, North Dakota, and Richland County, Montana.

SUMMARY: This notice is issued for the purpose of announcing: (1) The determination that the Counties of McLean, Mercer, and Oliver, North Dakota, and Richland County, Montana, within the Fort Union Federal Coal Production Region, continue to meet the criteria to qualify for royalty rate differentials under Category 5 of the Royalty Rate Reduction guidelines published February 27, 1990 (55 FR 6841), and clarified May 2, 1990 (55 FR 18401); (2) Establishment of the Category 5 royalty rate at 2.6 percent for the Counties of McLean, Mercer, and Oliver, North Dakota, and Richland