

and values, and result in greater concerns about mosquitoes, water quality impairment, and impacts to aesthetic resources. Creation of a predominantly saltwater regime would be achieved through elimination and disposal of existing freshwater vegetation (principally cattails), dredging and disposal to remove excess sediment (up to approximately 2 million cubic yards), and establishment of continuous tidal exchange through an ocean inlet/outlet. Dredging would create elevations for intertidal salt marsh and eelgrass habitats. An existing 50-foot wide weir would be removed and an open channel would be constructed to provide continuous tidal exchange between the lagoon and the Pacific Ocean. Depending on the final distribution of habitats to be created and inlet maintenance considerations, the ocean inlet/outlet may require stabilization with one or two jetties of similar length to those constructed farther south in the City of Carlsbad for the Batiquitos Lagoon inlet/outlet. Various scenarios of habitat creation and lagoon flow characteristics would influence which potential infrastructure modifications may be considered for the three action alternatives. Potential modifications may include changes to the existing bridges over the lagoon for U.S. Interstate 5 (I-5), a railroad, and Carlsbad Boulevard ("Coast Highway"), along with culverts and/or a weir.

Guidelines under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (40 CFR 1502.14[a]) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code, Section 21000–21177) require that an EIR and a EIS examine alternatives to a project in order to explore a reasonable range of alternatives that fulfill the project's purpose, while reducing potentially significant environmental impacts. A series of Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meetings and informal public meetings/workshops were held over the past few years to solicit input on the development of project alternatives. Three public meetings were held between June 2002 and April 2004 with the last meeting held on April 8, 2004. Further, a comprehensive Feasibility Analysis funded by the SCC was completed in 2004 by Everest International Consultants, Inc. This analysis documented the general engineering feasibility and associated potential environmental impacts and considerations for a full range of hydrologic regimes and alternatives. Based on this analysis and input from the public and the TAC, alternatives that will receive detailed analysis in the

DEIR/DEIS, are: (a) Proposed Action; (b) Restore and Enhance the Existing Freshwater Regime; (c) Create a Mixed Saltwater-Freshwater Regime; and (d) No Project/No Action.

The alternative to Restore and Enhance the Existing Freshwater Regime would focus on elimination and disposal of some existing freshwater vegetation to help restore flow conditions, and dredging and disposal to remove excess sediment necessary for creation of freshwater habitat and two islands to provide riparian forest and fringing upland habitat. Additionally, channel enhancement would be provided to improve water flow and circulation, and the existing 50-foot wide weir would be replaced with a larger-width weir at the ocean outlet. No structural modifications would occur to the existing I-5, railroad, or Coast Highway crossings over the lagoon.

The alternative to Create a Mixed Saltwater-Freshwater Regime would focus on elimination and disposal of some existing freshwater vegetation to help restore flow conditions, dredging and disposal to remove excess sediment necessary for creation of saltwater habitat and eelgrass habitat west of I-5, and shallow freshwater habitat east of I-5. The existing weir would be replaced with an ocean inlet/outlet to provide continuous tidal exchange between the western portion of the lagoon and the ocean, and a new weir would be constructed under I-5 to maintain a freshwater basin east of the freeway. As noted for the proposed action, the ocean inlet/outlet may require stabilization with one or two jetties, and various scenarios of habitat creation and lagoon flow characteristics would influence considerations for modifying lagoon crossings to optimize tidal exchange, such as related to I-5, railroad, and Coast Highway bridges.

The No Project/No Action alternative would not involve any restoration or enhancement of the lagoon.

Written comments from interested parties are welcome to ensure that issues of public concern related to the proposed action are identified. Comments and materials received will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office (see **ADDRESSES** above). Comments will also be accepted at the public scoping meeting (see **DATES**).

Our practice is to make comments, including names, home addresses, home phone numbers, and email addresses of respondents, available for public review. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their names and/or home addresses, etc., but if you

wish is to consider withholding this information you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. In addition, you must present a rationale for withholding this information. This rationale must demonstrate that disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy. We will always make submissions from organization or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives of or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

The environmental review of this project will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the NEPA of 1969 as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR parts 1500–1518), other applicable Federal laws and regulations, and applicable policies and procedures of the Service. This notice is being furnished in accordance with 40 CFR 1501.7 to obtain suggestions and information from other agencies and the public on the scope of issues and alternatives to be addressed in the DEIR/DEIS.

Dated: March 14, 2007.

Ken McDermond,

Deputy Manager, California/Nevada Operations Office, Sacramento, California.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Lake Champlain Sea Lamprey Control Alternatives Workgroup

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service, we, our), announces a meeting of the Lake Champlain Sea Lamprey Control Alternatives Workgroup (Workgroup). The Workgroup's purpose is to provide, in an advisory capacity, recommendations and advice on research and implementation of sea lamprey control techniques alternative to lampricide that are technically feasible, cost effective, and environmentally safe. The primary objective of the meeting will be to discuss potential focus research initiatives that may enhance alternative sea lamprey control techniques. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The Lake Champlain Sea Lamprey Control Alternatives

Workgroup will meet on Monday, April 16, 2007, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the State University of New York, Valcour Educational Conference Center, 3712 Route 9—Lakeshore, Plattsburgh, NY 12901.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dave Tilton, Designated Federal Officer, Lake Champlain Sea Lamprey Control Alternatives Workgroup, Lake Champlain Fish and Wildlife Resources Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 11 Lincoln Street, Essex Junction, VT 05452, at 802-872-0629 (telephone); *Dave_Tilton@fws.gov* (electronic mail).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We publish this notice under section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.). The Workgroup's specific responsibilities are to provide advice regarding the implementation of sea lamprey control methods alternative to lampricides, to recommend priorities for research to be conducted by cooperating organizations and demonstration projects to be developed and funded by State and Federal agencies, and to assist Federal and State agencies with the coordination of alternative sea lamprey control research to advance the state of the science in Lake Champlain and the Great Lakes.

Dated: March 13, 2007.

Richard O. Bennett,

Acting Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Hadley, Massachusetts.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Submission to Office of Management and Budget—Information Collection, OMB Control Number 1004-0137

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has submitted a request for an extension of an approved information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval.

DATES: The OMB is required to respond to this request within 60 days but may respond after 30 days. Submit your comments to OMB at the address below by April 20, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the OMB, Interior Department Desk Officer (1004-0137), at OMB-OIRA via e-mail *OIRA_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov* or via facsimile at (202) 395-6566. Also please send a copy of your comments to BLM via Internet and include your name, address, and ATTN: 1004-0137 in your Internet message to *comments_washington@blm.gov* or via mail to: U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Mail Stop 401LS, 1849 C Street, NW, ATTN: Bureau Information Collection Clearance Office (WO-630), Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You may contact Shirlean Beshir to obtain copies and explanatory material on this information collection at (202) 452-5033. Persons who use a telecommunication device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) on 1-800-877-8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to contact Ms. Beshir.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 9, 2006, the BLM published a notice in the **Federal Register** (71 FR 33479) requesting comments on the information collection. The comment period closed on August 8, 2006. The BLM did not receive any comments.

We are soliciting comments on the following:

(a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper functioning of the agency, including

whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of our estimates of the information collection burden, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions we use;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and

(d) Ways to minimize the information collection burden on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Title: Onshore Oil and Gas Operation (43 CFR part 3160 through 3165).

OMB Control Number: 1004-0137.

Abstract: The BLM manages the exploration, development, production, and utilization of oil and gas operations on public lands according to the regulations at (43 CFR part 3160 through 3165). These regulations implement the following statutes:

(1) The Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 (30 U.S.C. *et seq*);

(2) The Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq*.);

(3) The Act of August 7, 1947 (Mineral Leasing Act of Acquired Lands) (30 U.S.C. 351-359); and

(4) The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. The BLM uses this information to approve oil and gas operations. In most cases, we do not require a specific form to collect the required information, since we generally gather the information through the course of industry operations.

Burden Estimate Per Form: We estimate the completion time for this form and non-form information that is submitted quarterly, monthly, on occasion, and annually to the BLM by the private sector as follows:

Burden hours information collected	Number of actions per year	Burden hours per action	Total annual burden hours
(a) Application for Permit to Drill (Form 3160-3)	5,000	8	40,000
(b) Well Completion or Re-completion Report and Log (Form 3160-4)	3,000	8	24,000
(c) Sundry Notices and Reports on Wells (Form 3160-5)	34,000	8	272,000
(d) 43 CFR 3162.3-1(a); Well Spacing Program	150	8	1,200
(e) 43 CFR 3162.3-1(e); Drilling Plans	2,875	16	46,000
(f) 43 CFR 3162.3-4(a); Plug and Abandon for Water Injection	1,200	8	9,600
(g) 43 CFR 3162.3-4(b); Plug and Abandon for Water Source	1,200	8	9,600
(h) 43 CFR 3162.4-1(a) and 3162.7-5(d)(1); Schematic/Facility Diagrams	2,350	8	18,800
(i) 43 CFR 3162.4-2(a); Drilling Tests, Logs, Surveys	330	8	2,640
(j) 43 CFR 3162.4-3; Monthly report of operations	90,000	8	720,000
(k) 43 CFR 3162.5-1(b); Disposal of Produced Water	1,500	8	12,000
(l) 43 CFR 3162.5-1(c); Report of Spills, Discharges, or Other Undesirable Events	200	8	1,600
(m) 43 CFR 3162.5-1(d); Contingency Plan	50	32	1,600