

program's Notice of Funding Availability includes: a project summary and narrative; letter of appropriate government endorsement; brief curricula vitae for key project personnel; and complete standard forms 424, 424a and 424b. Proposals from U.S. applicants also include a copy of the organization's Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (NICRA) (if applicable). The project summary and narrative is the basis for this information collection request for approval, and allows the review panel to assess how well the project addresses the priorities identified by the Act. As all of the projects under this Act will be conducted outside the United States, the letter of appropriate government endorsement ensures that the proposed activities will not meet with local resistance or work in opposition to locally identified priorities and needs. Brief curricula vitae for key project personnel allow the review panel to assess the qualifications of project staff to effectively carry out the project goals and objectives. Although the standard forms are only required for U.S. financial assistance applicants, we ask all applicants to submit these forms in order to allow for more uniformity across all proposals. As all Federal entities are required to honor the indirect cost rates an organization has negotiated with their cognizant agency, we require all organizations with a NICRA to submit the agreement paperwork with their proposals to verify how their rate is applied in their proposed budget.

We believe the information requested in this collection, outside of the required standard forms, is the minimum information necessary to allow the review panel sufficient technical, financial, and administrative information to determine the merits of each proposal, and to select the best projects for funding.

Title: Marine Turtle Conservation Fund Grant Program.

OMB Control Number: 1018-0128.
Service Form Numbers: None.

Frequency of Collection: Annually.

Description of Respondents: Foreign governments; domestic and foreign nongovernmental organizations, and individuals.

Total Annual Responses: 95 responses (55 proposals, 40 reports).

Total Annual Burden Hours: 1260 hours (12 hours/proposal and 15 hours/report).

Several recent applicants provided comments on (1) the clarity of the submission instructions, (2) the estimated length of time to complete a submission, and (3) ways to improve the

documents. Most of the comments related to difficulties encountered filling in the standard Federal forms where English was not the applicant's first language. To provide better service to this worldwide program, we are developing additional instructions for filling in the standard forms in a variety of languages including Spanish, French and Portuguese. We will publish these instructions on our Web site in the future.

We again invite comments concerning this collection on: (1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether or not the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden on the public; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond.

Dated: January 26, 2006.

Hope Grey,
*Information Collection Clearance Officer,
Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Proposed Candidate Conservation Agreement With Assurances for the Columbia Spotted Frog at Sam Noble Springs, Owyhee County, ID

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The State of Idaho (Idaho Department of Lands and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game) have applied to the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for an enhancement of survival permit pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The permit application includes a proposed Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances for the Columbia spotted frog at Sam Noble Springs, Owyhee County, Idaho (Agreement) between the Service, and the State of Idaho. Also available is a draft environmental assessment evaluating the proposed Agreement and permit.

Under the proposed Agreement, the parties would implement conservation measures for Columbia spotted frogs (*Rana luteiventris*; CSF) over approximately 680 acres (275 ha) in Owyhee County, Idaho. The intent of the proposed Agreement would be to

conserve CSFs by protecting and enhancing habitat and populations, in a manner that is consistent with the State's land use activities and the Agreement. The proposed term of the Agreement and the permit is 22 years. The Service has prepared a draft Environmental Assessment for approval of the Agreement and issuance of the permit.

We request comments from the public on the permit application, proposed Agreement, and the draft Environmental Assessment. All comments we receive, including names and addresses, will become part of the administrative record and may be released to the public.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before March 3, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Carmen Thomas, Project Biologist, Fish and Wildlife Service, 1387 S. Vinnell Way, Room 368, Boise, Idaho 83709 (telephone: 208/378-5243; facsimile: 208/378-5262).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carmen Thomas at the above address or telephone 208/378-5243.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Document Availability

You may obtain copies of the documents for review by contacting the individual named above. You also may make an appointment to view the documents at the above address during normal business hours.

Background

Under a Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances, participating landowners voluntarily implement conservation activities on their property to benefit species that are proposed for listing under the Act, or other sensitive species. Candidate Conservation Agreements with Assurances encourage private and other non-Federal property owners to implement conservation efforts, and reduce threats to unlisted species by assuring them they will not be subjected to increased property use restrictions, beyond those identified in the agreement, if the species is listed in the future under the Act. Application requirements and issuance criteria for enhancement of survival permits through Candidate Conservation Agreements with Assurances are found in 50 CFR 17.22(d) and 17.32(d).

Populations of the CSF are found from Alaska and British Columbia to Washington east of the Cascades, eastern Oregon, Idaho, the Bighorn Mountains of Wyoming, the Mary's, Reese, and Owyhee River systems of Nevada, the Wasatch Mountains, and

the western desert of Utah (Green *et al.* 1997). Genetic evidence (Green *et al.* 1997) indicates that CSFs may be a single species with three subspecies, or may be several weakly-differentiated species. The Service currently recognizes four populations based on disjunct distribution: Northern, Great Basin, Wasatch, and West Desert. CSFs are believed to be abundant within the Northern population of the species' range from Alaska to Wyoming (Gomez 1994). The other three disjunct populations (Great Basin, Wasatch, and West Desert) received candidate status in 1993 based on the loss of subpopulations in a number of areas in Nevada (58 FR 27260). At that time, the Great Basin population was given a listing priority of 9; in 2001 the priority was raised to 3 (the highest listing rank possible for a subspecies), based upon the discovery of *Chytridiomycosis* in the Owyhee subpopulation, declining numbers, and the imminence of threats. The CSF is known to occur in Owyhee and Twin Falls counties, Idaho.

Columbia Spotted Frogs at Sam Noble Springs are part of the Great Basin Population of frogs, which is a candidate for listing under the Act. Threats to this population mainly include impacts to, or loss of, habitat—specifically, the loss of perennial wetlands used for feeding, breeding, hibernating, and migrating. Improperly managed livestock grazing practices and water use in areas where frogs occur may contribute to habitat loss. The State of Idaho has an opportunity at Sam Noble Springs to address effects of livestock grazing on CSF habitat while continuing to meet their management needs. By entering into the proposed Agreement with the Service, the State of Idaho would help ensure long-term protection of a population of a species that is a candidate for listing under the Act, by significantly reducing the risk of impacts to CSF habitat, while reducing any long-term regulatory risk to their ability to generate funds from those lands if CSFs were listed and take prohibitions limited their ability to lease those lands for livestock grazing.

As a result of this conservation opportunity and potential regulatory concern, the State of Idaho developed the proposed Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances for the CSF at Sam Noble Springs, Owyhee County, Idaho, in cooperation with the Service, and is applying to the Service for a permit under section 10(a) of the Act, authorizing incidental take of CSFs.

Under the proposed Agreement and permit, the State of Idaho and the Service would implement various conservation measures on the Sam

Noble Springs parcel. The conservation measures under the proposed Agreement are intended to reduce all threats to the CSF that are controllable by the State of Idaho within the project area. Conservation measures that would be implemented within the project area include: (1) Altered timing and intensity of livestock grazing; (2) installation of grazing management structures; (3) creation of additional livestock watering ponds; (4) installation and operation of a water collection facility serving a livestock watering trough; (5) maintenance of existing livestock watering ponds; (6) management of vegetation in and adjacent to occupied CSF habitat; and (7) monitoring of CSF populations and habitat condition to determine effectiveness and compliance with the Agreement. If issued, the permit would authorize incidental take of CSFs as a result of specified land management practices related to agriculture, livestock management, and CSF habitat restoration.

We provide this notice pursuant to section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act and implementing regulations for the National Environmental Policy Act (40 CFR 1506.6), in order to solicit public review and comments on the permit application and a related environmental assessment. Comments received will be considered in the course of our evaluation of the proposed permit under section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act and National Environmental Policy Act. We will not make our final decision on the application until after completion of the comment period and will fully consider all comments received during the comment period.

Dated: January 26, 2006.

David J. Wesley,

Deputy Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Portland, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Klamath River Basin Fisheries Task Force

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: We, the Fish and Wildlife Service, announce a meeting of the Klamath River Basin Fisheries Task Force. The meeting is open to the public. The purpose of the meeting is to allow affected interests to continue

providing recommendations to us on implementation of our program to restore anadromous fisheries, including salmon and steelhead, in the Klamath River in California and Oregon.

DATE: The meeting will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on February 8, 2006, and from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on February 9, 2006.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Best Western Beachfront Inn, 16008 Boat Basin Road, Brookings, Oregon.

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: Under section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. I), we announce a meeting of the Klamath River Fisheries Task Force. This task force was established under the Klamath River Basin Fishery Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 460ss *et seq.*).

For background information on the Task Force, please refer to the **Federal Register** notice of the initial meeting (July 8, 1987, 52 FR 25639).

Dated: January 25, 2006.

John Engbring,

Acting California/Nevada Operations Manager, California/Nevada Office, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Amendment to Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation's Proposed Coyote Business Park, Umatilla County, OR

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Bureau of Indian Affairs is amending its Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation's Proposed Coyote Business Park, Umatilla County, Oregon, which was published in the **Federal Register** on December 16, 2005 (70 FR 74844). This amendment adds 18 days to the public comment period. All of the other information in the December 16, 2005, notice remains unchanged.

DATES: Written comments on the DEIS must now arrive by February 17, 2006.