

comment period, as specified in the proposal.

The three public hearings will be held concurrently in Arlington, Virginia, and Houston, Texas, on February 2, 2010, and in Sacramento, California, on February 4, 2010. The public hearings will begin each day at 9:30 a.m. and continue until 7:30 p.m. (local time) or later, if necessary, depending on the number of speakers wishing to participate. The EPA will make every effort to accommodate all speakers that arrive and register before 7:30 p.m. The EPA is scheduling a lunch break from 12:30 until 2 p.m. If you would like to present oral testimony at the hearings, please notify Ms. Tricia Crabtree, (C504-02) U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711, e-mail (preferred method for registering): [crabtree.tricia@epa.gov](mailto:crabtree.tricia@epa.gov); telephone: (919) 541-5688. She will arrange a general time slot for you to speak. The EPA will make every effort to follow the schedule as closely as possible on the day of the hearings.

Oral testimony will be limited to five (5) minutes for each commenter to address the proposal. We will not be providing equipment for commenters to show overhead slides or make computerized slide presentations unless we receive special requests in advance. Commenters should notify Ms. Crabtree if they will need specific audiovisual (AV) equipment. Commenters should also notify Ms. Crabtree if they need specific translation services for non-English speaking commenters. The EPA encourages commenters to provide written versions of their oral testimonies either electronically on computer disk or CD-ROM or in paper copy.

The hearing schedules, including lists of speakers, will be posted on EPA's Web site for the proposal at [http://www.epa.gov/ttn/naaqs/standards/ozone/s\\_o3\\_cr\\_fr.html](http://www.epa.gov/ttn/naaqs/standards/ozone/s_o3_cr_fr.html) prior to the hearings. Verbatim transcripts of the hearings and written statements will be included in the rulemaking docket.

#### How Can I Get Copies of This Document and Other Related Information?

The EPA has established the official public docket for the "Reconsideration of the 2008 National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone" under Docket Number EPA-HQ-OAR-2005-0172. The EPA has also developed a Web site for the proposal at the address given above. Please refer to the proposal, published in an upcoming **Federal Register** for detailed information on accessing information related to the proposal.

Dated: January 4, 2010.

**Jennifer Noonan Edmonds**,  
*Acting Director, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Defense Acquisition Regulations System

[DFARS Case 2009-D012]

#### 48 CFR Parts 225 and 252

### Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Foreign Participation in Acquisitions in Support of Operations in Afghanistan

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; correction of comment date.

**SUMMARY:** DoD is proposing to amend the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to implement: Waiver of the section 302(a) of the Trade Agreements Act of 1979, as amended, which prohibits acquisitions of products or services from non-designated countries, in order to allow acquisition from the nine South Caucasus/Central and South Asian (SC/CASA) states; and Determination of inapplicability of the Balance of Payments Program evaluation factor to offers of products (other than arms, ammunition, or war materials) from the SC/CASA states to support operations in Afghanistan. The end of the comment period was erroneously published as March 9, 2009, rather than March 9, 2010.

**DATES:** Comment date: Comments on the proposed rule published January 6, 2010 (75 FR 832), should be submitted in writing to the address shown below on or before March 9, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by DFARS Case 2009-D012, using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *E-mail:* [dfars@osd.mil](mailto:dfars@osd.mil). Include DFARS Case 2009-D012 in the subject line of the message.
- *Fax:* (703) 602-0305.
- *Mail:* Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Attn: Ms. Amy Williams, OUSD (AT&L) DPAP (DARS), IMD 3D139, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062.

- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Crystal Square 4, Suite 200A, 241 18th Street, Arlington, VA 22202-3402.

Comments received generally will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Amy Williams, (703) 602-0328.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### A. Background

On January 6, 2010, DoD published a proposed rule in the **Federal Register** (75 FR 832). The comment date is being corrected from March 9, 2009, to March 9, 2010.

**Amy G. Williams**,

*Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations System.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### 50 CFR Part 17

[FWS-R4-ES-2009-0029]

[92210-1111-0000 B2]

### Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; 90-Day Finding on a Petition to List the Eastern Population of the Gopher Tortoise as Threatened

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

**ACTION:** Notice of 90-day petition finding; reopening of the information solicitation period.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), provide clarification of our request for information related to our September 9, 2009, 90-day finding on a petition to list the eastern population of the gopher tortoise (*Gopherus polyphemus*) as threatened under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), and initiation of status review. This notice is intended to clarify that all interested parties may continue to submit information and materials on the status of the gopher tortoise throughout its range during the period of the status review. Information previously submitted need not be resubmitted as it has already been incorporated into the public record and will be fully considered in the 12-month finding.

**DATES:** To allow us adequate time to consider and incorporate submitted information into our review, we request that we receive information on or before March 15, 2010. After this date, the *Federal eRulemaking Portal* will not accept further information. Although we

will accept information submitted after that date, that information should be submitted directly to the Field Office (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). Please note that while we will make every effort to address or incorporate information in our status review that we receive after March 15, 2010, in order for us to make a timely finding we request submittal of information and comments as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit information by one of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- U.S. mail or hand-delivery: Public Comments Processing, Attn: **FWS-R4-ES-2009-0029**; Division of Policy and Directives Management; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 222; Arlington, VA 22203.

We will post all information we receive on <http://www.regulations.gov>. This generally means that we will post any personal information you provide us. If your hardcopy submission includes personal identifying information, you may request at the top of your document that we withhold this personal identifying information from public review. However, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Information and materials we receive, as well as supporting documentation we used in preparing this finding, will be available for public inspection on <http://www.regulations.gov>, or by appointment during normal business hours, at the Jacksonville Ecological Services Field Office (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Micheal Jennings, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Attn: Gopher Tortoise Review, 7915 Baymeadows Way, Suite 200, Jacksonville, Florida 32256; by telephone (904 731-3336); by facsimile (904 731-3045); or by e-mail: [northflorida@fws.gov](mailto:northflorida@fws.gov). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 800-877-8339.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Request for Information**

We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, published a 90-day finding on a petition to list the eastern population of the gopher tortoise (*Gopherus polyphemus*) as threatened in the **Federal Register** on September 9, 2009 (74 FR 46401). In that finding, we found that the petition presented substantial scientific or commercial information indicating that listing the eastern

population of the gopher tortoise may be warranted. We also initiated a status review to determine if listing the species is warranted, and asked the public to submit information to assist us in our status review. We asked the public to submit information by November 9, 2009, in order for us sufficient time to consider the information in the status review.

Since that time, several interested parties have notified us that they wish to submit additional information relevant to the listing of the eastern population of the gopher tortoise. They have indicated that the information could not be submitted before November 9, 2009, but could be submitted prior to the anticipated completion of the status review in 2010. We have advised these parties individually that we would continue to accept such information after November 9, 2009. However, to ensure that all interested parties have the same opportunity to provide relevant data, this notice clarifies that information to assist us in our review of the status of the gopher tortoise may be submitted to the *Federal eRulemaking Portal* through the date specified in **DATES**, and directly to the Field Office thereafter (see **DATES** and **ADDRESSES** above). This notice also corrects errors in contact information in the September 9, 2009, notice.

We are continuing to request information on the status of the gopher tortoise throughout its range. We request information from the public, other concerned governmental agencies, Native American Tribes, the scientific community, industry, or any other interested parties concerning the status of the eastern portion of the gopher tortoise's range. We are seeking information regarding:

- (1) The species' historical and current status and distribution, its biology and ecology, and ongoing conservation measures for the species and its habitat;
- (2) Information relevant to the factors that are the basis for making a listing determination for a species under section 4(a) of the Act, which are:

- a) The present or threatened destruction, modification, or curtailment of the species' habitat or range;

- b) Overutilization for commercial, recreational, scientific, or educational purposes;

- c) Disease or predation;

- d) The inadequacy of existing regulatory mechanisms; or

- e) Other natural or manmade factors affecting its continued existence and threats to the species or its habitat; and

- (3) Information related to the genetics, status, distribution, and threats to the

gopher tortoise in the eastern portion of its range.

Please note that submissions merely stating support for or opposition to the action under consideration without providing supporting information, although noted, will not be considered in making a determination, as section 4(b)(1)(A) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) directs that determinations as to whether any species is a threatened or endangered species must be made "solely on the basis of the best scientific and commercial data available." Based on our status review, we will issue a 12-month finding on the petition as provided in section 4(b)(3)(B) of the Act.

#### **Authority**

The authority for this action is section 4 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: December 28, 2009.

**Robyn Thorson,**

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

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## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

### **Fish and Wildlife Service**

#### **50 CFR Part 17**

[RIN 1018-AW21]

[Docket No. FWS-R1-ES-2009-0046]

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#### **Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Proposed Designation of Critical Habitat for *Limnanthes floccosa* ssp. *grandiflora* (Large-Flowered Woolly Meadowfoam) and *Lomatium cookii* (Cook's Lomatium)**

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; reopening of comment period, availability of draft economic analysis, amended required determinations, and announcement of public hearing.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce the reopening of the comment period on the proposed designation of critical habitat for two plants, *Limnanthes floccosa* ssp. *grandiflora* (large-flowered woolly meadowfoam) and *Lomatium cookii* (Cook's lomatium, also known as Cook's desert parsley), under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). We also announce the availability of a draft economic analysis (DEA) and an amended required determinations