

Proposed Updates to the 2007 Management and Control Plan for the New Zealand Mudsail

This revised plan is necessary to guide protection of the remaining uninfested waters of the United States, using continued prevention efforts, containment of NZMS in infested waters and facilities, and, where feasible, population suppression and eradication. While the geographic scope of the plan is focused on the continental United States and Hawaii, the objectives and actions identified within the plan may also be applicable to the U.S. unincorporated territories and outlying islands.

NZMS can tolerate a wide range of environmental conditions and produce many offspring, resulting in extremely dense populations when favorable conditions are present. Dense colonies of NZMS outcompete other aquatic organisms for forage and space, leading to declines in native biodiversity. By consuming vast amounts of organic matter and algae, NZMS alter nutrient cycling processes in aquatic systems, potentially reducing water quality. Directly impacted organisms include native mollusks (snails, mussels, and clams), as well as macroinvertebrates and periphyton (organisms that attach to underwater surfaces, such as algae, microbes, etc.) that serve as a primary food source for a wide range of aquatic organisms, including fish and amphibians. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's 2015 Ecological Risk Screening Summary for the New Zealand Mudsail (*Potamopyrgus antipodarum*) predicts that West, Midwest, and Northeast regions of the contiguous United States are suitable for NZMS based on the known infested range, history of invasiveness, and climate matching analysis.

The 2026 NZMS plan reassesses, identifies, and prioritizes NZMS management actions for 2026 and beyond, based on the collective knowledge and experience gained over the past 17 years. In addition, it provides the current known distribution of NZMS in the United States and information about past and current containment efforts. This plan serves as a resource for information on NZMS prevention, containment, and control for those developing prevention programs, proactively planning, or responding to a NZMS detection. In all circumstances, responses to NZMS are optimized when tailored to the unique environmental setting and efforts are collaborative and coordinated relative to the diverse interests and authorities underlying the management of ANS.

While important information gaps remain, collective experience has allowed the working group to revisit and refine the 2007 plan, which now includes 3 goals, 6 objectives, 19 specific strategies, and 46 actions to prevent the further spread of NZMS and suppress existing populations. Specifically, the goals of the plan are as follows:

A. Protect native species, their habitats, environmental quality, and the economy from negative impacts resulting from NZMS.

B. Equip and mobilize all entities that have relevant authorities, responsibilities, and/or interests in avoiding and mitigating the spread and impacts of NZMS.

C. Establish a framework for the ANSTF to lead efforts and collaborate with States, Tribes, and local agencies to respond to and minimize the impacts of NZMS.

While the goals of the 2007 NZMS plan were focused on identification and development of actions, the 2026 NZMS plan emphasizes the continued implementation of actions in regions where NZMS are known to be present, as well as engagement and action in regions where NZMS have limited, or unknown, distributions.

Public Availability of Comments

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 view, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Authority

This document is published under the authority of the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 (NANPCA; Pub. L. 101-646, 104 Stat. 4761, 16 U.S.C. 4701-4741), as reauthorized with the passage of the National Invasive Species Act of 1996 (NISA; Pub. L. 104-332, 110 Stat. 4073).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Alaska Native Claims Selection

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of decision approving lands for conveyance.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) hereby provides constructive notice that it will issue an appealable decision approving conveyance of the surface estate in certain lands to Eklutna, Inc., for the Native Village of Eklutna, pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971 (ANCSA). The subsurface estate in the same lands will be conveyed to Cook Inlet Region, Inc., when the surface estate is conveyed to Eklutna, Inc.

DATES: Any party claiming a property interest in the lands affected by the decision may appeal the decision in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4 within the time limits set out in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

ADDRESSES: You may obtain a copy of the decision from the Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, AK 99513-7504.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cameron Means, BLM Alaska State Office, 907-271-3152, or cmeans@blm.gov. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point of contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that the BLM will issue an appealable decision to Eklutna, Inc. The decision approves conveyance of the surface estate in certain lands pursuant to ANCSA (43 U.S.C. 1601, *et seq.*). As provided by ANCSA, the subsurface estate in the same lands will be conveyed to Cook Inlet Region, Inc., when the surface estate is conveyed to Eklutna, Inc. The lands are located in the vicinity of Eklutna, Alaska, and are described as:

Seward Meridian, Alaska

T. 16 N., R. 3 E.,

Sec. 36.
T. 16 N., R. 4 E.,
Secs. 31, 32, and 33.
T. 17 N., R. 4 E.,
Sec. 18.
T. 15 N., R. 1 W.,
Sec. 31.
Containing 2,594.14 acres.

The decision addresses public access easements, if any, to be reserved to the United States pursuant to section 17(b) of ANCSA (43 U.S.C. 1616(b)), in the lands described above.

The BLM will also publish notice of the decision once a week for four consecutive weeks in the "Anchorage Daily News" newspaper.

Any party claiming a property interest in the lands affected by the decision may appeal the decision in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4 within the following time limits:

1. Unknown parties, parties unable to be located after reasonable efforts have been expended to locate, parties who fail or refuse to sign their return receipt, and parties who receive a copy of the decision by regular mail which is not certified, return receipt requested, shall have until March 30, 2026 to file an appeal.

2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4 shall be deemed to have waived their rights. Notices of appeal transmitted by facsimile will not be accepted as timely filed.

Cameron G. Means,
Land Law Examiner, Adjudication Section.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Mining and Mining Claims and Non-Federal Oil and Gas Rights

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the National Park Service (NPS, we) are proposing to renew a currently approved information collection without changes.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments, which NPS must receive on or before March 30, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and suggestions on the information collection requirements should be submitted by the date specified above in **DATES** to <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function. Please provide a copy of your comments to the NPS Information Collection Clearance Officer (ADIR-ICCO), 13461 Sunrise Valley Drive, (MS-263) Herndon, VA 20191 (mail); or phadrea_ponds@nps.gov (email). Please reference Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Control Number "1024-0064" in the subject line of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen Simon, Policy and Regulatory Specialist, Energy and Minerals Branch, Geologic Resources Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 25287, Lakewood, Colorado 80225; or by email at Stephen_Simon@nps.gov. Please reference OMB Control Number 1024-0064 in the subject line of your comments. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point of contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501et seq.) and 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), we provide the public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

A **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day public comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on September 4, 2025 (90 FR 42776). No comments were received.

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We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following:

(1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether or not the information will have practical utility.

(2) The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

(3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

(4) How might the agency minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of response.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this information collection request. 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.

Abstract: The Organic Act of 1916 (NPS Organic Act) (54 U.S.C. 100101) authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to develop regulations for units of the national park system (System units) under the Department's jurisdiction. The Mining in the Parks Act (54 U.S.C. 100731 *et seq.*) directs the Secretary of the Interior to regulate all operations in System units in connection with the exercise of mineral rights on patented and unpatented mining claims.

The regulations codified in 36 CFR part 9, subparts A and B, ensure that mining and non-Federal oil and gas activities in System units are conducted in a manner consistent with conserving each System unit for the benefit of present and future generations. The information required by Subpart A identifies the claim, claimant, and