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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### U.S. Customs and Border Protection

#### Approval of Saybolt LP, as a Commercial Gauger

**AGENCY:** U.S. Customs and Border  
Protection, Department of Homeland  
Security.

**ACTION:** Notice of approval of Saybolt  
LP, as a commercial gauger.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 19 CFR 151.13, Saybolt LP, 4025 Oak Lane, Sulfur, LA 70665, has been approved to gauge petroleum, petroleum products, organic chemicals and vegetable oils for customs purposes, in accordance with the provisions of 19 CFR 151.13. Anyone wishing to employ this entity to conduct gauger services should request and receive written assurances from the entity that it is approved by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection to conduct the specific gauger service requested. Alternatively, inquires regarding the specific gauger service this entity is approved to perform may be directed to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection by calling (202) 344-1060. The inquiry may also be sent to [cbp.labhq@dhs.gov](mailto:cbp.labhq@dhs.gov). Please reference the Web site listed below for a complete listing of CBP approved gaugers and accredited laboratories.

[http://cbp.gov/xp/cgov/import/operations\\_support/labs\\_scientific\\_svcs/commercial\\_gaugers/](http://cbp.gov/xp/cgov/import/operations_support/labs_scientific_svcs/commercial_gaugers/).

**DATES:** The approval of Saybolt LP, as commercial gauger became effective on June 11, 2008. The next triennial inspection date will be scheduled for June 2011.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Randall Breaux, Laboratories and Scientific Services, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Suite 1500N, Washington, DC 20229, 202-344-1060.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### U.S. Customs and Border Protection

#### Approval of VIP Chemical, Inc., as a Commercial Gauger

**AGENCY:** U.S. Customs and Border  
Protection, Department of Homeland  
Security.

**ACTION:** Notice of approval of VIP  
Chemical, Inc., as a commercial gauger.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 19 CFR 151.13, VIP Chemical, Inc., 4026 FM 1694, Robstown, TX 78310, has been approved to gauge petroleum, petroleum products, organic chemicals, and vegetable oils for customs purposes, in accordance with the provisions of 19 CFR 151.13. Anyone wishing to employ this entity to conduct gauger services should request and receive written assurances from the entity that it is approved by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection to conduct the specific gauger service requested. Alternatively, inquiries regarding the specific gauger service this entity is approved to perform may be directed to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection by calling (202) 344-1060. The inquiry may also be sent to [cbp.labhq@dhs.gov](mailto:cbp.labhq@dhs.gov). Please reference the Web site listed below for a complete listing of CBP approved gaugers and accredited laboratories.

[http://cbp.gov/xp/cgov/import/operations\\_support/labs\\_scientific\\_svcs/commercial\\_gaugers/](http://cbp.gov/xp/cgov/import/operations_support/labs_scientific_svcs/commercial_gaugers/).

**DATES:** The approval of VIP Chemical, Inc., as commercial gauger became effective on May 22, 2008. The next triennial inspection date will be scheduled for May 2011.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Randall Breaux, Laboratories and Scientific Services, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Suite 1500N, Washington, DC 20229, 202-344-1060.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

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#### Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge Complex, Humboldt and Del Norte Counties, CA

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service,  
Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; request  
for comments: Draft comprehensive  
conservation plan/environmental  
assessment.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and  
Wildlife Service (Service), announce the  
availability of the Draft Comprehensive  
Conservation Plan/Environmental  
Assessment (CCP/EA) for Humboldt Bay  
National Wildlife Refuge Complex for  
public review and comment. The  
Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge  
Complex is composed of Humboldt Bay  
National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) and  
Castle Rock NWR. The CCP, prepared  
under the National Wildlife Refuge  
System Improvement Act of 1997, and  
in accordance with the National  
Environmental Policy Act of 1969,  
describes how the Service will manage  
the Refuges for the next 15 years. Draft  
compatibility determinations for several  
public uses are also available for review  
and public comment in the Draft CCP/  
EA.

**DATES:** Written comments must be  
received at the address below on or  
before March 23, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** For more information on  
obtaining documents and submitting  
comments, see "Review and Comment"  
under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. For  
public meeting location see "Public  
Meetings" under **SUPPLEMENTARY  
INFORMATION**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Eric  
T. Nelson, Project Leader, U.S. Fish and  
Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 576, Loleta,  
CA 95551-9633, phone (707) 733-5406  
or Sandy Osborn, Refuge Planner, U.S.  
Fish and Wildlife Service, 2800 Cottage  
Way, W-1832, Sacramento, CA 95825,  
phone (916) 414-6503.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The  
National Wildlife Refuge System  
Improvement Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C.  
668dd-668ee), which amended the  
National Wildlife Refuge System  
Administration Act of 1966, requires us  
to develop a comprehensive  
conservation plan (CCP) for each  
national wildlife refuge. The purpose in  
developing a CCP is to provide refuge  
managers with a 15-year plan for  
achieving refuge purposes and

contributing toward the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System, consistent with sound principles of fish and wildlife management, conservation, legal mandates, and our policies. In addition to outlining broad management direction on conserving wildlife and their habitats, CCPs identify wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities available to the public, including opportunities for hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, environmental education and interpretation.

The CCP for the Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge Complex was initiated in January 2007. At that time and throughout the process, public comments were requested, considered, and incorporated in numerous ways. Public outreach has included public scoping meetings, planning updates, a CCP Web page, and **Federal Register** notices. We announced the notice of intent to prepare a Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment in the **Federal Register** (72 FR 4020, January 29, 2007).

### Background

Humboldt Bay NWR is located on Humboldt Bay on the northwest California coast near Eureka and Arcata. In 1971, the Humboldt Bay NWR was established to conserve coastal habitats for a great diversity of animals and plants, especially migratory birds. In later years the Service added the Lanphere and Ma-le'l Dunes Units, to help conserve the most pristine remaining dune ecosystem on the west coast of North America. The Refuge Complex also includes Castle Rock NWR, a 14-acre island located in Del Norte County, less than a mile northwest of Crescent City. This refuge hosts one of the largest and most diverse colonies of breeding seabirds on the Pacific coast and provides a roost for approximately 20,000 Aleutian cackling geese during their migration.

### Alternatives

The Draft CCP/EA identifies and evaluates three alternatives for managing Humboldt Bay and Castle Rock Refuges for the next 15 years. One alternative for each Refuge has been identified as the preferred alternative. The preferred alternatives were identified based on the analysis presented in the Draft CCP/EA, which may be modified following the completion of the public comment period based on comments received from other agencies, tribal governments, non-governmental organizations, or individuals.

### Alternatives for the Humboldt Bay NWR

Under Alternative A (the "No Action" Alternative), the Service would continue the current management of Humboldt Bay NWR at approximately the same level it has in the recent past. There would be continued work on the most substantive refuge issues including: Maintenance of facilities and existing programs, Salmon Creek and other habitat restoration, control of invasives (especially *Spartina*, or non-native cordgrass), habitat management for salmonids, Aleutian cackling geese management, and public use initiatives.

Under Alternative B, the Service would make a number of improvements to Humboldt Bay NWR management including substantial native habitat restoration, moderate enhancement of Aleutian cackling goose habitat, substantial restoration of Salmon Creek, substantial enhancements of other wetland and dune habitats, an increase in visitor services, a slight reduction in hunt opportunities, and proactive cultural resource management.

Alternative C, the preferred alternative, would include all of the features of Alternative B plus more native habitat restoration, more restoration of Salmon Creek, more enhancements of other wetland and dune habitats; and a slight increase in hunt opportunities compared to Alternative A.

### Alternatives for the Castle Rock NWR

Under Alternative A (the "No Action" Alternative), the Service would continue to manage Castle Rock NWR as it has in the recent past.

Under Alternative B, the Service would make a number of changes to Castle Rock NWR management including: Restricting any monitoring and research to off-island; increasing educational outreach and interpretation; and increasing coordination with tribal entities.

Under Alternative C, the preferred alternative, the Service would improve management of Castle Rock NWR by: Expanding surveys for flora and fauna; improving research with remote controlled recording devices; increasing educational outreach and interpretation in collaboration with local entities; increasing coordination with tribal entities; and recommending Castle Rock NWR for wilderness designation and completing the associated legislative environmental impact statement.

### Public Meetings

The locations, dates, and times of public meetings will be listed in a

planning update distributed to the project mailing list and posted on the Refuge Complex Web site at <http://www.fws.gov/humboldtby/ccp.html>.

### Review and Comment

Copies of the Draft CCP/EA may be obtained by writing to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Attn: Sandy Osborn, Refuge Planner, 2800 Cottage Way, W-1832, Sacramento, CA 95825-1846. Copies of the Draft CCP/EA may be viewed at this address or at the Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge Complex, 1020 Ranch Road, Loleta, CA 95551-9633. The Draft CCP/EA will also be available for viewing and downloading online at <http://www.fws.gov/humboldtby/ccp.html>. Printed documents will also be available for review in the Government Collection sections at the following libraries: Arcata Library, 500 7th Street, Arcata, CA 95521; College of the Redwoods Library, 7351 Tompkins Hill Road, Eureka, CA 95501; Del Norte County Library, 190 Price Mall, Crescent City, CA 95331; Fortuna Library, 753 14th Street, Fortuna, CA 95540; Humboldt County Library, 1313 3rd Street, Eureka, CA 95501; Humboldt State University Library, 1 Harpst Street, Arcata, CA 95521; and Conservation Library, USFWS-NCTC, 698 Conservation Way, Shepherdstown, WV 25443.

Comments on the Draft CCP/EA should be addressed to: Sandy Osborn, Refuge Planner, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2800 Cottage Way, W-1832, Sacramento, CA 95825-1846; or via electronic mail, [sandy\\_osborn@fws.gov](mailto:sandy_osborn@fws.gov). Comments may also be faxed to (916) 414-6497.

At the end of the review and comment period for this Draft CCP/EA, we will analyze comments and address them in our Final CCP. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail 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.

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