

meets the requirements of section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act. If it is determined that the requirements are met, a permit will be issued for the incidental take of the California red-legged frog. The final permit decision will be made no sooner than 30 days from the date of this notice.

Dated: August 22, 1997.

Don Weathers,

Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for Issuance of an Incidental Take Permit to the Louisiana-Pacific Corporation

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior and National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service (collectively "the Services") intend to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement addressing approval and implementation of a Habitat Conservation Plan (Plan) submitted by the Louisiana-Pacific Corporation as part of an application for an incidental take permit, pursuant to section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. The Plan will cover forest management activities on Louisiana-Pacific's lands within Mendocino, Sonoma, and Humboldt counties in northern California. Louisiana-Pacific intends to request an incidental take permit for the northern spotted owl (*Strix occidentalis caurina*), coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*), American peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus anatum*), and marbled murrelet (*Brachyramphus marmoratus marmoratus*). It is anticipated the applicant may also seek coverage for approximately 50-60 unlisted species of concern (anadromous and resident fish, wildlife, and plants) under specific provisions of the permit, should these species be listed in the future.

Public Involvement

This notice is being furnished pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act Regulations (40 CFR sections 1501.7 and 1508.22) to obtain suggestions and

information from other agencies and the public on the scope of issues and alternatives to be considered in preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before September 30, 1997. Public scoping meetings, at which oral and written comments can be submitted, are scheduled for Tuesday, September 9, 1997, 2:30-4:30 p.m. & 6:30-9:30 p.m., at Ukiah Valley Conference Center, 200 South School Street, Ukiah, California 95482, and on Thursday, September 11, 1997, 6:30-9:30 p.m., at Samoa Fire Hall, Samoa, California 95564.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding the scope of the Environmental Impact Statement should be addressed to Mr. Bruce Halstead, Project Leader, Coastal California Fish and Wildlife Office, Fish and Wildlife Service, 1125 16th Street, Room 209, Arcata, California 95521-5582. Written comments may also be sent by facsimile to (707) 822-8411. Comments received will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours (Monday through Friday; 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) at the above address. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Amedee Brickey, at the above address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Louisiana-Pacific Corporation, a forest products company, owns and manages approximately 305,000 acres of commercial forest lands in northern California that will be considered for inclusion in a Plan. Approximately 230,000 acres of the land is located in coastal Mendocino and Sonoma counties, and approximately 75,000 acres in coastal Humboldt County. The Plan will evaluate various forest management alternatives for the planning area, including an alternative similar to Louisiana-Pacific's Sustained Yield Plan for Coastal Mendocino County. This Sustained Yield Plan is currently under review by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

Louisiana-Pacific's multi-species planning approach is anticipated to include the northern spotted owl, coho salmon, marbled murrelet, American peregrine falcon, and other threatened/endangered species. In addition, about 50-60 unlisted species of concern (anadromous and resident fish, wildlife, and plants) are being considered for inclusion in the Plan.

Once completed, it is expected that Louisiana-Pacific Corporation will

submit the Plan as part of the incidental take permit application process, as required under the provisions of section 10(a)(2)(A) of the Endangered Species Act. The Services will evaluate the incidental take permit application and associated Plan in accordance with section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act and its implementing regulations. The environmental review of the permit application and the Plan will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act and its implementing regulations. A No Action alternative will be considered consistent with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act.

Several streams in watersheds in which the Louisiana-Pacific Corporation owns land are listed as water quality limited under Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act. If feasible, the Environmental Protection Agency will work with the Louisiana-Pacific Corporation, other Federal agencies, the State of California, and the public to address water quality issues associated with these waterbodies at the same time the Plan is developed. It is expected that a water quality planning and management framework will be developed to establish total maximum daily loads for streams listed under section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act.

Dated: August 21, 1997.

Don Weathers,

Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Issuance of Permits for Marine Mammals

On June 26, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 123, Page 34482, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Donald Williams for a permit (PRT-830806) to import a personal sport-hunted polar bear from the Northwest Territories, Canada.

Notice is hereby given that on August 8, 1997, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On June 26, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 123, Page 34482, that an