

Coast HCP addresses take that is likely to occur as the result of direct impacts on up to 4.472 ac of Santa Cruz long-toed salamander habitat and up to 6.997 ac of California red-legged frog habitat, occupied by the species. Take for both HCPs would be associated with the initial removal of vegetation and twenty years of periodic vegetation management along two natural gas pipelines. The Sandhills HCP is located in Santa Cruz County, while the North Coast HCP is located in both Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties. The applicant is requesting permits for take of the Mount Hermon June beetle (Sandhills HCP), and the Santa Cruz long-toed salamander, and California red-legged frog (North Coast HCP) that would result from “covered activities” that are related to the removal of vegetation.

The applicant proposes to avoid, minimize, and mitigate impacts to the Mount Hermon June beetle associated with the covered activities by fully implementing the Sandhills HCP. The following measures will be implemented: (1) Vegetation management will take place outside of the flight season (May 1 through August 31) of the Mount Hermon June beetle; (2) a biological monitor will be present during all work activities to identify appropriate access and work areas to minimize impacts to sandhills habitat; (3) if any life stage of the Mount Hermon June beetle is encountered during work activities, work will cease and a Service-approved biologist will be notified and the individual(s) will be relocated to suitable habitat not affected by work activities; (4) all cut stumps will be left intact to reduce ground disturbance; (5) all workers will participate in awareness training to inform them about the Mount Hermon June beetle and associated conservation measures to be followed; and (6) permanently protect habitat for the Mount Hermon June beetle through the purchase of 2.9 ac of conservation credits at the Zayante Sandhills Conservation Bank. The applicant will fund up to \$795,735 to ensure implementation of all minimization measures, monitoring, and reporting requirements identified in the HCP.

The applicant proposes to avoid, minimize, and mitigate impacts to the Santa Cruz long-toed salamander and California red-legged frog associated with the covered activities by fully implementing the North Coast HCP. The following measures will be implemented: (1) All workers will participate in awareness training to inform them about the Santa Cruz long-toed salamander and California red-legged frog and associated conservation measures to be followed; (2) vegetation

management activities will take place between April 15 and September 15, to minimize impacts to the species; (3) impacts to small mammal burrows will be avoided to the maximum extent practicable; (4) a qualified biologist will monitor all vegetation removal activities to ensure compliance with required avoidance and minimization measures; (5) if a Santa Cruz long-toed salamander or California red-legged frog is encountered in an area to be impacted, work in that area will cease until the animal moves from the area or a Service-approved biologist captures and relocates the individual outside of the work area; (6) permanently protect habitat for the Santa Cruz long-toed salamander through the dedication of a 7.2-ac conservation easement at the Tucker Property in Santa Cruz County; and (7) provide \$342,432 to fund the creation, management and monitoring of 1.75 ac of California red-legged frog aquatic breeding habitat at Yellowbank Creek, near the town of Davenport in Santa Cruz County. The applicant will fund up to \$1,424,432 to ensure implementation of all minimization measures, monitoring, and reporting requirements identified in the HCP.

In each of the two proposed HCPs, the applicant considers two alternatives to the proposed action: “No Action” and “Original Project.” Under the “No Action” alternative, an ITP for the proposed project would not be issued. The proposed conservation strategies would not be provided to effect recovery actions for the impacted species. The “No Action” alternative would not achieve vegetation management guidelines for PG&E infrastructure and would not result in benefits for the covered species; therefore, for each of the proposed HCPs, the applicant has rejected the “No Action” alternative. Under each of the two “Original Project” alternatives, the applicant would remove considerably more habitat along the subject natural gas pipeline, resulting in greater impacts to the covered species. Through coordination with the Service, PG&E revised the projects in a way that could still achieve desired vegetation management goals, while reducing impacts to the covered species. Therefore, the applicant has also rejected both of the “Original Project” alternatives.

Our Preliminary Determination

The Service has made preliminary determinations that issuance of both incidental take permits is neither a major Federal action that will significantly affect the quality of the human environment within the meaning

of section 102(2)(C) of NEPA, nor that it will, individually or cumulatively, have more than a negligible effect on the Mount Hermon June beetle, Santa Cruz long-toed salamander, and California red-legged frog. Therefore, in accordance with these preliminary determinations, both permits qualify for a categorical exclusion under NEPA.

Public Availability of Comments

Written comments we receive become part of the public record associated with this action. 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 request in your comment that we withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety.

Authority

We provide this notice under the ESA, section 10(c) (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.22) and NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

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Stephen P. Henry,

Field Supervisor, Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office, Ventura, California.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

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Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group; Request for Nominations

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for nominations.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of the Interior proposes to appoint members to the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group (AMWG). The Secretary of the Interior, acting as administrative lead, is requesting

nominations for qualified persons to serve as members of the AMWG.

DATES: Nominations must be postmarked by July 6, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be sent to Brent Rhees, Regional Director, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, 125 S State Street, Room 8100, Salt Lake City, UT 84138, or via email to brhees@usbr.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Katrina Grantz, Chief, Adaptive Management Work Group, Environmental Resources Division, at (801) 524-3635, fax: 801-524-5499, or by email at kgrantz@usbr.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Advisory Committee Scope and Objectives

The Grand Canyon Protection Act (Act) of October 30, 1992, Public Law 102-575; Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2 authorized creation of the AMWG to provide recommendations to the Assistant Secretary for Water and Science at the Department of the Interior in carrying out the responsibilities of the Act to protect, mitigate adverse impacts to, and improve the values for which Grand Canyon National Park and Glen Canyon National Recreational Area were established, including but not limited to, natural and cultural resources and visitor use.

The duties or roles and functions of the AMWG are in an advisory capacity only. They are to: (1) Establish AMWG operating procedures, (2) advise the Secretary in meeting environmental and cultural commitments including those contained in the Record of Decision for the Glen Canyon Dam Long-Term Experimental and Management Plan Final Environmental Impact Statement and subsequent related decisions, (3) recommend resource management objectives for development and implementation of a long-term monitoring plan, and any necessary research and studies required to determine the effect of the operation of Glen Canyon Dam on the values for which Grand Canyon National Park and Glen Canyon Dam National Recreation Area were established, including but not limited to, natural and cultural resources, and visitor use, (4) review and provide input on the report identified in the Act to the Secretary, the Congress, and the Governors of the Colorado River Basin States, (5) annually review long-term monitoring data to provide advice on the status of resources and whether the Adaptive Management Program (AMP) goals and objectives are being met, and (6) review and provide input on all AMP activities

undertaken to comply with applicable laws, including permitting requirements.

Membership Criteria

Prospective members of AMWG need to have a strong capacity for advising individuals in leadership positions, team work, project management, tracking relevant Federal government programs and policy making procedures, and networking with and representing their stakeholder group. Membership from a wide range of disciplines and professional sectors is encouraged.

Members of the AMWG are appointed by the Secretary and are comprised of—

a. Secretary's Designee, who will serve as Chairperson for the AMWG.

b. One representative each from the following entities: The Secretary of Energy (Western Area Power Administration), Arizona Game and Fish Department, Hopi Tribe, Hualapai Tribe, Navajo Nation, San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe, Southern Paiute Consortium, Pueblo of Zuni.

c. One representative each from the Governors from the seven basin States: Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming.

d. Representatives each from the general public as follows: Two from environmental organizations, two from the recreation industry, and two from contractors who purchase Federal power from Glen Canyon Powerplant.

e. One representative from each of the following DOI agencies as ex-officio non-voting members: Bureau of Reclamation, Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and National Park Service.

At this time, we are particularly interested in applications from representatives of the following:

(a) One each from the basin states of Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming;

(b) one each from Native American Tribes (Hualapai Tribe, Hopi Tribe, Navajo Nation, Pueblo of Zuni and Southern Paiute Consortium);

(c) two from environmental interests;

(d) two from recreational interests;

(e) two Federal power purchase contractors; and,

(f) one from Arizona Game and Fish Department.

After consultation, the Secretary of the Interior will appoint members to the AMWG. Members will be selected based on their individual qualifications, as well as the overall need to achieve a balanced representation of viewpoints, subject matter expertise, regional knowledge, and representation of communities of interest. AMWG

member terms are limited to three (3) years from their date of appointment. Following completion of their first term, an AMWG member may request consideration for reappointment to an additional term. Reappointment is not guaranteed.

Typically, AMWG will hold two in-person meetings and one webinar meeting per fiscal year. Between meetings, AMWG members are expected to participate in committee work via conference calls and email exchanges. Members of the AMWG and its subcommittees serve without pay. However, while away from their homes or regular places of business in the performance of services of the AMWG, members may be reimbursed for travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in the government service, as authorized by section 5703 of title 5, United States Code.

Individuals who are federally registered lobbyists are ineligible to serve on all FACA and non-FACA boards, committees, or councils in an individual capacity. The term "individual capacity" refers to individuals who are appointed to exercise their own individual best judgment on behalf of the government, such as when they are designated Special Government Employees, rather than being appointed to represent a particular interest.

Nominations should include a resume that provides an adequate description of the nominee's qualifications, particularly information that will enable the Department of the Interior to evaluate the nominee's potential to meet the membership requirements of the Committee and permit the Department of the Interior to contact a potential member. Please refer to the membership criteria stated in this notice.

Any interested person or entity may nominate one or more qualified individuals for membership on the AMWG. Nominations from the seven basin states, as identified in (a) above, need to be submitted by the respective Governors of those states. Persons or entities submitting nomination packages on the behalf of others must confirm that the individual(s) is/are aware of their nomination. Nominations must be postmarked no later than July 6, 2018 and sent to Brent Rhees, Regional Director, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, 125 S. State Street, Room 8100, Salt Lake City, UT 84138.

Public Disclosure of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other

personal identifying information in your nominations and/or 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 nomination/comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2.

Dated: May 25, 2018.

Ryan K. Zinke,

Secretary of the Interior.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation Nos. 731–TA–1387–1391
(Final)]

Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET) Resin From Brazil, Indonesia, Korea, Pakistan, and Taiwan; Scheduling of the Final Phase of Anti-Dumping Duty Investigations

AGENCY: United States International
Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission hereby gives notice of the scheduling of the final phase of antidumping investigation Nos. 731–TA–1387–1391 (Final) pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930 (“the Act”) to determine whether an industry in the United States is materially injured or threatened with material injury, or the establishment of an industry in the United States is materially retarded, by reason of imports of polyethylene terephthalate (PET) resin from Brazil, Indonesia, Korea, Pakistan, and Taiwan, currently provided for in subheadings 3907.61.00 and 3907.69.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States,¹ preliminarily determined by the Department of Commerce (“Commerce”) to be sold at less-than-fair-value.

DATES: May 4, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Messer ((202) 205–3193), Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436. Hearing-impaired persons can obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission’s TDD terminal on 202–205–1810. Persons with mobility

impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202–205–2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its internet server (<https://www.usitc.gov>). The public record for these investigations may be viewed on the Commission’s electronic docket (EDIS) at <https://edis.usitc.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Scope.—For purposes of these investigations, Commerce has defined the subject merchandise as “. . . polyethylene terephthalate (PET) resin having an intrinsic viscosity of at least 70, but not more than 88, milliliters per gram (0.70 to 0.88 deciliters per gram). The scope includes blends of virgin PET resin and recycled PET resin containing 50 percent or more virgin PET resin content by weight, provided such blends meet the intrinsic viscosity requirements above. The scope includes all PET resin meeting the above specifications regardless of additives introduced in the manufacturing process. The scope excludes PET-glycol resin, also referred to as PETG. PET-glycol resins are manufactured by replacing a portion of the raw material input monoethylene glycol (MEG) with one of five glycol modifiers: Cyclohexanedimethanol (CHDM), diethylene glycol (DEG), neopentyl glycol (NPG), isosorbide, or spiro glycol. Specifically, excluded PET-glycol resins must contain a minimum of 10 percent, by weight, of CHDM, DEG, NPG, isosorbide or spiro glycol, or some combination of these glycol modifiers. Unlike subject PET resin, PET-glycol resins are amorphous resins that are not solid-stated and cannot be crystallized or recycled.”

Background.—The final phase of these investigations is being scheduled, pursuant to section 735(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1673d(b)), as a result of affirmative preliminary determinations by Commerce that imports of PET resin from Brazil, Indonesia, Korea, Pakistan, and Taiwan are being sold in the United States at less-than-fair-value within the meaning of section 733 of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1673b). The investigations were requested in petitions filed on September 26, 2017, by DAK Americas LLC, Charlotte, NC; Indorama Ventures USA, Inc., Decatur, AL; M&G Polymers USA, LLC, Houston, TX; and Nan Ya Plastics Corporation, America Lake City, SC.

For further information concerning the conduct of this phase of the investigations, hearing procedures, and

rules of general application, consult the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, part 201, subparts A and B (19 CFR part 201), and part 207, subparts A and C (19 CFR part 207).

Participation in the investigations and public service list.—Persons, including industrial users of the subject merchandise and, if the merchandise is sold at the retail level, representative consumer organizations, wishing to participate in the final phase of these investigations as parties must file an entry of appearance with the Secretary to the Commission, as provided in section 201.11 of the Commission’s rules, no later than 21 days prior to the hearing date specified in this notice. A party that filed a notice of appearance during the preliminary phase of the investigations need not file an additional notice of appearance during this final phase. The Secretary will maintain a public service list containing the names and addresses of all persons, or their representatives, who are parties to the investigations.

Limited disclosure of business proprietary information (BPI) under an administrative protective order (APO) and BPI service list.—Pursuant to section 207.7(a) of the Commission’s rules, the Secretary will make BPI gathered in the final phase of these investigations available to authorized applicants under the APO issued in the investigations, provided that the application is made no later than 21 days prior to the hearing date specified in this notice. Authorized applicants must represent interested parties, as defined by 19 U.S.C. 1677(9), who are parties to the investigations. A party granted access to BPI in the preliminary phase of the investigations need not reapply for such access. A separate service list will be maintained by the Secretary for those parties authorized to receive BPI under the APO.

Staff report.—The prehearing staff report in the final phase of these investigations will be placed in the nonpublic record on August 30, 2018, and a public version will be issued thereafter, pursuant to section 207.22 of the Commission’s rules.

Hearing.—The Commission will hold a hearing in connection with the final phase of these investigations beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 13, 2018, at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building. Requests to appear at the hearing should be filed in writing with the Secretary to the Commission on or before September 7, 2018. A nonparty who has testimony that may aid the Commission’s deliberations may request permission to present a short statement at the hearing.

¹ Prior to January 1, 2017, PET resin was provided for in subheading 3907.60.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States.