

b. Develops and submits recommendations to the national Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force,
 c. Coordinates aquatic nuisance species program activities in the Great Lakes,

d. Advises public and private interests on control efforts, and
 e. Submits an annual report to the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force.

The purpose of the Panel is to advise and make recommendations to the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force on issues relating to the Great Lakes region of the United States that includes eight Great Lakes States: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Wisconsin. The Great Lakes Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species will discuss several topics at this meeting including: progress reports on the Aquatic Invasive Species action plan; the Panel's draft operational guidance; the Great lakes Regional Collaboration and related significance for Aquatic Invasive Species work in the region, including for the Great Lakes Panel; committee meetings (Research, Information/Education, and Legislation/Policy); progress reports from Great Lakes panel projects and Great Lakes Commission projects (ANS-GIS, Early Detection, Rapid Response); recommendations for the ANS Task Force; and updates from Panel member organizations and states.

Dated: February 28, 2005.

Mamie A. Parker,

Co-Chair, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Assistant Director—Fisheries & Habitat Conservation.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Detection and Monitoring Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Detection and Monitoring Committee of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force. The meeting is open to the public. The meeting topics are identified in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

DATES: The Committee will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday, March 22, 2005.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Smithsonian Environmental

Research Center, 647 Contees Wharf Rd., Edgewood, Maryland. Phone (443) 482-2200.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pam Fuller, Chair, Detection and Monitoring Committee, at (352) 264-3481 or by e-mail at: Pam_Fuller@usgs.gov or Pam Meacham, Acting Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force at (703) 358-1796 or by e-mail at: pam_meacham@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. I), this notice announces a meeting of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Detection and Monitoring Committee. The Task Force was established by the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 4701-4741). Topics to be addressed at this meeting include: A discussion of the committee's goals; a demonstration of the USGS database on sampling protocols for aquatic invasive species, followed by discussion on standardized protocols and reviewer recommendations; presentations by selected monitoring programs focusing on geographic location, habitat, sampling techniques and species sampled; and discussion of a framework for inventorying monitoring activities and data management for aquatic invasive species in the U.S.

Minutes of the meeting will be maintained by the Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Suite 810, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203-1622. Minutes for the meetings will be available at this location for public inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Friday.

Dated: March 2, 2005.

Mamie A. Parker,

Co-Chair, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Assistant Director—Fisheries and Habitat Conservation.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Northeast Regional Panel Meeting

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) Task Force Northeast Regional Panel. The meeting is open to

the public. The meeting topics are identified in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

DATES: The Northeast Regional Panel will meet from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4, 2005, and 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, May 5, 2005. Minutes of the meeting will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Friday.

ADDRESSES: The Northeast Regional Panel meeting will be held at the Urban Forestry Center, 45 Elwyn Road, Portsmouth, NH 03801. Phone (603) 431-6774. Minutes of the meeting will be maintained by the Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Suite 810, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203-1622.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michele Tremblay, NEANS Panel Program Manager at (603) 796-2615 or, by e-mail, at info@northeastans.org or Pam Meacham, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, at (703) 358-1796.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. I), this notice announces a meeting of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Northeast Regional Panel. The ANS Task Force was established by the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990. The Northeast Regional Panel was established by the ANS Task Force in 2001. The NEANS Panel, comprised of representatives from Federal, State, and local agencies and from private environmental and commercial interests, performs the following activities:

- a. Identifies priorities for the Northeast Region with respect to aquatic nuisance species,
- b. Makes recommendations to the Task Force,
- c. Assists the Task Force in coordinating Federal aquatic nuisance species program activities in the Northeast region,
- d. Coordinates aquatic nuisance species program activities in the Northeast region,
- e. Provides advice to public and private individuals and entities concerning methods of controlling aquatic nuisance species, and
- f. Submits an annual report describing activities within the Northeast region related to aquatic nuisance species prevention, research, and control.

The purpose of the Panel is to advise and make recommendations to the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force on issues relating to the Northeast region of the United States that includes seven

Northeast region States: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and New York. The Northeast Regional Panel will discuss several topics at this meeting including: Future panel meeting scheduling; activities updates of the ANS Task Force and Invasive Species Council and other groups; roundtable; committee break-out planning sessions and updates; research priorities; New York State highlights; New England rapid assessment progress; New Hampshire outreach pilot program; pet industry panel; and a feature on an aquatic or marine plant or animal species.

Dated: February 23, 2005.

Mamie Parker,

Co-Chair, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Assistant Director—Fisheries & Habitat Conservation.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Mid-Atlantic Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species Meeting

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) Task Force Mid-Atlantic Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species. The meeting topics are identified in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The Mid-Atlantic Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species will meet from 10 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. on Thursday, March 31, 2005 and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, April 1, 2005. Minutes of the meeting will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Friday.

ADDRESSES: The Mid-Atlantic Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species meeting will be held at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Chesapeake Bay Field Office, 177 Admiral Cochrane Drive, Annapolis, MD 21401. Phone (410) 573-4517. Minutes of the meeting will be maintained in the office of Chief, Division of Environmental Quality, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Suite 322, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203-1622.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Greiner, Mid-Atlantic Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species Interim Chair at (410) 267-5783 or Pam Meacham,

Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, at (703) 358-1796.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. I), this notice announces meetings of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Mid-Atlantic Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species. The Task Force was established by the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990. The Mid-Atlantic Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species was established by the ANS Task Force in 2003. The Mid-Atlantic Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species, comprised of representatives from Federal, State, local agencies and from private environmental and commercial interests, performs the following activities:

- a. Identifies priorities for activities in the Mid-Atlantic region,
- b. Develops and submits recommendations to the national Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force,
- c. Coordinates aquatic nuisance species program activities in the Mid-Atlantic region,
- d. Advises public and private interests on control efforts, and
- e. Submits an annual report to the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force.

The purpose of the Panel is to advise and make recommendations to the Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) Task Force on issues relating to the Mid-Atlantic region of the United States that includes nine Mid-Atlantic States: Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, North Carolina, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia. The Mid-Atlantic Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species will discuss several topics at this meeting including: An overview of the ANS Task Force and Regional Panels; ANS Task Force Outreach and Education programs; priority ANS species in North Carolina and the Chesapeake and Delaware Bay watersheds; regional projects; organization, operations and budget of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Panel; work plan development; and the formation of work groups.

Dated: March 3, 2005.

Everett Wilson,

Acting Co-Chair, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Assistant Director—Fisheries & Habitat Conservation.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Amendments to Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Desert Rock Energy Project, San Juan County, NM

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Bureau of Indian Affairs is amending its Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Desert Rock Energy Project, San Juan County, New Mexico, published in the **Federal Register** on November 10, 2004 (69 FR 65215), which described the proposed action. The amendments: (1) Add the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as cooperating agencies; (2) include the mining of up to six million more tons of coal per year from the BHP Navajo Coal Company lease area and delivery of that coal to the proposed power plant, plus the issuance of permits required under the Clean Water Act by the Army Corps of Engineers and/or the EPA, for analysis in the EIS; (3) announce five more public scoping meetings to identify potential issues and alternatives for inclusion in the EIS; and (4) extend the period for public comment on scoping for the EIS.

DATES: Written comments addressing issues or alternatives to be considered in the EIS or other information bearing on the EIS must arrive by April 11, 2005. The additional public scoping meetings will be held March 28, 29 (2 meetings), 30, and 31, 2005.

ADDRESSES: You may mail or hand carry written comments to Eloise Chicharello, Director, Navajo Regional Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, PO Box 1060, Gallup, New Mexico 87305.

The addresses and times for the public scoping meetings are:

1. March 28, 2005—Cortez Middle School Cafeteria, 450 West 2nd Street, Cortez, Colorado, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
2. March 29, 2005—Sanostee Chapter House, Highway 491, Navajo Nation, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Burnham Chapter House, Navajo Nation, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
3. March 30, 2005—Auxiliary Gymnasium, Shiprock High School, Highway 64 West, Shiprock, New Mexico, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
4. March 31, 2005—Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, Silver & Turquoise