

seven tribes with areas of Indian country in the SJV nonattainment area inviting government-to-government consultation on the rulemaking effort. We requested that the tribal leaders, or their designated consultation representatives, provide input or request government-to-government consultation by October 27, 2014. We did not receive a response from any of the tribes. As noted above, EPA inadvertently did not send a letter to the Tejon Indian Tribe prior to this proposed action. We recognize that the proposed reclassification may be of interest to officials of the Tejon Indian Tribe and we are contacting them presently to offer them an opportunity for government-to-government consultation. We intend to continue communicating with all eight tribes located within the boundaries of the SJV nonattainment area for the 1997 PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS as we move forward developing a final rule. EPA specifically solicits additional comment on this proposed rule from tribal officials.

*G. Executive Order 13045, Protection of Children From Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks*

EPA interprets Executive Order 13045 (62 FR 19885, April 23, 1997) as applying only to those regulatory actions that concern environmental health or safety risks that EPA has reason to believe may disproportionately affect children, per the definition of “covered regulatory action” in section 2–202 of the Executive Order. This proposed action is not subject to Executive Order 13045 because it proposes only to reclassify the SJV nonattainment area as Serious nonattainment for the 1997 PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS, which would trigger additional Serious area planning requirements under the CAA. This proposed action does not establish an environmental standard intended to mitigate health or safety risks.

*H. Executive Order 13211, Actions That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, or Use*

This proposed rule is not subject to Executive Order 13211, “Actions Concerning Regulations That Significantly Affect Energy Supply,

Distribution, or Use” (66 FR 28355, May 22, 2001) because it is not a significant regulatory action under Executive Order 12866.

*I. National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act*

This action is not subject to the requirements of Section 12(d) of the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995 (15 U.S.C. 272 note) because it does not involve technical standards.

*J. Executive Order 12898: Federal Actions To Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Population*

Executive Order 12898 (59 FR 7629, Feb. 16, 1994) establishes federal executive policy on environmental justice. Its main provision directs federal agencies, to the greatest extent practicable and permitted by law, to make environmental justice part of their mission by identifying and addressing, as appropriate, disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects of their programs, policies, and activities on minority populations and low-income populations in the United States.

EPA has determined that this action will not have disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority or low-income populations because it does not affect the level of protection provided to human health or the environment. This proposed action would only reclassify the SJV nonattainment area as Serious nonattainment for the 1997 PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS, which would trigger additional Serious area planning requirements under the CAA.

**List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 81**

Air pollution control, Incorporation by reference.

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*

Dated: December 18, 2014.

**Jared Blumenfeld,**

*Regional Administrator, EPA Region 9.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**50 CFR Part 17**

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**Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Proposed Endangered Status for 21 Species and Proposed Threatened Status for 2 Species in Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands**

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; reopening of public comment period and notice of public hearings.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), recently published a proposed listing for 21 plant and animal species from the Mariana Islands (U.S. Territory of Guam and the U.S. Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands) as endangered species and 2 plant species from the Mariana Islands as threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), and announced a 60-day public comment period on the proposed actions, ending December 1, 2014. We now reopen the public comment period for an additional 30 days, and announce two public hearings and four public information meetings on our proposed rule. We are taking these actions to allow all interested parties additional time and opportunity to comment on the proposed rule.

**DATES:** *Written Comments:* We will consider comments received or postmarked on or before February 11, 2015, or provided at the public hearings. Please note comments submitted electronically using the Federal eRulemaking Portal (see **ADDRESSES**) must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on the closing date. Any comments that we receive after the closing date may not be considered in the final decision on the proposed rule.

*Public Hearings and Information Meetings:*

Public hearings	Public information meetings
Guam: Tuesday, January 27, 2015, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Guam: Tuesday, January 27, 2015, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Public hearings	Public information meetings
<i>U.S. Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI)</i> : Wednesday, January 28, 2015, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (island of Saipan)	<i>U.S. Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI)</i> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wednesday, January 28, 2015, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.</li> <li>• Thursday, January 29, 2015, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (island of Rota).</li> <li>• Saturday, January 31, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (island of Tinian).</li> </ul>

**ADDRESSES:**

**Document Availability:** You may obtain copies of the proposed rule at <http://www.regulations.gov> at Docket No. FWS-R1-ES-2014-0038; from the Pacific Islands Fish and Wildlife Office's Web site (<http://www.fws.gov/pacificislands>); or by contacting the Pacific Islands Fish and Wildlife Office directly (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

**Comment Submission:** You may submit written comments by one of the following methods:

(1) *Electronically:* Go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Submit comments on the proposed listing rule to FWS-R1-ES-2014-0038.

(2) *By hard copy:* Submit comments on the proposed listing rule by U.S. mail or hand-delivery to: Public Comments Processing, Attn: FWS-R1-ES-2014-0038; Division of Policy and Directives

Management; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS: BPHC; 5275 Leesburg Pike; Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.

We request that you send comments only by the methods described above. We will post all comments on <http://www.regulations.gov>. This generally means that we will post any personal information you provide us (see the Public Comments section, below, for more information).

**Locations of Public Hearings and Information Meetings:**

Public hearings	Public information meetings
<i>Guam:</i> University of Guam, in the Leon Guerrero School of Business and Public Administration Building, Anthony Leon Guerrero Multi-Purpose Room 129, located at UOG Station, Mangilao, Guam 96923. <i>U.S. Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI):</i> Island of Saipan, at the Multi-Purpose Center, located at Beach Road, Susupe, Saipan.	<i>Guam:</i> Same location as the public hearing.  <i>U.S. Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI):</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Island of Saipan, at the same location as the public hearing.</li> <li>• Island of Rota, at the Sinapalo Elementary School Cafeteria, located at Sinapalo I, Songsong Village, Rota, MP 96951.</li> <li>• Island of Tinian, at the Tinian Elementary School Cafeteria, located at San Jose Village, Tinian, MP 96952.</li> </ul>

People needing reasonable accommodation in order to attend and participate in either public hearing should contact Kristi Young, Deputy Field Supervisor, Pacific Islands Fish and Wildlife Office, as soon as possible (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Kristi Young, Deputy Field Supervisor, Pacific Islands Fish and Wildlife Office, 300 Ala Moana Boulevard, Honolulu, HI 96850; telephone 808-792-9400; or facsimile 808-792-9581. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 800-877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Public Comments**

We are reopening the public comment period for 30 days on our proposed rule to list 23 Mariana Islands species that was published in the **Federal Register** on October 1, 2014 (79 FR 59364), to allow all interested parties additional time to comment on the proposed rule.

We will accept written comments and information until the date specified in the **DATES** section, above, or at the public hearings. We will consider all information and recommendations from all interested parties.

For details on specific information we are requesting, please see the Information Requested section of our proposed rule (79 FR 59364; October 1, 2014).

You may submit your comments and materials concerning the proposed rule by one of the methods listed in **ADDRESSES**. We request that you send comments only by the methods described in **ADDRESSES**.

If you submit a comment via <http://www.regulations.gov>, your entire comment—including any personal identifying information—will be posted on the Web site. We will post all hardcopy comments on <http://www.regulations.gov> as well. If you submit a hardcopy comment that includes personal identifying information, you may request at the top

of your document that we withhold this information from public review. However, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Comments and materials we receive, as well as supporting documentation we used in preparing the proposed rule, will be available for public inspection on <http://www.regulations.gov> at Docket No. FWS-R1-ES-2014-0038 or by appointment, during normal business hours, at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Islands Fish and Wildlife Office (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

**Authority**

The authority for this action is the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: December 19, 2014.

**Rowan W. Gould,**

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

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