

addition, via a separate rulemaking process, the Department intends to remove the current ban on Victims of Crime Act funding for treatment and rehabilitation services for incarcerated victims of sexual abuse.

The Department's Request for Comments

The Department is soliciting public input on the Commission's proposed national standards. The Department welcomes all comments, including any comments addressing specific standards proposed by the Commission. In addition, the Department specifically requests comments regarding three general questions listed below.

1. The Commission's proposed standards are intended to prevent, detect, and respond to "sexual abuse," which is defined in the glossary that precedes each checklist. PREA directed the Department to publish a final rule adopting national standards for the detection, prevention, reduction, and punishment of prison "rape," which is defined in section 10 of Public Law 108–79 (42 U.S.C. 15609(9)). What would be the implications of referring to one term as opposed to the other in the Department's consideration of the Commission's proposed national standards?

2. PREA mandates that the Attorney General shall not establish a national standard "that would impose substantial additional costs compared to the costs presently expended by Federal, State and local prison authorities." Would any of the Commission's proposed standards impose "substantial additional costs"? How should any such standards be revised so as not to impose such costs? The Department welcomes all cost data or cost estimations that would help it determine whether particular proposed standards would—or would not—impose substantial additional costs. In assessing costs, please consider whether and to what extent implementation of particular standards would mitigate costs currently expended.

3. Should the Department consider differentiating within any of the four categories of facilities for which the Commission proposed standards (i.e., adult prisons and jails; juvenile facilities; community corrections facilities; and lockups) with compliance requirements dependent on size, personnel or resource limitations, or any other factors?

Regulatory Certifications

This action is an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM). Accordingly, the requirement of Executive Order 12866 to assess the

costs and benefits of this action does not apply. Similarly, the requirements of section 603 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act do not apply to this action because, at this stage, it is an ANPRM and not a "rule" as defined in section 601 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act. Following review of the comments received to this ANPRM, as the Department promulgates a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking regarding this issue, the Department will conduct all analyses required by the Regulatory Flexibility Act, Executive Order 12866, and any other statutes or Executive Orders relevant to those rules and in effect at the time of promulgation.

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Eric H. Holder, Jr.

Attorney General.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Extension of Public Comment Period for Water Quality Standards for the State of Florida's Lakes and Flowing Waters

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of the public comment period.

SUMMARY: On January 14, 2010, EPA signed a proposed rule entitled "Water Quality Standards for the State of Florida's Lakes and Flowing Waters." On January 26, 2010 (75 FR 4174), EPA published this proposed rule. Written comments on the proposed rulemaking were to be submitted to EPA on or before March 29, 2010 (a 60-day public comment period). Since publication, the Agency has received several requests for additional time to submit comments. Therefore, EPA is extending the public comment period for 30 days.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 28, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–OW–2009–0596, by one of the following methods:

1. <http://www.regulations.gov>: Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

2. *E-mail:* ow-docket@epa.gov.

3. *Mail to:* Water Docket, U.S.

Environmental Protection Agency, Mail

code: 2822T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, Attention: Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–OW–2009–0596.

4. *Hand Delivery:* EPA Docket Center, EPA West Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20004, Attention Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–OW–2009–0596. Such deliveries are only accepted during the Docket's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

Instructions: Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–OW–2009–0596. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through <http://www.regulations.gov> or e-mail. The <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an e-mail comment directly to EPA without going through <http://www.regulations.gov> your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses. For additional information about EPA's public docket visit the EPA Docket Center homepage at <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm>.

Docket: All documents in the docket are listed in the <http://www.regulations.gov> index. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, will be publicly available only in hard copy. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically in www.regulations.gov or

in hard copy at a docket facility. The Office of Water (OW) Docket Center is open from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The OW Docket Center telephone number is (202) 566–2426, and the Docket address is OW Docket, EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20004. The Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566–1744.

Public Hearings: Additional public hearings will be held in Florida in mid-April, 2010. The dates and locations of these hearings have yet to be confirmed. Relevant information pertaining to these hearings will be provided at the following Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/waterscience/standards/rules/florida/>. Information on the public hearings will be available shortly after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. For further information, please contact Sharon Frey at 202–566–1480 or frey.sharon@epa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Dated: March 4, 2010.

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Assistant Administrator for Water.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

50 CFR Part 17

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[RIN 1018-AW55]

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for *Carex lutea* (Golden Sedge)

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, propose to designate critical habitat for the *Carex lutea* (golden sedge) under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. We propose to designate as critical habitat approximately 189 acres (76 hectares) in

8 units. The proposed critical habitat is located in Onslow and Pender Counties in North Carolina.

DATES: We will consider comments from all interested parties until May 10, 2010. We must receive requests for public hearings, in writing, at the address shown in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section by April 26, 2010.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by one of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on Docket No. FWS-R4-ES-2010-0003.

- U.S. mail or hand-delivery: Public Comments Processing, Attn: FWS-R4-ES-2010-0003; Division of Policy and Directives Management; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 222; Arlington, VA 22203.

We will not accept e-mail or faxes. We will post all comments on <http://www.regulations.gov>. This generally means that we will post any personal information you provide us (see the Public Comments section below for more information).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pete Benjamin, Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Raleigh Fish and Wildlife Office, P.O. Box 33726, Raleigh, NC 27636-3726; telephone 919-856-4520; facsimile 919-856-4556. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Comments

We intend that any final action resulting from this proposed rule will be based on the best scientific and commercial data available and be as accurate and as effective as possible. Therefore, we request comments or information from government agencies, the scientific community, industry, or any other interested party concerning this proposed rule. We particularly seek comments concerning:

(1) The reasons why we should or should not designate habitat as “critical habitat” under section 4 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act) (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), including whether there are threats to the species from human activity, the degree of which can be expected to increase due to the designation, and whether the benefit of designation would be outweighed by threats to the species caused by the designation, such that the designation of critical habitat is not prudent.

(2) Comments or information that may assist us in identifying or clarifying the

primary constituent elements for *Carex lutea*.

(3) Specific information on:

- The amount and distribution of *Carex lutea* habitat,
- What areas occupied at the time of listing and that contain features essential to the conservation of the species which may require special management considerations or protections we should include in the designation and why, and
- What areas not occupied at the time of listing are essential for the conservation of the species and why.

(4) Land use designations and current or planned activities in the subject areas and their possible impacts on proposed critical habitat.

(5) Any probable economic, national security, or other relevant impacts of designating any area that may be included in the final designation. We are particularly interested in any impacts on small entities (e.g., small businesses or small governments) or families, and the benefits of including or excluding areas that exhibit these impacts.

(6) Whether any specific areas we are proposing as critical habitat should be considered for exclusion under section 4(b)(2) of the Act, and whether the benefits of potentially excluding any specific area outweigh the benefits of including that area under section 4(b)(2) of the Act.

(7) Information on any quantifiable economic costs or benefits of the proposed designation of critical habitat.

(8) Information on the projected and reasonably likely impacts of climate change on *Carex lutea*, and any special management needs or protections that may be needed in the critical habitat areas we are proposing.

(9) Whether we could improve or modify our approach to designating critical habitat in any way to provide for greater public participation and understanding, or to better accommodate public concerns and comments.

You may submit your comments and materials concerning this proposed rule by one of the methods listed in the **ADDRESSES** section. We will not accept comments sent by e-mail or fax or to an address not listed in the **ADDRESSES** section.

We will post your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—on <http://www.regulations.gov>. If your written comments provide personal identifying information, you may request at the top of your document that we withhold this information from public review.