

HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.

**Authority:** Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35.

Dated: September 14, 2015.

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*Deputy Director, Office of Policy, Programs and Legislative Initiatives.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

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### Native American Policy for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Draft policy for public notice and comment; reopening of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** We, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), are reopening the comment period for the draft Native American Policy, which we announced for public comment in the **Federal Register** on August 2, 2015. The purpose of this Policy is to further the United States' trust responsibility to Indian tribes by establishing a framework on which to base our continued interactions with federally recognized tribes and Alaska Native Corporations. The Policy recognizes the sovereignty of federally recognized tribes; states that the Service will work on a government-to-government basis with tribal governments; and includes guidance on co-management, access to and use of cultural resources, capacity development, law enforcement, and education.

**DATES:** The Service will accept public comment through October 21, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** The draft Native American Policy is available at [www.fws.gov/policy/draft510fw1.pdf](http://www.fws.gov/policy/draft510fw1.pdf). The existing Policy is available in the Fish and Wildlife Service Manual at <http://www.fws.gov/policy/native-american-policy.pdf>. To submit comments, please mail or email them to Scott Aikin (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Scott Aikin, Native American Programs Coordinator, by mail at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 911 NE 11th Avenue, Portland, OR 97232; or via email at [scott\\_aikin@fws.gov](mailto:scott_aikin@fws.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We are reopening the comment period for the

draft Native American Policy, which we made available for public comment from August 2, 2015 (80 FR 46043), through September 2, 2015. The purpose of this Policy is to further the United States' trust responsibility to Indian tribes by establishing a framework on which to base our continued interactions with federally recognized tribes and Alaska Native Corporations. The Policy recognizes the sovereignty of federally recognized tribes; states that the Service will work on a government-to-government basis with tribal governments; and includes guidance on co-management, access to and use of cultural resources, capacity development, law enforcement, and education.

The draft Native American Policy is available for review and comment at [www.fws.gov/policy/draft510fw1.pdf](http://www.fws.gov/policy/draft510fw1.pdf). For the overview we provided in our August 2, 2015, **Federal Register** notice, see 80 FR 46043.

### Open Comment Period

This publication opens a new 30-day comment period, during which we invite and encourage tribes and Alaska Native Corporations (ANCs) to continue to review and submit comments. The Service's invitation to federally recognized tribal governments to consult on a government-to-government basis regarding development of this updated Native American Policy continues until 30 days after this **Federal Register** notification. Comments from local, State, and Federal government agencies; federally recognized tribal governments; non-federally recognized tribal governments; ANCSA corporations; and the general public are welcome. If you submitted comments or information during the initial open comment period, which ended on September 2, 2015 (80 FR 46043), you need not resubmit them. They will be reviewed and considered.

### Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, 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.

Dated: September 4, 2015.

**James W. Kurth,**

*Acting Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

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### Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Fruitport Casino Project, Fruitport Township, Muskegon County, Michigan

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises the public that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), as lead agency, intends to gather information necessary for preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in connection with the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (Tribe) application for a proposed 60-acre fee-to-trust transfer and casino project to be located in Fruitport Township, Muskegon County, Michigan. This notice also announces the beginning of the public scoping process to solicit public comments and identify potential issues and content for inclusion in the EIS.

**DATES:** Written comments on the scope of the EIS must arrive by October 21, 2015. The date and location of a public scoping meeting will be announced at least 15 days in advance through a notice to be published in the local newspaper, the Muskegon Chronicle, and posted at [www.littlerivereis.com](http://www.littlerivereis.com).

**ADDRESSES:** You may mail, hand carry, or fax written comments to Ms. Diane Rosen, Midwest Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Midwest Region, Norman Pointe II Building, 5600 West American Boulevard, Suite 500, Bloomington, Minnesota 55437; Fax: (612) 713-4401. Additionally, you may email comments to the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice. Please include your name, return address, and "NOI Comments, Little River Casino Project" on the first page of your written comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Scott Doig, Acting Regional Environmental Scientist, Bureau of