

3. A list of documents available and how to get them;

4. Who to contact for more information.

**DATES:** This notice is effective on June 24, 2008. Comments on the draft Comprehensive Evaluation Report are requested to be postmarked or received by August 8, 2008. A series of public meetings will resume beginning in July 2008. The dates, times and locations of these meetings will be posted at our Internet Web site: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/gwj/>. This information can also be obtained from the contact information below. More detailed information on the proposed schedule is in the Supplementary Information Section.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on the need for change are being accepted. Send written comments to George Washington Plan Revision, George Washington & Jefferson National Forests, 5162 Valleypointe Parkway, Roanoke, Virginia 24019-3050. Electronic comments should include "GW Plan Revision" in the subject line and be sent to: [comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson@fs.fed.us).

Additional information on the GWNF Forest Plan is available at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/gwj/>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ken Landgraf, Planning Staff Officer, or JoBeth Brown, Public Affairs Officer, George Washington & Jefferson National Forests, (540) 265-5100.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notification of initiation of plan revision process for the George Washington National Forest revised land management plan was provided in the **Federal Register** on February 15, 2007 [72 FR 7390]. The plan revision was initiated under the planning procedures contained in the 2005 Forest Service planning rule (36 CFR 219 (2005)). On March 30, 2007, the federal district court for the Northern District of California enjoined the Forest Service from implementing and using the 2005 planning rule until the agency provided notice and comment and conducted an assessment of the rule's effects on the environment and completed consultation under the Endangered Species Act. Revision of the George Washington National Forest revised land management plan under the (36 CFR 219 (2005)) rule was suspended in response to the injunction. On April 21, 2008 the Forest Service adopted a new planning rule. This rule (36 CFR 219 (2008)) was adopted following completion of an environmental impact statement and consultation under the Endangered Species Act. This new planning rule explicitly allows the

resumption of plan revisions started under the previous rule (36 CFR 219 (2005)) based on a finding that the revision process conforms to the new planning rule (36 CFR 219.14(b)(3)(ii)).

Prior to injunction of the 2005 planning rule the George Washington National Forest had developed a draft Comprehensive Evaluation Report on the need for change. The Forest had just begun to engage the American public in a dialogue on what they thought needed to be changed from the 1993 revised Forest Plan. Only one series of public meetings had occurred during March 2007 prior to the injunction.

Based primarily on the discussion above, I find that the planning actions taken prior to April 21, 2008 conform to the planning process of the 2008 planning rule and for that reason the plan revision process does not need to be restarted.

#### The Need for Change

The GWNF Forest Plan was last revised in 1993. Planning regulations require that plans be revised at least every 15 years. The 1993 revision was a major effort that involved the participation of many stakeholders. The purpose of the current revision is to examine management direction that needs to change and determine how best to make those changes.

Based upon new information acquired in the past year, the Forest Service has appended its initial Comprehensive Evaluation Report of February 2007 with social and economic conditions and trends. The George Washington National Forest is resuming its plan revision process by seeking additional public comments on the need to change the 1993 plan.

#### Planning Schedule

After resumption of the planning process, the Forest Service will hold a series of public meetings. The Forest Supervisor will then determine which issues will be carried forward for further analysis in the revision process.

Additional public meetings will then be held throughout the summer and fall of 2008 to discuss development of the Forest Plan components in response to the issues that will be carried forward for further analysis. In early spring of 2009 the Forest Service expects to release a Proposed Forest Plan for formal public review and comment. A notice will be published in the **Federal Register** that will begin an official 90-day comment period on the Proposed Forest Plan. The Forest Service will review the comments, hold additional public meeting(s), and then make any appropriate changes to the Proposed

Forest Plan. Another notice will then be published in the **Federal Register** to begin a 30-day objection period. This is anticipated to be published in the summer or early fall of 2009. After any objections are resolved, the Forest Plan will be approved by the Forest Supervisor.

#### Documents Available for Review

A number of documents are available for review. These are available at the Web site <http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/gwj/>. Additional documents will be added to this site throughout the planning process.

#### How the Public Can Participate in the Planning Process

A series of public meetings will be held beginning in July 2008. The planning process will emphasize those things that need to change from the 1993 Forest Plan. The focus of the current planning regulations is on establishing a collaborative approach to planning. Therefore, the best opportunity for dialogue is to participate in the discussions at the various public meetings to be held throughout the process. These meetings will all be announced on the GWNF Web site. A formal comment opportunity will be provided when the Proposed Forest Plan is completed.

Only parties that participate in the planning process through the submission of written comments can submit an objection pursuant to 36 CFR 219.13(a).

#### Responsible Official

The Forest Supervisor, George Washington & Jefferson National Forests, is the Responsible Official (36 CFR 219.2(b)(1)).

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1600-1614; 36 CFR 219.14; 73 FR 21468, April 21, 2008.

Dated: June 16, 2008.

**Maureen Hyzer,**

*Forest Supervisor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Natural Resources Conservation Service

#### TE-34 Penchant Basin Natural Resources Plan; Terrebonne Parish, LA

**AGENCY:** Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture.

**ACTION:** Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 102 (2) (C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Guidelines (40 CFR Part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Guidelines (7 CFR Part 650); the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice that an environmental impact statement is not being prepared for the Penchant Basin Natural Resources Plan (TE-34), Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kevin D. Norton, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 3737 Government Street, Alexandria, Louisiana 71302; telephone (318) 473-7751.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The environmental assessment of the federally assisted action indicates that the project will not cause significant local, regional, or national impacts on the environment. As a result of these findings, Kevin D. Norton, State Conservationist, has determined that preparation and review of an environmental impact statement is not needed for this project.

The project is expected to creation, protect, and/or restore 675 net acres of emergent marsh over 20 years. The proposed project consists of installing approximately 6,520 feet of foreshore rock dike along the southern bank of Bayou Chene at its intersection with Bayou Penchant, creating 35 acres of marsh along the southern bank of Bayou Chene at its intersection with Bayou Penchant, installing 10-48" corrugated metal pipe with flap gates in Superior Canal at the Mauvais Bois ridge, installing one steel sheetpile weir with a 10 ft. wide boat bay and six flap gated openings at Brady Canal, installing approximately 12,000 feet of bankline maintenance on the north bank of Bayou Decade from Lake Decade to Turtle Bayou, installing approximately 14,000 feet of earthen embankment on the north bank of Bayou Decade from Voss Canal to Lost Lake, and two sheetpile weirs with 10 ft. wide boat bays along the north bank of Bayou Decade.

The Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been forwarded to the Environmental Protection Agency and to various federal, state, and local agencies and interested parties. A limited number of copies of the FONSI are available to fill single copy requests at the above address. Basic data collected during the environmental assessment are on file

and may be reviewed by contacting Kevin D. Norton.

No administrative action on implementation of the proposal will be taken until 30 days after the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

**Kevin D. Norton,**

*State Conservationist.*

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## ARCTIC RESEARCH COMMISSION

### Meetings

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Arctic Research Commission will hold its 87th meeting in Fairbanks, AK from June 29 to July 3, 2008. The business session, open to the public, will commence at 10 a.m. on Monday, June 30 and continue throughout the week in conjunction with the Ninth International Permafrost Conference. The Commission will undertake a series of field trips to research facilities in and around Fairbanks.

*The Agenda items include:*

- (1) Call to order and approval of the agenda.
- (2) Approval of the minutes of the 86th meeting.
- (3) Reports from Commissioners.
- (4) Internal Commission business and administration.

The focus of the meeting will be reports and updates on programs and research projects affecting the Arctic.

Any person planning to attend this meeting who requires special accessibility features and/or auxiliary aids, such as sign language interpreters, must inform the Commission in advance of those needs.

Contact person for more information: John Farrell, Executive Director, U.S. Arctic Research Commission, 703-525-0111 or TDD 703-306-0090.

**John Farrell,**

*Executive Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

*Agency:* National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

*Title:* Southeast Region Bycatch Reduction Device Certification Family of Forms.

*OMB Control Number:* 0648-0345.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Request:* Regular submission.

*Burden Hours:* 1,775.

*Number of Respondents:* 32.

*Average Hours per Response:*

Application/vessel information form and gear specification form, 30 minutes; station sheet bycatch reduction device (BRD) evaluation, condition and fate, and length frequency forms and trip report/cover sheet; 1 minute; independent BRD test, 5 minutes.

*Needs and Uses:* Persons seeking to obtain certification for bycatch reduction devices to be used on shrimp vessels in the Gulf of Mexico or South Atlantic must apply for authorization to conduct tests and submit the test results. The information is needed for NOAA Fisheries Service to determine if the equipment meets the standard that would allow its use in commercial fisheries.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

*OMB Desk Officer:* David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [dHynek@doc.gov](mailto:dHynek@doc.gov)).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, FAX number (202) 395-7285, or [David\\_Rostker@omb.eop.gov](mailto:David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov).

Dated: June 19, 2008.

**Gwellnar Banks,**

*Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).