

including the Alabama, Tombigbee, and Cahaba River systems. Recent collections of the species have been restricted to the lower Alabama River below R.F. Henry Lock and Dam to the confluence of the Tombigbee River, as well as to the lower Cahaba River near its confluence with the Alabama River; however, incidents of such collections are extremely rare. The last capture of an Alabama sturgeon was on April 3, 2007, by biologists at the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR). The species was last observed on April 23, 2009, by ADCNR biologists. The Alabama sturgeon is one of the rarest species of fish in the nation and may be close to extinction.

Restoring an endangered or threatened animal or plant to the point where it is again a secure, self-sustaining member of its ecosystem is a primary goal of our endangered species program. To help guide the recovery effort, we prepare recovery plans for most listed species. Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for conservation of the species, establish criteria for downlisting or delisting, and estimate time and cost for implementing recovery measures.

The Act requires the development of recovery plans for listed species, unless such a plan would not promote the conservation of a particular species. Section 4(f) of the Act requires us to provide a public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment during recovery plan development. The draft of this recovery plan was available for public comment from April 12 through June 11, 2012 (77 FR 21993). We considered the information received via public comments as well as from peer reviewers in our preparation and approval of this final recovery plan. We also edited some sections of the draft recovery plan to reflect these comments; however, no substantial changes were made to the draft plan.

#### Recovery Plan Components

The objective of this plan is to provide a framework for the recovery of the Alabama sturgeon so that protection under the Act is no longer necessary. Delisting of the species is not currently foreseeable due to extreme curtailment of range and extensive modification to the riverine habitats. Therefore, this recovery plan establishes criteria for downlisting the Alabama sturgeon from endangered to threatened.

Downlisting of the Alabama sturgeon may be considered when the following criteria are met: (1) A population consisting of approximately 500

sexually mature Alabama sturgeon is shown to be surviving and naturally reproducing in the Alabama/Cahaba Rivers; (2) population studies show that the Alabama sturgeon population is naturally recruiting (consisting of multiple age classes), sustainable over a period of 20 years (2–3 generations), and no longer requires hatchery augmentation; and (3) an agreement is in place that ensures adequate flows are being delivered down the Alabama River for successful development of sturgeon larvae and passage of the fish both upstream and downstream at dams on the Alabama River.

#### Authority

The authority for this action is section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533 (f).

Dated: July 8, 2013.

**Leopoldo Miranda,**

*Acting Regional Director, Southeast Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Public Meeting, Eastern Montana Resource Advisory Council

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Public Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Eastern Montana Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet as indicated below.

**DATES:** The next regular meeting of the Eastern Montana RAC will be held on September 5, 2013 in Billings, Montana. The meeting will start at 8:00 a.m. and the public comment period will start at 11:00 a.m. and run for one hour. The meeting will adjourn at around 3:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting location will be announced in a news release.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mark Jacobsen, Public Affairs Specialist, BLM Eastern Montana/Dakotas District, 111 Garryowen Road, Miles City, Montana, 59301, (406) 233–2831, [mark\\_jacobsen@blm.gov](mailto:mark_jacobsen@blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–677–8339 to contact the above

individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The 15-member council advises the Secretary of the Interior through the BLM on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in Montana. At these meetings, topics will include: Eastern Montana—Dakotas District, Miles City and Billings Field Office manager updates, Field Office Resource Management Planning updates, individual council member briefings and other topics that the council may raise. All meetings are open to the public and the public may present written comments to the council. Each formal RAC meeting will also have time allocated for hearing public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation, or other reasonable accommodations should contact the BLM as provided above.

Dated: July 24, 2013.

**Diane M. Friez,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

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#### Information Collection: Forms for Oil Spill Financial Responsibility for Offshore Facilities; Proposed Collection for OMB Review; Comment Request

**ACTION:** 60-day notice.

**SUMMARY:** To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) is inviting comments on the proposed revision of forms associated with a collection of information that we will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The information collection request (ICR) concerns the forms used for paperwork requirements under 30 CFR 553, Oil Spill Financial Responsibility for Offshore Facilities.