

meeting, please contact by telephone or email as soon as possible, Larry Woolverton at 202-493-6212 or *larry.woolverton@dot.gov*.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Ronald Ries, Staff Director, Grade Crossing Safety and Trespass Prevention, Office of Safety Analysis, FRA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Mail Stop 25, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: 202-493-6299), *ronald.ries@dot.gov*; or Kathryn Shelton, Office of Chief Counsel, FRA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Mail Stop 13, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: 202-493-6063), *kathryn.shelton@dot.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** FRA has received written comments from interested parties, including Applied Research Associates, Inc. and Orion's Angels, related to the use of information submitted by railroads to the Crossing Inventory about the highway-rail and pathway crossings over which they operate. While this issue is not specifically addressed in the NPRM, FRA will hold a public hearing to facilitate the exchange of information and concerns regarding FRA's proposed rule.

The public hearing is meant to provide an opportunity for interested parties to articulate the issues and concerns they have with the NPRM and to respond to the specific comments requested therein related to the draft Inventory Form and draft Inventory Guide, so that these issues can be fully addressed in any final rule that is developed. Interested parties are invited to present oral statements and to proffer information and views related to FRA's proposal at the hearing. The hearing will be informal and will be conducted by a representative designated by FRA in accordance with FRA's Rules of Practice (49 CFR 211.25). The hearing will be a non-adversarial proceeding; therefore, there will be no cross examination of persons presenting statements or proffering evidence. An FRA representative will make an opening statement outlining the scope of the hearing. After all initial statements by those wishing to comment have been completed; those persons wishing to make a brief rebuttal will be afforded an opportunity to do so in the same order in which the initial statements were made. Additional procedures, as necessary for the conduct of the hearing, will be announced at the hearing. A transcript of the discussions will be made a part of the public docket in this proceeding.

**Public Participation Procedures**

Any person wishing to participate in the public hearing should notify FRA by telephone or in writing, by mail or email, at the addresses provided in the Attendance section of this notice at least five business days prior to the date of the hearing. The notification should identify the party the person represents, and the particular subject(s) the person plans to address. The notification should also provide the participant's mailing address, email address (if applicable), and other contact information. FRA reserves the right to limit the duration of presentations, if necessary, to provide all participants the opportunity to speak.

**Extension of Comment Period**

To accommodate the public hearing and to provide interested parties the opportunity to submit comments in response to views or information provided at the public hearing, FRA is extending the comment period in this proceeding to March 29, 2013.

**Follow-Up to December 13, 2012 Technical Symposium**

In an effort to facilitate discussion on technical issues associated with the electronic submission of data to the Crossing Inventory, FRA hosted a technical symposium on December 13, 2012. See 77 FR 68722 (Nov. 16, 2012). A transcript of the symposium is available in the public docket. As a result of discussions at that technical symposium, FRA intends to host a series of follow-up technical meetings to further discuss with all interested parties technical issues and concerns associated with electronic submission of data to the Crossing Inventory. The date, time, and location of these technical meetings will be announced in notices posted in the public docket of this rulemaking proceeding. FRA will also notify via email those individuals who participated in the December 13, 2012 technical symposium and provided their email addresses to FRA. Any person wishing to participate in these technical meetings, who has not already expressed an interest and provided an email address to FRA, should notify Ms. Michelle Silva of his or her interest by telephone or in writing (by email) at the address provided in the Attendance section of this notice. Note, however, that these technical meetings are intended to allow for the free flow of technical data and information between all interested parties. Any individual's or organization's involvement in any of these technical meetings will not be construed as official comments to the

NPRM. Any person wishing to comment on the NPRM must present his or her comments at the February 19, 2013 public hearing or submit such comments in writing to the docket as instructed in this document. Although the proceedings of these additional technical meetings will not be transcribed, minutes of the meetings will be kept by FRA personnel and placed in the underlying rulemaking docket (docket no. FRA-2011-0007).

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 17, 2013.

**Jo Strang,**

*Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety/Chief Safety Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Designation of a Nonessential Experimental Population of Central Valley Spring-Run Chinook Salmon Below Friant Dam in the San Joaquin River, CA**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings; correction.

**SUMMARY:** On January 16, 2013, we, NMFS, published a proposed rule to designate a nonessential experimental population of Central Valley spring-run Chinook salmon under section 10(j) of the Endangered Species Act in portions of the San Joaquin River and a notice of availability for the draft environmental assessment associated with this action. The proposed rule contained incorrect dates for two of our meetings. We announce new dates for public meetings on this action.

**DATES:** The first meeting will be in Fresno, CA on January 29, 2013, at the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District, Board Meeting Room, 5469 E. Olive Avenue from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (The public should park in the front parking area (rear parking area closes at 5:30 p.m. with no exit after that time) and enter the door located on the west side of the front building). The second meeting will be in Los Banos, CA on January 30, 2013, at the Los Banos Community Center, 645 7th

Street from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The third meeting will be in Chico, CA on February 5, 2013, at the Chico Masonic Family Center, 1110 West East Avenue from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments on this proposed rule, identified by NOAA–NMFS–2012–0221 by any of the following methods:

- *Electronic submissions:* Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/>

- *#!docketDetail;D=NOAA-NMFS-2012-0221*, click the “Comment Now!” icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.

- *Mail:* Submit written comments to Elif Fehm-Sullivan, Fisheries Biologist, Protected Resources Division, Southwest Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, 650 Capitol Mall, Suite 5–100, Sacramento, CA 95814.

- *Fax:* (916) 930–3629.

- *Email:* [SJRspring.salmon@noaa.gov](mailto:SJRspring.salmon@noaa.gov).

*Instructions:* Comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period, may not be considered by NMFS. All comments received are part of the public record and will generally be posted to <http://www.regulations.gov> without change. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address, etc.), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted

voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible. NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter “N/A” in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous). Attachments to electronic comments will be accepted in Microsoft Word, Excel, or Adobe PDF file formats only. You may access a copy of the draft EA by one of the following:

- Visit NMFS’ Reintroduction Web site at <http://swr.nmfs.noaa.gov/sjrrestorationprogram/salmonreintroduction.htm>.

- Call (916) 930–3723 and request to have a CD or hard copy mailed to you.

- Obtain a CD or hard copy by visiting NMFS’ Central Valley office at 650 Capitol Mall, Suite 5–100, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Please see the draft EA for additional information to comment on that document.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Elif Fehm-Sullivan, National Marine Fisheries Service, 650 Capitol Mall, Suite 5–100, Sacramento, CA 95814 (916–930–3723) or Dwayne Meadows, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301–427–8403).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

On January 16, 2013 we, NMFS, published a proposed rule (78 FR 3381) to designate a nonessential experimental population of Central Valley spring-run Chinook salmon under section 10(j) of

the Endangered Species Act in portions of the San Joaquin River and a notice of availability for the draft environmental assessment associated with this action. The proposed rule contained incorrect dates for two of our meetings. Three public meetings will be held at which the public can make comments on the draft EA and proposed rule.

**Public Meetings**

The first meeting will be in Fresno, CA on January 29, 2013, at the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District, Board Meeting Room, 5469 E. Olive Avenue from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (The public should park in the front parking area (rear parking area closes at 5:30 p.m. with no exit after that time) and enter the door located on the west side of the front building). The second meeting will be in Los Banos, CA on January 30, 2013, at the Los Banos Community Center, 645 7th Street from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The third meeting will be in Chico, CA on February 5, 2013, at the Chico Masonic Family Center, 1110 West East Avenue from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1533 *et seq.*

Dated: January 16, 2013.

**Helen Golde,**

*Acting Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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