

Administration, Building 3 (SSMC3), Room 4527, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301-713-0174).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Susan Mangin, Executive Secretary, ANS Task Force, at (703) 358-2466, or by email at Susan_Mangin@fws.gov. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), please call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., we announce that the ANS Task Force will hold a meeting.

Background

The ANS Task Force was established by the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 (Act) (Pub. L. 106-580, as amended) and is composed of 13 Federal and 13 ex-officio members and co-chaired by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The ANS Task Force provides advice on AIS infesting waters of the United States and other nations, among other duties as specified in the Act.

Meeting Agenda

- Federally managed water bodies and AIS issues.
- Asian Carp Surveillance Plan Outside of the Great Lakes.
- Draft Snakehead and Lionfish Management Plans.
- Biocontrol Programs.
- National Invasive Species Awareness Week.
- Environmental DNA.
- Arkansas ANS Management Plan.
- Technical Center for Aquatic Nuisance Species.
- Harvesting AIS.

The final agenda and other related meeting information will be posted on the ANS Task Force Web site at: <http://anstaskforce.gov>.

Public Input

If you wish to:	You must contact the ANS Task Force Executive Secretary (see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT) no later than:
Register for the meeting.	October 31, 2013.

Meeting Minutes

Summary minutes of the meeting will be maintained by the Executive Secretary (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). The minutes will be available

for public inspection within 60 days after the meeting and will be posted on the ANS Task Force Web site at <http://anstaskforce.gov>.

Dated: September 15, 2013.

David Hoskins,

Co-Chair, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Assistant Director—Fish and Aquatic Conservation.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Spring Pygmy Sunfish Candidate Conservation Agreement With Assurances; Receipt of Applications for Enhancement of Survival Permits; Beaverdam Springs, Limestone County, AL

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), have received applications from Mr. Albert C. McDonald of Greenbrier Enterprises LLC (applicant McDonald Farm) and Ms. Katherine H. Garrett of Greenbrier Enterprises LLC (applicant Horton Farm) (collectively, applicants) for enhancement of survival permits (permit or permits) under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). Each permit application includes a proposed candidate conservation agreement with assurances (CCAA) between the applicant and the Service as parties and the Land Trust of North Alabama as a cooperator for the conservation of the spring pygmy sunfish. Each Applicant is a limited liability company, created and existing under the laws of the State of Alabama. The CCAs would be implemented at the Beaverdam Spring Complex within Limestone County, Alabama.

We have made a preliminary determination that each permit application, including the proposed CCAA, is eligible for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). The basis for this preliminary determination is contained in the draft environmental action statement (EAS) prepared by the Service on each application. We are accepting comments on each permit application and the associated proposed CCAA, as well as on the draft EAS.

DATES: We must receive comments no later than October 31, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review either or both applications, including the draft CCAA, and the draft EAS may obtain copies upon request to Daniel Drennen, Mississippi Field Office, by phone at 601-321-1127, or via mail or email (see below). The applications and related documents will also be available for public inspection, by appointment only, during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) at the Jackson, Mississippi, Field Office (address listed below) or on our Web site at <http://www.fws.gov/mississippiES/endsp.html>.

Comments concerning either or both applications, proposed CCAs, and draft EASs should be submitted in writing, by one of the following methods:

Email: daniel_drennen@fws.gov.

Fax: 601-965-4340.

U.S. mail: Daniel Drennen, Mississippi Field Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 6578 Dogwood View Parkway, Jackson, MS 39213.

When submitting comments, please specify the application or applications on which you are commenting. Please refer to Permit number TE-155500B-0 when commenting on the McDonald Farm application, and to Permit number TE-15501B-0 for comments on the Horton Farm application.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Daniel Drennen, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, Mississippi Field Office, 601-321-1127. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We furnish this notice to provide the public, other State and Federal agencies, and interested Tribes an opportunity to review and comment on the permit applications, including the draft CCAs, and the associated EASs. We specifically request information, views, and opinions from the public on the proposed Federal actions of issuing each permit. Further, we solicit information regarding the adequacy of each permit application, including the proposed CCAA, as measured against our permit issuance criteria found in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17.22(d) and 17.32(d).

Background

Private and other non-Federal property owners are encouraged to enter into CCAs, in which they voluntarily undertake management activities and conservation efforts on their properties to enhance, restore, or maintain habitat

benefiting species that are proposed for listing under the Act, candidates for listing, or species that may become candidates or proposed for listing. Via the CCAAs and their associated permits, the Service provides assurances to property owners that they will not be subjected to increased land use restrictions if the covered species becomes listed under the Act in the future, provided certain conditions are met. The property owners also are assured that, provided certain conditions are met, the Service would not require additional conservation measures or commitment of additional land, water, or resource use restrictions beyond the level obligated in their CCAAs agreement, without the property owner's consent. Application requirements and issuance criteria for permits through CCAAs are found in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17.22(d) and 17.32(d). See also our policy on CCAAs (64 FR 32726; June 17, 1999).

The conservation of the spring pygmy sunfish is of concern to the Service, other biologists, and the property owners whose lands contain the species. The spring pygmy sunfish is a spring-associated fish, endemic to the Tennessee River drainage of Lauderdale and Limestone Counties in northern Alabama. The species historically occurred in three distinct spring complexes (Cave Springs, Lauderdale County; Beaverdam Springs and Pryor Springs, Limestone County). The single remaining population of the species occupies 5.9 river miles (mi) (9.5 river kilometers) and 1,435 acres (580.6 hectares) within four spring pools (Mossa, Beaverdam, Thorsen, and Horton Springs) associated with the upper Beaverdam Springs complex in Limestone County, Alabama.

The preferred habitat for the spring pygmy sunfish is clear and colorless to slightly stained spring water, spring runs, and associated spring-fed wetlands (Warren 2004). The species is highly localized within these spring pools and is found in association with patches of dense, filamentous submergent vegetation. Spring pygmy sunfish abundance is correlated with specific water quantity and quality parameters (i.e., water flow velocity, turbidity, and water temperatures) and certain associated species such as amphipods, isopods, spring salamanders, crayfish, and snails (Sandel, pers. comm., 2007).

On April 1, 2011, the Service published a 90-day finding on a petition to list the spring pygmy sunfish as endangered under the Act (76 FR 18138). The Service found that the

petition presented substantial scientific or commercial information indicating that listing of the species may be warranted, and announced the initiation of a formal status review. On October 2, 2012, the Service published a 12-month finding/proposed rule to list the species as threatened and to designate critical habitat (77 FR 60180) and opened a 60-day comment period that ended on December 2, 2012. On April 29, 2013, the Service re-opened the comment period for 30 days to allow public comment on the draft economic analysis (DEA) and any other aspect of the proposed rule. The Service is currently in the process of making its final listing/critical habitat determination, and anticipates publication of a decision in October 2013.

The areas to be covered under the proposed CCAAs total approximately 272 acres on the McDonald Farm and approximately 440 acres on the Horton Farm within the Beaverdam Springs complex in Limestone County, Alabama. Each proposed CCAA represents a significant milestone in the cooperative conservation efforts for the spring pygmy sunfish, and is consistent with section 2(a)(5) of the Act, which encourages creative partnerships among public, private, and government entities to conserve imperiled species and their habitats.

Each applicant would agree in its CCAA to implement conservation measures to address known threats to the spring pygmy sunfish. These measures will help protect the species in the near term and also minimize any incidental take of the species that might occur as a result of conducting specified covered activities if the species were listed under the Act in the future. Conservation measures to be implemented by the applicants include:

(1) Maintaining up to a 100-foot vegetated buffer zone around Beaverdam Creek; (2) limiting cattle access to Beaverdam Creek and the buffer zone; (3) limiting surface and groundwater extraction; and (4) refraining from any deforestation, land clearing, industrial development, residential development, aquaculture, temporary or permanent ground water removal installations, stocked farm ponds, pesticide and herbicide use, and impervious surface installation without prior consultation with the Service.

The Land Trust of North Alabama, as a cooperator to each CCAA, would agree: (1) To be responsible for all reporting requirements, including any changes to the monitoring when necessary for adaptive management; (2) to ensure that annual habitat analyses and site samplings are performed as

specified by the CCAA; and (3) to provide resources for reporting and monitoring activities.

The Service would agree to authorize each applicant to engage in incidental take of the spring pygmy sunfish consistent with its proposed CCAA and to provide technical assistance, including management advice.

The term of each proposed CCAA and associated enhancement of survival permit is 25 years.

When determining whether to issue the permits, we will consider a number of factors and information sources, including the administrative record on each application, any public comments we receive, and the application requirements and issuance criteria for CCAAs set forth in 50 CFR 17.22(d) and 17.32(d). We will also evaluate whether issuance of each permit complies with section 7 of the Act by conducting an intra-Service consultation. Our decision to issue a permit will be based on the results of this consultation, as well as on the above findings, our regulations, and public comments.

We will evaluate each permit application, proposed CCAA, EAS, and comments submitted thereon to determine whether the permit application meets the requirements of section 10(a)(1) of the Act, our regulations, and NEPA regulations at 40 CFR 1506.6. If we determine that the requirements are met as to an application, we will enter into the CCAA and issue the permit to the applicant for take of the spring pygmy sunfish in accordance with the terms of its CCAA. We will not make a final decision on either matter until after the end of the 30-day comment period, and we will fully consider all comments received during the comment period.

Authority

We provide this notice under both section 10(c) of the Act and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.22 and 17.32) and the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C 4371 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

Public Availability of Comments

All comments we receive become part of our administrative record in this matter. Requests for copies of comments will be handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, Privacy Act, NEPA, and Service and Department of the Interior policies and procedures. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including

personal identifying information—may be made available to the public at any time. While you may ask us to withhold your personal identifying information from public disclosure, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: September 25, 2013.

Stephen M. Ricks,

Field Supervisor, Jackson, Mississippi, Field Office, Southeast Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Public Meeting, BLM-Alaska Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 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) Alaska Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting will be held October 29–30, 2013 at the Office of Aviation Services located at 4405 Lear Court, Anchorage, Alaska 99502–1032. The meeting starts at 9 a.m. each day in training room #109. The council will accept comments from the public on Tuesday, October 29 from 3–4 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thom Jennings, RAC Coordinator, BLM-Alaska State Office, 222 W. 7th Avenue #13, Anchorage, AK 99513. Telephone 907-271-3335 or 907-271-3322 or email tjennings@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, seven 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 Bureau of Land Management, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in Alaska. At this meeting, topics planned for discussion include:

- Land Use Planning.

- Integrated Arctic Management and Scenario Planning.
- New Placer Mining Policies.
- Update on Land Transfer Program.
- Update on the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska.
- Other topics of interest to the RAC.

All meetings are open to the public. During the public comment period, depending on the number of people wishing to comment and time available, time for individual oral comments may be limited. Please be prepared to submit written comments if necessary. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation, transportation, or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the BLM RAC Coordinator listed above.

Dated: September 24, 2013.

Ted A. Murphy,

Acting State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Minor Boundary Revision at Rocky Mountain National Park

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notification of Boundary Revision.

SUMMARY: The boundary of Rocky Mountain National Park is modified to include 31.94 acres of land donated to the United States. The land is located in Larimer County, Colorado, immediately adjacent to the current eastern boundary of Rocky Mountain National Park.

DATES: The effective date of this boundary revision is October 1, 2013.

ADDRESSES: The map depicting this boundary revision is available for inspection at the following locations: National Park Service, Land Resources Program Center, Intermountain Region, 12795 West Alameda Parkway, Denver, Colorado 80228, and National Park Service, Department of the Interior,

1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chief Realty Officer Glenna Vigil, National Park Service, Land Resources Program Center, Intermountain Region, 12795 West Alameda Parkway, Denver, Colorado 80228, telephone (303) 969-2610.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 460l-9(c)(1), the boundary of Rocky Mountain National Park is modified to include 31.94 acres of donated land identified as Tract 02-171, tax parcel number 35224-39-901. The land is located in Larimer County, Colorado, immediately adjacent to the current eastern boundary of Rocky Mountain National Park. The boundary revision is depicted on Map No. 121/108,929B dated May 2013.

16 U.S.C. 460l-9(c)(1) provides that, after notifying the House Committee on Natural Resources and the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to make this boundary revision upon publication of notice in the **Federal Register**. The Committees have been notified of this boundary revision. The inclusion of this land donated by Rocky Mountain National Park Associates, Inc., a nonprofit organization that supports land protection projects at the park, will contribute to the preservation and protection of park and trail resources.

Dated: August 22, 2013.

John Wessels,

Regional Director, Intermountain Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Restoration of Native Species in High Elevation Aquatic Ecosystems Plan, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, California

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and consistent with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the National Park Service (NPS) announces the availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Restoration of Native Species in High Elevation