

is subject to the Public Health System Reporting Requirements.

6. PHS Non-Use of Tobacco Policy Statement

The PHS strongly encourages all grant and contract recipients to provide a smoke-free workplace and promote the non-use of all tobacco products. In addition, Public Law 103-227, the Pro-Children Act of 1994, prohibits smoking in certain facilities (or in some cases, any portion of a facility) in which regular or routine education, library, day care, health care, or early childhood development services are provided to children. This is consistent with the PHS mission to protect and advance the physical and mental health of the American people.

7. Executive Order 12372

Applications submitted in response to the FY 2000 activity listed above are subject to the intergovernmental review requirements of Executive Order 12372, as implemented through DHHS regulations at 45 CFR Part 100. E.O. 12372 sets up a system for State and local government review of applications for Federal financial assistance. Applicants (other than Federally recognized Indian tribal governments) should contact the State's Single Point of Contact (SPOC) as early as possible to alert them to the prospective application(s) and to receive any necessary instructions on the State's review process. For proposed projects serving more than one State, the applicant is advised to contact the SPOC of each affected State. A current listing of SPOCs is included in the application guidance materials. The SPOC should send any State review process recommendations directly to: Division of Extramural Activities, Policy, and Review, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Parklawn Building, Room 17-89, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857.

The due date for State review process recommendations is no later than 60 days after the specified deadline date for the receipt of applications. SAMHSA does not guarantee to accommodate or explain SPOC comments that are received after the 60-day cut-off.

Dated: February 13, 2000.

Richard Kopanda,

Executive Officer, SAMHSA.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Availability of a Recommended Year 2000 Survey Protocol for the Endangered Quino Checkerspot Butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*)

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; survey protocol.

SUMMARY: The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces the availability of its recommended survey protocol for the 2000 field season for determining the presence/absence of the endangered Quino checkerspot butterfly. Using information gathered during 1999, we revised the "Survey Protocol for the Endangered Quino Checkerspot Butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) for the 1999 Field Season" dated January 25, 1999. The current recommended protocol entitled "Year 2000 Survey Protocol for the Endangered Quino Checkerspot Butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*)" incorporates those modifications found to be appropriate, and replaces the 1999 protocol. We will annually review and modify this survey protocol as needed to ensure that the best scientific information is incorporated into the prescribed methodology.

DATES: Data and comments on the year 2000 survey protocol received by August 4, 2000, will be considered in the development of the 2001 survey protocol.

ADDRESSES: Copies of this protocol may be obtained from the Service's Region 1 World Wide Web Home Page at <http://www.r1.fws.gov/text/quino.html> or from the Field Supervisor, Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office, 2730 Loker Avenue West, Carlsbad, California 92008. Comments and materials concerning the survey protocol should be sent to the Field Supervisor at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy Kehoe at the above address (telephone 760-431-9440, fax 760-431-9618).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The quino checkerspot butterfly was listed as an endangered species on January 16, 1997 (62 FR 2313) as result of loss and degradation of habitat, invasion by alien species, overgrazing, fires, poorly planned fire management practices, and off-road vehicle use. The historic range of the quino checkerspot

butterfly extended from the Santa Monica Mountains east and south along the foothills of the Transverse and Peninsular Ranges in California, and south into Baja California, Mexico. Adults have been found from sea level to approximately 1,500 meters (5,000 feet) and populations can be found today in southern San Diego and southwestern Riverside Counties, California. Quino checkerspot butterflies can be observed from mid-February to mid-May, depending on weather. Quino checkerspot butterflies are generally associated with sage scrub, open chaparral, grasslands, and vernal pools; especially open or sparsely vegetated areas, hilltops and ridgelines, rocky outcrops, trails, and dirt roads.

We are seeking additional information to increase our understanding of Quino checkerspot butterfly ecology and biology throughout the species' range. We intend to annually review and modify as necessary the recommended survey protocol to ensure that the best scientific information is incorporated into the prescribed methodology. Therefore, data and comments on the year 2000 survey protocol that we receive by August 4, 2000, will be considered in the development of the 2001 quino survey protocol.

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Elizabeth H. Stevens,

Acting Manager, California/Nevada Operations Office, Sacramento, California.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of scoping Meeting on Intent To Prepare a Habitat Conservation Plan and Environmental Impact Statement in Anticipation of Receiving an Endangered Species Section 10(a)(1)(B) Permit Application to Incidentally Take Listed Species From the San Marcos and Comal Springs Ecosystems by the Edwards Aquifer Authority in Their Efforts to Manage Underground Water Withdrawals From the Southern Edwards Aquifer

AGENCY: Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Office Complex, Austin, Texas.

ACTION: Notice of intent to conduct scoping meetings and prepare a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

SUMMARY: This notice advised the public that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) intends to gather information