

fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), the longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), the Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus wootoni*), the San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*), and the vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of each species in California and Oregon for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No.: TE-081296.

Applicant: Loafer Creek Management, Oroville, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), the longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), and the vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of each species in California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No.: TE-081306.

Applicant: Howard O. Clark, Fresno, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (spotlight, capture, radio collar, mark, collect biological samples, and release) the San Joaquin kit fox (*Vulpes macrotis mutica*) in conjunction with scientific research throughout the range of the species for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No.: TE-081529.

Applicant: Sandia National Laboratories, Livermore, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, and release) the California tiger salamander Sonoma County distinct population segment (*Ambystoma californiense*) in conjunction with surveys in Sonoma County, California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No.: TE-039161.

Applicant: Lara Tikkanen Reising, La Mesa, California.

The permittee requests an amendment to take (monitor nests) the least Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*), and take (harass by survey and monitor nests) the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) in conjunction with demographic studies in San Diego County, California, for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No.: TE-054011.

Applicant: John Green, Riverside, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (monitor nests) the least Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*) in conjunction with demographic studies in San Diego, San Bernardino, Orange, and Riverside

Counties, California, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

We solicit public review and comment on each of these recovery permit applications.

Dated: February 12, 2004.

Michael Fris,

Acting Manager, California/Nevada Operations Office, Region 1, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

North American Wetlands Conservation Council Meeting Announcement

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The North American Wetlands Conservation Council (Council) will meet to select North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) grant proposals for recommendation to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission (Commission). The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: March 9, 2004, 1-4 pm.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Ni Source, 801 East 86th Avenue, Merrillville, Indiana. The Council Coordinator is located at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop: MBSP 4501-4075, Arlington, Virginia 22203.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David A. Smith, Council Coordinator, (703) 358-1784 or dbhc@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with NAWCA (Pub. L. 101-233, 103 Stat. 1968, December 13, 1989, as amended), the State-private-Federal Council meets to consider wetland acquisition, restoration, enhancement, and management projects for recommendation to, and final funding approval by, the Commission. Proposal due dates, application instructions, and eligibility requirements are available through the NAWCA Web site at <http://birdhabitat.fws.gov>. Proposals require a minimum of 50 percent non-Federal matching funds. Canadian and U.S. Small grant proposals will be considered at the Council meeting. The tentative date for the Commission meeting is June 16, 2004.

Dated: February 17, 2004.

Paul Schmidt,

Assistant Director—Migratory Birds and State Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Meeting Announcement

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Announcement of Denali National Park Subsistence Resource Commission meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act that a meeting of the Denali National Park Subsistence Resource Commission will be held at Healy, Alaska. The purpose of the meeting will be to review Federal Subsistence Board wildlife proposals and continue work on National Park Service subsistence hunting program recommendations including other related subsistence management issues. The meeting will be open to the public. Any person may file with the Commission a written statement concerning the matters to be discussed.

The Subsistence Resource Commission is authorized under Title VIII, Section 808, of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, Pub. L. 96-487, and operates in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Friday, March 5, 2004, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Nord Haven Motel, Healy, Alaska. GSA regulations (41 CFR 102-3.150) governing advisory committee meetings allow us, in exceptional circumstances, to give less than 15 days advance notice prior to an advisory committee meeting. It is necessary for us to publish this notice less than 15 days prior to the meeting so that the work of the committee can be made available for consideration at the March 9, 2004, meeting of the Southcentral Regional Advisory Council meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Hollis Twitchell, Subsistence and Cultural Resources Manager at (907) 683-9544 or (907) 455-0673.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting will be published in local newspapers and announced on local radio stations prior to the meeting dates. Locations and dates may need to be changed based on weather or local circumstances.

The following agenda items will be discussed:

1. Call to order.
2. Roll call and confirmation of quorum.
3. Superintendent's welcome and introductions.
4. Approval of minutes from last Commission meeting.
5. Additions and corrections to draft agenda.
6. Public and other agency comments.
7. Old Business.
 - a. Cantwell Resident Zone Hunting Plan.
 - b. Denali Backcountry Management Plan.
 - c. North Access and Facilities Studies.
 - d. Predator-Prey research studies.
8. New Business.
 - a. Federal Subsistence Wildlife proposals for 2004–2005.
 - b. ATV use in Denali.
 - c. Alaska Board of Game Wildlife Proposals 2004–2005.
 9. NPS reports and updates.
 - a. Moose surveys: Kantishna Hills, Cantwell areas.
 - b. Salmon Surveys.
 - c. Community Harvest Assessments.
 - d. Visitor Center Interpretative Displays.
 - e. Nikolai-Telida Village History Report.
 - f. October 2003 SRC Chairs Workshop Report.
10. Public and other agency comments.
11. Set time and place of next Denali SRC meeting.
12. Adjournment.

Draft minutes of the meeting will be available for public inspection approximately six weeks after the meeting from: Superintendent, Denali National Park and Preserve, P.O. Box 9, Denali Park, AK 99755.

Dated: February 20, 2004.

Kathryn C. Collins,

Acting Regional Director, Alaska.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Under the Clean Air Act

Under 28 CFR 50.7, notice is hereby given that on February 12, 2004, a proposed consent decree in *United States v. J.R. Simplot Company*, Case No. CV–S–04–0162–KJD–PAL, was lodged with the United States District Court for the District of Nevada.

In this action, the United States sought injunctive relief and civil

penalties under section 113(b) of the Clean Air Act (“CAA”) against Simplot for violations of permitting and new source review requirements of the CAA and the federally enforceable State Implementation Plan for Nevada at Simplot's silica sand processing facility in Overton, Nevada. The consent decree requires Simplot to: (1) Install air pollution control equipment and modify processes at its facility, (2) modify its permits, and (3) pay a civil penalty of \$525,000.

The Department of Justice will receive for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication comments relating to the consent decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044–7611 with a copy to Robert Mullaney, U.S. Department of Justice, 301 Howard Street, Suite 1050, San Francisco, CA 94105, and should refer to *United States v. J. R. Simplot Company*, D.J. Ref. #90–5–2–1–06987.

The consent decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney, 333 Las Vegas Blvd. South, Suite 5000, Las Vegas, Nevada, and at U.S. EPA Region 9, Office of Regional Counsel, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, California. During the public comment period, the consent decree may also be examined on the following Department of Justice Web site: <http://www.usdoj.gov/enrd/open.html>. A copy of the consent decree may also be obtained by mail from the Consent Decree Library, P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044–7611 or by faxing or e-mailing a request to Tonia Fleetwood (tonia.fleetwood@usdoj.gov), fax no. (202) 514–0097, phone confirmation under (202) 514–1547. In requesting a copy from the Consent Decree Library, please enclose a check in the amount of \$24.25 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the U.S. Treasury.

Ellen M. Mahan,

Assistant Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section, Environment and Natural Resources Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA)

In accordance with Departmental Policy, 28 U.S.C. 50.7, notice is hereby given that on February 11, 2004, a proposed Consent Decree in *United States v. Sporting Goods Properties, Inc.*, Civil Action No. 3:04 CV 242 (PCD), was lodged with the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut.

In this action, the United States sought recovery for natural resource damages relating to the release of hazardous substances, including lead, and lead shot, at the site known as the Remington Gun Club—Lordship Point Gun Club Site, located in Stratford, Connecticut (“the Site”). The United States filed its complaint pursuant to section 107(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (“CERCLA”), 42 U.S.C. 9607(a), seeking recovery of all damages resulting from injuries to natural resources related to the Site, and the reasonable costs incurred in assessing such injuries. The complaint names defendant sporting Goods Properties, Inc. as the current owner of the Site and as the owner at the time of the release of hazardous substances. Sporting Goods Properties, Inc. was known as the Remington Arms Company, Inc. before November 30, 1993. The proposed Consent Decree resolves the United States' natural resource damage claims against Sporting Goods Properties, Inc. Under the proposed Decree, the settling defendant agrees to pay approximately \$250,000 in compensation for natural resource damages, and reimbursement for assessment costs. In addition, the settling defendant is required to install an indigenous grassland community at the Site.

The Department of Justice will receive for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication comments relating to the proposed Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044–7611, and should refer to *United States v. Sporting Goods Properties, Inc.*, D.J. Ref. 90–11–2–06638.

The proposed Consent Decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney, Connecticut Financial Center, New Haven, CT. During the public comment period, the Consent