

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Fish and Wildlife Service****Notice of Meetings of the Klamath Fishery Management Council**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. I), this notice announces three meetings of the Klamath Fishery Management Council, established under the authority of the Klamath River Basin Fishery Resources Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 460ss *et seq.*). All meetings are open to the public. The Klamath Fishery Management Council makes recommendations to agencies that regulate harvest of anadromous fish in the Klamath River Basin. The objectives of these meetings are to hear technical reports, to discuss and develop Klamath fall Chinook salmon harvest management options for the 2004 season, and to make recommendations to the Pacific Fishery Management Council and other agencies.

**DATES:** The first meeting will be from 12 p.m. on March 1, 2004, to 5 p.m. on March 3, 2004. The second meeting will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on March 8, 2004. At the March 8, 2004, meeting, the Klamath Fishery Management Council may schedule short follow-up meetings to be held between March 9–12 at the same location. The third meeting will be from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. on April 4, 2004. At the April 4, 2004, meeting, the Klamath Fishery Management Council may schedule short follow-up meetings to be held between April 5–9 at the same location.

**ADDRESSES:** The March 1–3, 2004 meeting will be held at the Yurok Tribal Headquarters, 15900 Highway 101, Klamath, California 95548. The March 8–12, 2004, meeting will be held at the Sheraton Tacoma Hotel, 1320 Broadway Plaza, Tacoma, Washington. The April 4–9, 2004, meeting will be held at the Red Lion Hotel Sacramento, 1401 Arden Way, Sacramento, California. The March, 2004, meeting in Tacoma, Washington, and the April, 2004, meeting in Sacramento, California, are held concurrent with the meetings of the Pacific Fishery Management Council.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Phil Detrich, Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1829 South Oregon Street, Yreka, California 96097, telephone (530) 842–5763.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** For background information on the Klamath

Fishery Management Council, please refer to the notice of their initial meeting that appeared in the **Federal Register** on July 8, 1987 (52 FR 25639).

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Reclamation****Environmental Water Account, San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, California**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR).

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) and the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) have prepared a Final EIS/EIR for the Environmental Water Account (EWA).

The purpose of the EWA is to provide water for the protection and recovery of at-risk native fish species beyond the amount of water available from existing regulatory actions related to State Water Project/Central Valley Project operations.

The Notice of Availability of the Draft EIS/EIR was published in the **Federal Register** on Wednesday, July 16, 2003, (66 FR 42130). The written comment period on the Draft EIS/EIR ended Monday, September 15, 2003. The Final EIS/EIR contains responses to all comments received and changes made to the text of the Draft EIS/EIR as a result of those comments and any additional information received during the review period.

**DATES:** Reclamation will not make a decision on the proposed action until at least 30 days after release of the Final EIS/EIR. After the 30-day waiting period, Reclamation will complete a Record of Decision (ROD). The ROD will state the action that will be implemented and will discuss all factors leading to the decision.

**ADDRESSES:** A compact disc of the Final EIS/EIR may be requested from Ms. Sammie Cervantes, Bureau of Reclamation, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825, or by calling 916–978–5104, TDD 916–978–5608, or by e-mail at [scervantes@mp.usbr.gov](mailto:scervantes@mp.usbr.gov).

The Final EIS/EIR is accessible at the following Web sites: <http://www.mp.usbr.gov> or <http://www.dwr.water.ca.gov>.

See Supplemental Information section for locations where a compact disc of the Final EIS/EIR is available for review.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The EWA is a cooperative management program, the purpose of which is to provide protection to the at-risk native fish species of the Bay-Delta estuary through environmentally beneficial changes in SWP and CVP operations at no uncompensated water cost to the projects' water users. This approach to fish protection requires the acquisition of alternative sources of water supply, called EWA assets, that allow export pumping in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to be modified to provide fishery benefits while also replacing the regular project water supply that otherwise might be interrupted or lost because of the changes to project operations. EWA assets may also be used to augment streamflows and Delta outflow.

Public workshops to discuss the purpose and content of the Draft EIS/EIR were held on the following dates and locations: Wednesday, July 16, 2003, in San Diego, CA; Monday, July 21, 2003, in Red Bluff, CA; Tuesday, July 22, 2003, in Fresno, CA; Wednesday, July 23, 2003, in Tracy, CA; and Tuesday, July 29, 2003, in Sacramento, CA. Public hearings were held on Monday, August 25, 2003, in Sacramento, CA; Tuesday, August 26, 2003, in Red Bluff, CA; and Thursday, August 28, 2003, in Fresno, CA.

A compact disc of the Final EIS/EIR is available for review at the following locations:

- Department of Water Resources, Division of Environmental Services, 3251 S Street, Sacramento, CA 95816;
- Bureau of Reclamation, Public Affairs Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825;
- California Bay-Delta Authority, 650 Capitol Mall, 5th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95812;
- Bureau of Reclamation, Denver Office Library, Building 67, Room 167, Denver Federal Center, 6th and Kipling, Denver, CO 80225, 303–445–2072;
- Natural Resources Library, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW., Main Interior Building, Washington, DC 20240–0001; and