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Dated: April 4, 1997.

**Noreen K. Clough,**

*Regional Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Adaptive Harvest Management Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Fish and Wildlife Service (hereinafter Service) will conduct an open meeting on April 22, 1997, to discuss potential regulatory alternatives for setting duck-hunting seasons.

**DATES:** April 22, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** The Adaptive Harvest Management Meeting will be held at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Building, 4301 Wilson Boulevard, Room CC2, Arlington, Virginia.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul R. Schmidt, Chief, Office of Migratory Bird Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, ms 634—ARLSQ, 1849 C Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20240, (703) 358-1714.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Representatives from the Service, the Service's Migratory Bird Regulations Committee, Flyway Council Chairmen, and Flyway Council Consultants will meet on April 22, 1997, at 9:00 a.m. to discuss issues involving potential regulatory alternatives for setting duck-hunting seasons. Topics scheduled for discussion include recent Flyway Council recommendations that have broad-scale implications on harvest management and harvest distribution and the implications of possible regulatory solutions.

In accordance with Departmental policy, these meetings are open to public observation. Members of the public may submit written comments on the matters discussed to the Director.

Dated: April 7, 1997.

**Gary Edwards,**

*Acting Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### Receipt of Petition for Federal Acknowledgment of Existence as an Indian Tribe

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

This is published in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.

Pursuant to 25 CFR 83.9(a) (formerly 25 CFR 54.8(a)) notice is hereby given that the

#### Powhatan Renape Nation

Rankokus Indian Reservation, P.O. Box 225, Rancocas, New Jersey 08073-0225

has filed a petition for acknowledgment by the Secretary of the Interior that the group exists as an Indian tribe. The petition was received by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) on April 12, 1996, and was signed by members of the group's governing body.

This is a notice of receipt of petition and does not constitute notice that the petition is under active consideration. Notice of active consideration will be sent by mail to the petitioner and other interested parties at the appropriate time.

Under Section 83.9(a) (formerly 54.8(d)) of the Federal regulations, interested parties may submit factual and/or legal arguments in support of or in opposition to the group's petition. Any information submitted will be made available on the same basis as other information in the BIA's files. Such submissions will be provided to the petitioner upon receipt by the BIA. The petitioner will be provided an opportunity to respond to such submissions prior to a final determination regarding the petitioner's status.

The petition may be examined, by appointment, in the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Branch of Acknowledgment and Research, Room 3427-MIB, 1849 C Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240, Phone: (202) 208-3592.

Dated: April 7, 1997.

**Ada E. Deer,**

*Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### Indian Gaming

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Approved Tribal-State Compact.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, 25 U.S.C. § 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the **Federal Register**, notice of approved Tribal-State Compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming on Indian lands. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through her delegated authority, has approved the Tribal State Gaming Compact between Choctaw Nation and the State of Oklahoma, which was executed on December 6, 1996.

**DATES:** This action is effective April 15, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** George T. Skibine, Director, Indian Gaming Management Staff, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C. 20240, (202) 219-4068.

Dated: April 3, 1997.

**Ada E. Deer,**

*Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Intent To Amend a Resource Management Plan

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA), to consider a proposed amendment to the Box Elder Resource Management Plan (RMP). The proposed amendment would consider alternatives for Off-Highway Vehicle use in Box Elder County.

**DATES:** The comment period for identification of issues for the proposed plan amendment will commence April 15, 1997. Comments must be submitted on or before May 30, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**