

biological resources are expected to be positive.

**Hydrology and Water Quality**—Certain conservation measures and flow regimes may alter onsite water resources, including waters of the United States [as defined in 40 CFR 230.3(s)], which are under the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) jurisdiction. Under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, the Corps is responsible for issuing a permit if a project may result in the placement of material into water of the United States. Until specific alternatives are developed, the effects on hydrology and water quality are unknown.

**Floodplains and Wetlands**—Implementation of the MSCP will have overall beneficial impacts on floodplains and wetlands, especially in maintaining or creating backwaters (wetlands) and reestablishing native riparian habitat which is essential to the recovery of species.

**Municipal and Industrial Uses**—Municipal and industrial water uses may be affected by various conservation measures that require additional water. However, it is the intent of the MSCP to accommodate these uses and optimize future opportunities while protecting threatened and endangered species and their habitat within the project area.

**Cultural Resources**—The program could disturb or affect archaeological resources, traditional cultural properties, Indian sacred sites, and Indian Trust Assets. However, it is the intent of the MSCP to avoid such effects.

**Socioeconomics**—The program may have overall beneficial socioeconomics effects on the Lower Colorado River. However, the extent of such effects will not be known until specific conservation alternatives are identified.

**Recreation**—In addressing species needs, there may be adverse impacts to localized recreational uses such as motorized boating, off-highway vehicle use, and angling.

**Water and Hydroelectric Power Uses**—Water and hydroelectric power uses may be affected by various conservation measures that involve discretionary release patterns. However, it is the intent of the MSCP to accommodate these uses while protecting threatened and endangered species and their habitat within the project area.

**Agricultural and Other Land Uses**—Current agricultural resources or operations and land uses may be impacted. Land use and cropping patterns would change with the voluntary conversion of agricultural lands to native riparian habitat or the

transfer of water rights for habitat maintenance and restoration.

**International Impacts**—Potential trans-boundary impacts to Mexico will be identified and analyzed. The project will not affect the delivery of water pursuant to the Mexico Water Treaty.

**Environmental Justice**—It is anticipated that the MSCP will not result in disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minorities and/or low income populations.

**Related Project Documentation**—It is anticipated that the EIS/EIR process will make full use (including incorporation by reference, as appropriate, pursuant to NEPA and CEQA) of the following project documents, copies of which are available for inspection at the Metropolitan Water District, Reclamation, and Service offices:

Bureau of Reclamation, Description and Assessment of Operations, Maintenance, and Sensitive Species of the Lower Colorado River—Final Biological Assessment, August 1996  
Fish and Wildlife Service, Biological and Conference Opinion on Lower Colorado River Operations and Maintenance—Lake Mead to Southerly International Boundary, April 1997.

Starting in June 1999, these documents may also be accessed through Reclamation's web site at [www.lc.usbr.gov](http://www.lc.usbr.gov).

The draft EIS/EIR is expected to be completed by June 2000.

Dated: May 5, 1999.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** As provided in Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Service announces a meeting designed to foster partnerships to enhance public awareness of the importance of aquatic resources and the social and economic benefits of recreational fishing and boating in the United States. This meeting, sponsored

by the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council (Council), is open to the public, and interested persons may make oral statements to the Council or may file written statements for consideration.

**DATES:** June 9, 1999, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, 625 First Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, Telephone (703) 548-6300, FAX (703) 548-8032.

Summary minutes of the conference will be maintained by the Council Coordinator at 1033 North Fairfax Street, Suite 200, Arlington, VA 22314, and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours within 30 days following the meeting. Personal copies may be purchased for the cost of duplication.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Laury Parramore, Council Coordinator, at 703/836-1392.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council (Council) will convene to discuss: (1) the ongoing effort to monitor and evaluate Federal agency activities pursuant to Executive Order 12962 for Recreational Fisheries; (2) the Council's role as a facilitator of discussions concerning national fisheries management issues; and (3) the Interior Secretary's approval of the Strategic Plan for the National Outreach and Communications Program and the Council's continued involvement in the administration of the plan. Under Executive Order 12962, the Council is required to monitor and annually report its findings on various Federal agencies' actions and policies for protecting, restoring, and enhancing recreational fishery resources. The Council will hear a report and recommendations from its Technical Working Group on this and other topics.

Dated: May 12, 1999.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Geological Survey

#### Privacy Act of 1974, as Amended; Systems of Records

**AGENCY:** Geological Survey, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of deletion of three systems of records.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552a), notice is hereby given that