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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service****50 CFR Part 17**

RIN 1018-AE06

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Reopening of Comment Period on Proposed Endangered Status for the Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.**ACTION:** Proposed rule; reopening of public comment period.

SUMMARY: The Fish and Wildlife Service provides notice that the comment period on the Service's proposal to list the Preble's meadow jumping mouse (*Zapus hudsonius preblei*) as endangered throughout its range (62 FR 14093, March 25, 1997) is reopened as of December 23, 1997. The Service is soliciting any new information or comments on the proposed listing of the Preble's meadow jumping mouse. The Service notes that information and data collected since the publication of the proposed rule has been or will be provided to the Service, and will become part of the record for the Service's evaluation of the proposed listing. This information includes surveys that evaluate the status of the mouse at various locations and a report on habitat requirements.

DATES: The public comment period is reopened for 30 days. All comments should be received on or before January 22, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and materials should be sent to the Colorado Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 25486, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225. Comments and materials received will be available for inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours, at the Fish and Wildlife Service's Colorado Field Office, 755 Parfet Street, Suite 361, Lakewood, Colorado.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: LeRoy W. Carlson, Colorado Field Supervisor, telephone 303/275-2370 (see **ADDRESSES** section).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

The Preble's meadow jumping mouse, a small rodent in the family Zapodidae,

is known to occur only in eastern Colorado and southeastern Wyoming. It lives primarily in heavily vegetated riparian habitats. Habitat loss and degradation caused by agricultural, residential, commercial, and industrial development have resulted in concern over its continued existence.

On March 25, 1997, the Service published a proposed rule (62 FR 14093) to list the Preble's meadow jumping mouse as an endangered species without critical habitat. On May 5, 1997, the Service extended the comment period through July 28, 1997, and announced three public hearings, which were held on May 19, 21, and 22, 1997 (62 FR 24387). The Service received additional written comments during that comment period, which are being reviewed by the Service in making its final determination whether to list the Preble's meadow jumping mouse as endangered. The Service's conclusion must include an evaluation of the best scientific and commercial data available, i.e., species abundance, new data received during the comment period, re-evaluation of existing data, and efforts being taken to protect the species.

To assist in its analysis of species status, the Service requests any comments that have not already been submitted, which provide new information or data, and/or reflect the information and data that has become available since the publication of the proposed rule. The Service (see **ADDRESSES**) can provide guidance on the availability of additional information.

Written comments may be submitted on or before January 22, 1998, to the Service office identified in the **ADDRESSES** section above. All comments must be received before the close of the comment period to be considered.

Legal notices announcing reopening of the comment period are being published in newspapers concurrently with this **Federal Register** notice.

Author: The author of this notice is Peter Plage, Colorado Field Office (see **ADDRESSES** above), telephone 303/275-2370.

Authority: Authority for this action is the ESA of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: December 17, 1997.

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Deputy Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 6, Denver, Colorado.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****50 CFR Part 679**

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Groundfish Fishery of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands; Correction

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Proposed rule; correction.

SUMMARY: NMFS is correcting the date by which comments must be received about the proposed 1998 harvest specifications for the Groundfish Fishery of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands. The correct date is January 14, 1998.

DATES: Comments must be received by January 14, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alan Kinsolving 907-586-7228.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

A proposed rule was published in the **Federal Register** on December 15, 1997 (62 FR 65638), that set forth the proposed annual TACs, prohibited species catch allowances, seasonal allowances of the pollock TAC, and amounts for the pollock and sablefish Community Development Quota reserve.

Need for Correction

As published, the proposed rule invited comments and contained the date by which comments must be received. The date is in error and NMFS is hereby correcting that error.

Correction of Publication

In the December 15, 1997, issue of the **Federal Register** (62 FR 65638), in the third column under the **DATES** heading, the wording should be corrected to read as follows:

DATES: Comments must be received by January 14, 1998.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: December 17, 1997.

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Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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