

grasses, establishment of military training facilities at Fort Hunter Liggett and Camp Roberts, and possibly the establishment of the San Antonio Reservoir in southern Monterey County.

Pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act) (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), both varieties of *Chlorogalum purpureum* were proposed for listing as threatened species on March 30, 1998 (63 FR 15158). On June 17, 1999, our failure to issue a final rule and to make a critical habitat determination was challenged in *Southwest Center for Biological Diversity and California Native Plant Society v. Babbitt* (Case No. C99–2992 (N.D.Cal.)). The final rule listing the species *Chlorogalum purpureum*, which comprises two varieties, *Chlorogalum purpureum* var. *reductum* (Camatta Canyon amole) and *Chlorogalum purpureum* var. *purpureum* (purple amole), as threatened was published on March 20, 2000. On November 8, 2001, the proposed rule to designate critical habitat for *Chlorogalum purpureum* var. *purpureum* and *C. p.* var. *reductum* was published in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 56508). The original comment period closed on January 7, 2002. We are reopening the comment period for an additional 30 days to allow all interested parties to comment simultaneously on the proposed rule and the associated draft economic analysis.

We have proposed to designate approximately 8,898 hectares (21,980 acres) as critical habitat for *Chlorogalum purpureum* var. *purpureum* and *C. p.* var. *reductum* in Monterey and San Luis Obispo counties, California. Critical habitat receives protection from destruction or adverse modification through required consultation under section 7 of the Act with regard to actions carried out, funded, or authorized by a Federal agency that may affect the critical habitat. Section 4(b)(2) of the Act requires that we designate or revise critical habitat based upon the best scientific and commercial data available, after taking into consideration the economic, or any other relevant impact of specifying any particular area as critical habitat. Based upon the previously published proposal to designate critical habitat for *Chlorogalum purpureum* var. *purpureum* and *C. p.* var. *reductum*, we have prepared a draft economic analysis of the proposed critical habitat designation. The draft economic analysis is available on the Internet and from the mailing addresses in the Public Comments Solicited section below.

Public Comments Solicited

We will accept written comments and information during this reopened comment period. If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments and materials concerning this proposal by any of several methods:

(1) You may submit written comments and information to the Field Supervisor, Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2493 Portola Road, Suite B, Ventura, CA 93003.

(2) You may send comments by electronic mail (e-mail) to: fw1chlorogalum@r1.fws.gov. If you submit comments by e-mail, please submit them as an ASCII file and avoid the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Please also include “Attn: RIN 1018–AG75” and your name and return address in your e-mail message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the system that we have received your e-mail message, contact us directly by calling our Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office at telephone number 805/644–1766.

(3) You may hand-deliver comments to our Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office at the address given above.

Comments and materials received, as well as supporting documentation used in preparation of the proposal to designate critical habitat, will be available for inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the address under (1) above. Copies of the draft economic analysis are available on the Internet at “www.r1.fws.gov/news” or by writing to the Field Supervisor at the address under (1) above.

References Cited

A complete list of all references cited herein, as well as others, is available upon request from the Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office (see **ADDRESSES** section).

Author

The primary author of this notice is Catrina Martin (see **ADDRESSES** section).

Authority: The authority for this action is the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: April 24, 2002.

Craig Manson,

Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

50 CFR Part 17

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Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Listing the Carson Wandering Skipper as Endangered

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule; notice of reopening of comment period, and notice of public informational meeting.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce the reopening of the public comment period for the proposed rule to list the Carson wandering skipper (*Pseudocopa eodes eunus obscurus*) as endangered. The comment period is reopened to allow additional time for all interested parties to submit written comments on the proposal. Comments previously submitted need not be resubmitted as they already have been incorporated into the public record and will be fully considered in the final rule. Additionally, we are announcing that a public informational meeting will be held to share information and answer questions from interested persons regarding the species and the listing proposal.

DATES: We will accept comments until the close of business on June 6, 2002. The public meeting will be held on May 22, 2002, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Lassen County Fairgrounds Commercial Building in Susanville, California.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the draft proposal are available on the Internet at: <http://endangered.fws.gov/frpubs/01fedreg.htm> or by writing to the Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Nevada Fish and Wildlife Office, 1340 Financial Boulevard, Suite 234, Reno, NV 89502.

If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments and materials concerning this proposal by any one of several methods:

You may submit written comments and information to the Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Nevada Fish and Wildlife Office, at the above address.

You may also send comments by electronic mail (e-mail) to: fw1renoskipper@r1.fws.gov. See the Public Comments Solicited section below for file format and other information about electronic filing.

You may hand-deliver comments to our Nevada Fish and Wildlife Office,

1340 Financial Boulevard, Suite 234, Reno, NV 89502.

Comments and materials received will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marcy Haworth, Nevada Fish and Wildlife Office, at telephone 775/861-6300; facsimile 775/861-6301.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The genus *Pseudocopaeodes* in the family Hesperidae and subfamily Hesperinae (grass skippers) contains only one species, *Pseudocopaeodes eunus*. The Carson wandering skipper (*Pseudocopaeodes eunus obscurus*) is one of five subspecies in this genus and is locally distributed in grassland habitats on alkaline substrates in eastern California and western Nevada. Currently, it is known from only two populations, one in Washoe County, Nevada, and one in Lassen County, California.

Pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) (Act), we published an emergency rule to list the Carson wandering skipper as endangered on November 29, 2001 (66 FR 59537). The emergency rule provides immediate Federal protection to this subspecies for a period of 240 days. We also published a proposed rule on November 29, 2001, to list the Carson wandering skipper as endangered under our normal listing procedures (66 FR 59550).

For further information regarding background biological information, previous Federal actions, factors affecting the subspecies, and conservation measures available to the Carson wandering skipper, please refer to our emergency and proposed rules published in the **Federal Register** on November 29, 2001.

Public Comments Solicited

With this notification, we solicit additional information and comments that may assist us in making a final decision on the proposed rule to list the Carson wandering skipper as endangered. We intend that any final listing action resulting from our proposal will be as accurate and effective as possible. Therefore, we request comments and additional information from the general public, other concerned governmental agencies, the scientific community, industry, or any other interested party concerning this proposed rule. Comments are particularly sought concerning:

(1) The location of any additional populations of this subspecies, and the

reasons why any habitat should or should not be determined to be critical habitat pursuant to section 4 of the Act;

(2) Additional information regarding the range, distribution, and population size of this subspecies;

(3) Biological, commercial trade, or other relevant data regarding any threat (or lack thereof) to the Carson wandering skipper; and

(4) Current or planned activities or land use practices that could potentially impact the Carson wandering skipper.

Previously submitted written comments on this proposal need not be resubmitted. If you submit comments by e-mail, please submit them in ASCII file format and avoid the use of special characters and encryption. Please include "Attn: Carson wandering skipper" and your name and return address in your e-mail message. If you do not receive a confirmation from our system that we have received your e-mail message, contact us directly by calling our Nevada Fish and Wildlife Office at telephone number 775/861-6300. Comments and materials received will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the Nevada Fish and Wildlife Office, at the above address.

Public Meeting

A public informational meeting on the proposed listing of the Carson wandering skipper is scheduled to be held on May 22, 2002, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Lassen County Fairgrounds Commercial Building in Susanville, California. Please contact the Nevada Fish and Wildlife Office at the above address with any questions concerning this public meeting.

Author

The primary author of this notice is Marcy Haworth of the Nevada Fish and Wildlife Office (see **ADDRESSES** section).

Authority: The authority of this action is the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: April 24, 2002.

Marshall P. Jones, Jr.,

Acting Director, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 228

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Taking of the Cook Inlet (CI), Alaska, Stock of Beluga Whales by Alaska Natives, Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA)

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

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The MMPA allows NMFS to limit the subsistence harvest of marine mammals by Alaska Natives when the affected stock of marine mammals is depleted and after the opportunity for a formal hearing on the proposed regulations to limit subsistence harvest. After designating the Cook Inlet stock of beluga whales as depleted, NMFS proposed regulations to limit the subsistence harvest from this stock. In December 2000, a formal hearing was conducted on the proposed regulations. The Administrative Law Judge presiding in the hearing has submitted his recommended decision to the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries (AA). The Judge's recommended decision is available for public review, and NMFS solicits comments on his recommendations.

DATES: Comments must be received by May 27, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the recommended decision may be reviewed and/or copied at the Protected Resources Division, Alaska Regional Office, NMFS, Anchorage, AK, 99513; or at the Alaska Regional Office, Protected Resources Division, Juneau, AK 99802. Copies of the recommended decision and the entire record of the hearing may be reviewed and/or copied at the Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Comments on the recommended decision should be forwarded to the Chief, Marine Mammal Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 or submitted by facsimile to (301) 713-0376. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via the Internet or e-mail.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas Eagle, NMFS, Office of Protected Resources, (301) 713-2322, ext. 105; Barbara Mahoney, NMFS