

cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dianna Brink,

Acting Deputy State Director for Natural Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Service Regulations Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Fish and Wildlife Service (hereinafter Service) will conduct an open meeting on February 3, 2010, to identify and discuss preliminary issues concerning the 2010-11 migratory bird hunting regulations.

DATES: The meeting will be held February 3, 2010.

ADDRESSES: The Service Regulations Committee will meet at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Denver—International Airport, 7001 Yampa Street, Denver, CO (303) 574-3000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Blohm, Chief, Division of Migratory Bird Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, ms-4107-ARLSQ, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240, (703) 358-1714.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the authority of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703-712), the Service regulates the hunting of migratory game birds. We update the migratory game bird hunting regulations, located at 50 CFR part 20, annually. Through these regulations, we establish the frameworks, or outside limits, for season lengths, bag limits, and areas for migratory game bird hunting. To help us in this process, we have administratively divided the nation into four Flyways (Atlantic, Mississippi, Central, and Pacific), each of which has a Flyway Council. Representatives from the Service, the Service's Migratory Bird Regulations Committee, and Flyway Council Consultants will meet on February 3, 2010, at 8:30 a.m. to identify preliminary issues concerning the 2010-11 migratory bird hunting regulations for discussion and review by the Flyway Councils at their March meetings.

In accordance with Department of the Interior (hereinafter Department) policy

regarding meetings of the Service Regulations Committee attended by any person outside the Department, these meetings are open to public observation.

Dated: November 23, 2009.

Paul R. Schmidt,

Assistant Director, Migratory Birds, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Indian Gaming Commission

The National Environmental Policy Act Procedures Manual

AGENCY: The National Indian Gaming Commission, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to provide an opportunity for public review and comment on the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) draft manual containing policy and procedures for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended, Executive Order 11514, as amended, and Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA. Pursuant to CEQ regulations, the NIGC is soliciting comments on its proposed procedures from members of the interested public.

DATES: Comments and related material must be post marked no later than 45 days after publication of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Please submit your comments by only one of the following means: (1) By mail to: Brad Mehaffy, National Indian Gaming Commission, 1441 L Street, NW., Suite 9100, Washington, DC 20005; (2) by hand delivery to: National Indian Gaming Commission, 1441 L Street, NW., Suite 9100, Washington, DC 20005; (3) by facsimile to: (202) 632-7066; (4) by e-mail to: nepa_procedures@nigc.gov; or (5) online at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bradley Mehaffy, NEPA Compliance Officer at the National Indian Gaming Commission: 202-632-7003 or by facsimile at 303-632-7066 (not toll-free numbers).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NIGC encourages interested persons to submit written comments. Persons submitting information concerning the NEPA Procedures Manual should include their name, address, and other appropriate contact information. You may submit your information by one of the means

listed under **ADDRESSES**. If you submit information by mail or hand delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8 ½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit information by mail and would like to know it was received, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. The NIGC will consider all comments received during the comment period.

Background

This manual will clarify policy and procedures to ensure the integration of environmental considerations into major Federal actions of the NIGC that trigger NEPA review. At present, the NIGC has identified only one type of major Federal action that it performs under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) that triggers NEPA review—approving contracts for the management of Indian gaming facilities pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 2711. This manual clarifies the NEPA-related roles and responsibilities and establishes a framework for the preparation and consideration of appropriate NEPA documentation, thereby ensuring a balanced and systematic consideration of environmental impacts in the decision-making process of the NIGC.

The proposed manual includes processes for preparing Environmental Assessments, Findings of No Significant Impact, and Environmental Impact Statements. The NIGC proposes to use this manual in conjunction with NEPA, the CEQ regulations at 40 CFR 1500-1508, and other pertinent environmental regulations, Executive Orders, statutes, and laws developed for the consideration of environmental impacts of Federal actions.

This manual identifies several categories of actions taken by the NIGC that are categorically excluded from further NEPA review. In identifying these categories of actions, the NIGC relied on several environmental professionals' opinions and comparisons with other Federal agency actions that are categorically excluded.

A copy of this **Federal Register** publication, as well as the administrative record for the list of categorical exclusions, is available at <http://www.nigc.gov/Portals/0/NIGC%20Uploads/EPHS/projectsapproved/MANUAL07.pdf>.

A copy of the **Federal Register** publication is available at <http://www.regulations.gov>. The NIGC solicits public review of its draft NEPA Procedures Manual and will review and consider those comments before the manual is finalized.