

The results of this study would have provided needed information to determine if water quality is a limiting factor of the ecological success of shortnose sturgeon in this river system. When the initial study was conducted, however, high water temperatures and low dissolved oxygen contributed to a shortened experiment time. Although the results obtained were useful, the permit holder wants to repeat the experiment and requests authorization to obtain an additional 1000 fish for that purpose.

Dated: December 8, 2003.

Stephen L. Leathery,

Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sunshine Act, Meeting

FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT: 68 FR 68875.

PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED TIME AND DATE OF THE MEETING: 1 p.m., Wednesday, December 17, 2003.

CHANGES IN THE MEETING: The open hearing to receive testimony from industry participants relating to the Commission's consideration of the application of U.S. Futures Exchange, LLC, for contract market designation has been cancelled.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jean A. Webb, (202) 418-5100.

Jean A. Webb,

Secretary of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Performance Review Board Membership

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is given of the names of members of a Performance Review Board for the Department of the Army.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 8, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marilyn Ervin, U.S. Army Senior Executive Service Office, Assistant Secretary of the Army, Manpower & Reserve Affairs, 111 Army Pentagon, Washington, DC 20310-0111.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 4314(c)(1) through (5) of Title 5, U.S.C., requires each agency to establish, in accordance with regulations, one or more Senior Executive Service performance review boards. The boards shall review and evaluate the initial appraisal of senior executives' performance by supervisors and make recommendations to the appointing authority or rating official relative to the performance of these executives.

The members of the Performance Review Board for the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command, U.S. Army Materiel Command are:

1. Ms. L. Marlene Cruze (Chair), Executive Director, Acquisition Center, U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command.

2. Mr. Michael C. Schexnayder, Associate Director for Systems Missiles, Aviation and Missile Research, Development, and Engineering Center.

3. Mr. John R. Chapman, Executive Director, Integrated Materiel Management Center, U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command.

4. Mr. Paul Bogosian, Deputy Program Executive Officer, Aviation, Army Acquisition Executive.

5. Mr. William C. Reeves, Jr., Director, Integration/Interoperability for Missile Defense and Assistant to the Deputy Commanding General for Research, Development and Acquisition, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command.

6. Dr. Robin B. Buckelew (Alternate), Director, Missile Guidance Directorate, Aviation and Missile Research, Development, and Engineering Center.

The members of the Performance Review Board for the U.S. Army Research Laboratory, U.S. Army Materiel Command are:

1. Mr. Michael C. Schexnayder (Chair), Associate Director for Systems Missiles, Aviation and Missile Research, Development, and Engineering Center.

2. Dr. Chine I. Chang, Director, Army Research Office.

3. Dr. Grace M. Bochenek, Vice President for Research, Tank-Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center.

4. Dr. John A. Parmentola (Alternate), Director for Research and Laboratory Management, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology).

5. Dr. James D. Gannt (Alternate), Deputy Director, Computational and Information Sciences Directorate, U.S. Army Research Laboratory.

6. Mrs. Barbara A. Leiby (Alternate), Deputy Chief of Staff for Resource Management, Headquarters, U.S. Army Materiel Command.

The members of the Performance Review Board for the U.S. Army Tank-automotive Command, U.S. Army Materiel Command are:

1. Dr. Richard E. McClelland (Chair), President/Director, U.S. Army Tank-Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center.

2. Mr. John F. Hedderich, III, Associate Technical Director (Systems Concepts and Technology), Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center.

3. Mr. Michael C. Schexnayder, Associate Director for Systems Missiles, Aviation and Missile Research, Development, and Engineering Center.

4. Mr. Anthony B. Sconyers, Chief Counsel, Procurement and Readiness, U.S. Army Operations Support Command.

The members of the Performance Review Board for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Army element are:

1. Mr. Alfred G. Volkman, Director, International Cooperation, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense, Acquisition, Technology and Logistics.

2. Mr. Barry Pavel, Principal Director, Office of the Secretary of Defense.

3. Mr. James Q. Roberts, Principal Director, Special Operations and Combating Terrorism, Office of the Secretary of Defense.

4. Mr. James J. Townsend, Principal Director for European and North Atlantic Treaty Organization Policy.

Luz D. Ortiz,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for a Proposed Reservoir Operating Plan in Conjunction With the Reservoir Operating Plan Evaluation Study for the Mississippi Headwaters

AGENCY: Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The headwaters region of the Mississippi River, located in north-central Minnesota, contains a number of reservoirs operated by various private and public entities, including the Corps of Engineers (Corps) and the U.S. Forest Service (Forest Service). The current operating plans for the Corps and Forest Service reservoirs were developed over 40 years ago and are in need of revision

because of changes in environmental, social, and economic conditions in the region. It is unlikely that the current operating plans provide the greatest net benefit to the resources of the whole system. Furthermore, the operations of the non-Federal (State and privately owned) reservoirs are not coordinated with the Federal reservoir operations. This hinders system-wide objectives such as flood damage reduction for properties adjacent to and downstream of the reservoirs.

The proposed action is to develop a coordinated system-wide operational plan for implementation by the Corps and the Forest Service with recommendations for the operations of the non-Federal dams. The goal of this proposed action is to optimize the system benefits for all affected resources. Some resources may be adversely affected as a result of the proposed action. It is possible that other projects, such as dam modifications and habitat improvement projects, may be recommended under the Reservoir Operating Plan Evaluation (ROPE); however, the implementation of such projects may require additional planning and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) processes.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions about the proposed action and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) can be directed to: Colonel Robert L. Ball, District Engineer, St. Paul District, Corps of Engineers, ATTN: Mr. Terry J. Birkenstock, Chief, Environmental and Economic Analysis Branch, 190 Fifth Street East, St. Paul, MN 55101-1638, telephone: (651) 290-5264.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The ROPE Study focuses on the Mississippi River between St. Paul and Bemidji, Minnesota. The headwaters region of the Mississippi River, located in north-central Minnesota, contains a number of reservoirs operated by various public and private entities. For example, the Corps operates dams on the following waterbodies: Leech Lake, Lake Winnibigoshish, Big Sandy Lake, Pine River (Whitefish Lake Chain), Pokegama Lake, and Gull Lake. Knutson Dam on Cass Lake is operated by the Forest Service. The Stump Lake Dam controls the Lake Bemidji lake chain and is operated by Ottertail Power Company. Similarly, Minnesota Power operates a power dam on the Prairie River upstream of Aitkin, Minnesota. Mud Lake Dam, located downstream from Leech Lake, is operated by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, primarily for fish and wildlife purposes.

The original authorized purpose for the Corps dams was to provide low flow augmentation for navigation on the Mississippi River as far south as the Twin Cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis. However, flood control, recreation, hydropower, water supply, and enhanced fish and wildlife production have subsequently been added as authorized project purposes. Knutson Dam is operated by the Forest Service primarily to maintain lake levels for recreational navigation and environmental purposes.

The ROPE Study and its associated NEPA documentation will be prepared by the Corps and the Forest Service. The Corps will act as the lead agency and the Forest Service will act as a cooperating agency. The primary focus of the ROPE Study will be the operation of the Federal dams in the study area; however, system-wide planning and coordination with the operators of the non-Federal dams will be included as a part of the study effort to the extent that cooperation and resources permit.

A number of general operational changes have been identified that, individually or in combination, will be considered study alternatives. These include changes to current reservoir levels, minimum flow requirements, outflow rates-of-change (ramping), and the timing of and need for reservoir drawdowns. This study will evaluate an alternative plan for dam operation to more closely mimic natural hydrology, and a no-action alternative with no changes to the current operating plans.

Significant resources and issues to be addressed in the DEIS will be determined through coordination with Federal agencies, State agencies, tribal governments, local governments, the general public, interested private organizations, and industry. Anyone who has an interest in participating in the development of the DEIS is invited to contact the St. Paul District, Corps of Engineers.

To date, the following areas of discussion have been identified for inclusion in the DEIS:

1. Navigation (to the extent it is still a Federal project purpose for the headwaters reservoirs).
2. Treaty rights, tribal trust resources, and other areas of special tribal interest such as wild ricing, fishing, and hunting.
3. Flood damage reduction (around the lakes and along the receiving rivers).
4. Fish and wildlife (with an emphasis on enhancement, restoration, and preservation of lake, river, and floodplain habitats).
5. Recreation and related tourism.

6. Water quality (contaminants, nutrients, dissolved oxygen, *etc.*) and water quantity (including low flow augmentation, drought reduction, waste assimilation, and water supply).

7. Erosion and sedimentation (lake and riverine damage).

8. Hydropower.

9. Archeological, cultural, and historic resources.

Additional areas of interest may be identified through the scoping process, which will include public and agency meetings. A notice of these meetings will be provided to interested parties and to local news media.

The Corps has determined that the selection of a combined operating plan for the federally operated headwaters reservoirs has the potential to significantly affect the quality of the human environment. Therefore, the Corps and the Forest Service have jointly determined that the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is appropriate.

An environmental review will be conducted under the NEPA of 1969 and other applicable laws and regulations. It is anticipated that the DEIS will be available for public review in the winter of 2004-2005.

Dated: September 8, 2003.

Robert L. Ball,

Colonel, Corps of Engineers, District Engineer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-301-100]

ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Negotiated Rate Filing

December 5, 2003.

Take notice that on December 2, 2003, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR) tendered for filing and approval two amendments to an existing negotiated rate service agreement between ANR and Madison Gas & Electric Company.

ANR requests that the Commission accept and approve the two subject negotiated rate agreement amendments to be effective on November 1, 2003 and December 1, 2003, respectively.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions