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Regional Director, Region 5, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Hadley, Massachusetts.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Revised Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment for Innoko National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska

AGENCY: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service, we), will be developing a revised Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and Environmental Assessment (EA) for Innoko National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge). We will use special mailings, newspaper articles, and other media announcements to inform the public of opportunities to provide input throughout the planning process. We will hold public meetings in communities near the Refuge (Grayling, Anvik, Shageluk, Holy Cross, Kaltag, McGrath and Takotna).

DATES: Please provide written comments on the scope of the CCP revision on or before 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice.

ADDRESSES: Address comments, questions, and requests for further information to: Rob Campellone, Planning Team Leader, Division of Conservation Planning and Policy, 1011 East Tudor Rd., MS-231, Anchorage, Alaska 99503. Comments may be faxed to (907) 786-3965, or e-mail to Innoko_Plan@fws.gov. Additional information about the refuge is available on the Internet at: <http://alaska.fws.gov/nwr/planning/innpol.htm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rob Campellone, Planning Team Leader, at (907) 786-3982.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Established by the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (94 Stat. 2371) in 1980, Innoko Refuge covers some 3,850,000 acres and is one of the most important waterfowl areas in west central interior Alaska. Approximately half of the refuge consists of wetlands set with innumerable lakes and ponds of varying size. The remainder is marked by hills,

most of which are less than one thousand feet in elevation. Almost one-third of the refuge is designated Wilderness. The route of the historic Iditarod Trail crosses the Refuge.

Refuge purposes include (1) Conservation of fish and wildlife populations and habitats in their natural diversity including, but not limited to, waterfowl peregrine falcons, other migratory birds, black bear, moose, furbearers, and other mammals and salmon; (2) fulfilling the international treaty obligations of the United States with respect to fish and wildlife and their habitats; (3) providing, in a manner consistent with purposes (1) and (2) above, the opportunity for continued subsistence by local residents; and ensuring, to the maximum extent practicable and in a manner consistent with purpose (1) above, water quality and necessary water quantity within the refuge.

We furnish this notice in accordance with the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 668dd-688ee), and Service policies.

These laws and policies require all lands within the National Wildlife Refuge System to be managed in accordance with an approved CCP. A CCP is a 15-year plan for managing a refuge. Refuge goals and objectives are identified in a CCP. During the CCP process, we will consider many elements, including conservation of the Refuge's fish and wildlife populations and habitats in their natural diversity; facilitation of subsistence use by local residents, access for traditional activities; and conservation of resource values including cultural resources, wilderness and rivers. The final revised CCP will detail the programs, activities, and measures necessary to best administer the Refuge to protect these values and fulfill refuge purposes over the next 15-years. Until the revised CCP is completed, management will continue to be guided by the original CCP, Federal legislation regarding management of National Wildlife Refuges, and other legal, regulatory, and policy guidance.

Public Meetings: We plan to hold public meetings in communities near the Refuge: Grayling, Anvik, Shageluk, Holy Cross, Kaltag, McGrath and Takotna. Meetings will be held between December 1 and the end of February as weather conditions permit. Each meeting will be announced, in advance, locally.

Dated: February 16, 2007.

Thomas O. Melius,

Regional Director, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Anchorage, Alaska.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Wapack National Wildlife Refuge

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent: preparation of a comprehensive conservation plan and environmental assessment; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service, we) intends to gather information necessary to prepare a comprehensive conservation plan (CCP) and environmental assessment (EA) for Wapack National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) in Greenfield, Lyndeborough, and Temple, New Hampshire. We furnish this notice in compliance with our CCP policy to advise other agencies and the public of our intentions, and to obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues to be considered in the planning process.

DATES: We will hold a public open house meeting to begin the CCP planning process; see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for date, time, and location.

ADDRESSES: Wapack National Wildlife Refuge, c/o Great Bay National Wildlife Refuge, 100 Merrimac Drive, Newington, New Hampshire 03801-2903, at 603-431-7511 (telephone); 603-431-6014 (FAX); fw5rw_gbnwr@fws.gov (e-mail); <http://www.fws.gov/Refuges/profiles/index.cfm?id=53572> (Web site).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Lelaina Marin, Assistant Refuge Planner, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 300 Westgate Center Drive, Hadley, Massachusetts 01035; 413-253-8731 (telephone); 413-253-8468 (FAX); northeastplanning@fws.gov (e-mail).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: With this notice, we initiate the CCP for Wapack NWR with headquarters in Newington, New Hampshire. We will hold a public open house and announce its location, date, and time at least 2 weeks in advance, in special mailings and local newspaper notices, on our Web site, and through personal contacts. Additional public information sessions in the local community are available upon request.

Under the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended by the National Wildlife

Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 668dd–668ee), the Service is to manage all lands in the National Wildlife Refuge System in accordance with an approved CCP. The plan guides management decisions and identifies refuge goals, management objectives, and strategies for achieving refuge purposes over a 15-year period.

The planning process will cover many elements, including wildlife and habitat management, visitor and recreational activities, wilderness area management, cultural resource protection, and facilities and infrastructure.

Compatibility determinations will be completed for all applicable refuge public uses. We will also conduct a wilderness review on refuge lands to determine whether any areas on the refuge qualify for those Federal designations.

Public input into the planning process is essential. The comments we receive will help identify key issues and refine our goals and objectives for managing refuge resources and visitor use.

Additional opportunities for public participation will arise throughout the planning process, which we expect to complete by September 2008. We are presently summarizing refuge data and collecting other resource information to provide us a scientific basis for our resource decisions. We will prepare the EA in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality procedures for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321–4370d).

The 1,672-acre Wapack NWR, established through donation in 1972, was New Hampshire's first national

wildlife refuge. It is administered by Great Bay NWR, headquartered in Newington, New Hampshire. Its purpose is for use as an inviolate sanctuary or any other management purpose for migratory birds. The refuge is located about 20 miles west of Nashua, New Hampshire, and encompasses the 2,278-foot North Pack Monadnock Mountain in the towns of Greenfield, Lyndeborough, and Temple. The terms of the deed of donation require the Service to manage the refuge as a “wilderness” for wildlife. Specific restrictions include prohibiting hunting, fishing, trapping, motorized vehicles and tree cutting.

Generally, refuge lands are characterized by mature northern hardwood-mixed and conifer (spruce-fire) forest. These forests provide nesting habitat for numerous migratory songbirds, such as the black-capped chickadee, blackburnian warbler, black-throated blue warbler, hermit thrush, myrtle warbler, ovenbird and red-eyed vireo. The refuge also supports a wide variety of wildlife, including deer, bear, coyote, fisher, fox, mink and weasel.

Refuge visitors annually engage in wildlife observation and photography. The refuge is especially popular as a hawk migration viewing area. A 3-mile segment of the 21-mile Wapack Trail, a spur of the Appalachian Trail, traverses the refuge and rewards hikers with a beautiful view of the surrounding mountains.

Dated: January 19, 2007.

Richard O. Bennett,

Acting Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Hadley, Massachusetts.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Issuance of Permits

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of permit for marine mammals.

SUMMARY: The following permit was issued.

ADDRESSES: Documents and other information submitted with this application is available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203; fax 703/358–2281.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Division of Management Authority, telephone 703/358–2104.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that on the dates below, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Fish and Wildlife Service issued the requested permits subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

Permit No.	Applicant	Receipt of application Federal Register notice	Permit issuance date
Marine Mammals			
125869	MaryAnne Sackman	71 FR 48938; August 22, 2006	January 8, 2007.

Dated: January 12, 2007.

Michael L. Carpenter,

Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group (TAMWG) affords stakeholders the opportunity to give policy, management, and technical input concerning Trinity River (California) restoration efforts to the Trinity Management Council. Primary objectives of the meeting will include discussion of the following topics: Trinity River Restoration Program (TRRP) FY08 budget, 2007 Trinity River flow schedule, TRRP science program issues, 2006 salmon returns, salmon disease and mortality studies, Central Valley Project Improvement Act program review, TRRP executive

director's report, and election of TAMWG officers. Completion of the agenda is dependent on the amount of time each item takes. The meeting could end early if the agenda has been completed. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group will meet from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, March 19, 2007 and from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 20, 2007.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Weaverville Victorian Inn, 1709 Main St., 299 West, Weaverville, 96093. For more information, please contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1655