

ADDRESSES: Applicants must send their cover letter and resume to the following address: USCG Sector Houston-Galveston, Waterway Management Division, 9640 Clinton Drive, Houston, TX 77029; or by faxing (713) 671-5156; or by emailing to Michael.S.Zidik@uscg.mil.

This notice is available in our online docket, USCG-2011-1032, at <http://www.regulations.gov> by inserting USCG-2011-1032 in the "Keyword" box, and then clicking "Search". Please do not post your resume on this site.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Commander Michael Zidik, ADFO of HOGANSAC at (713) 671-5164; fax (713) 671-5156; or email at Michael.S.Zidik@uscg.mil or Lieutenant Margaret Brown at (713) 678-9001; or email at Margaret.A.Brown@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: HOGANSAC is an advisory committee chartered under the *Federal Advisory Committee Act*, 5 U.S.C. App. (Pub. L. 92-463). HOGANSAC was established under Section 18 of the *Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1991*, (Pub. L. 102-241) and provides advice and recommendation to the Coast Guard on matters relating to the safe transit of vessels and products through Galveston Bay and to and from the Ports of Galveston, Houston, Texas City, and Galveston Bay.

The Committee is expected to meet at least three times a year.

We will consider applications for three positions.

(a) One at-large member who may represent a particular interest group but who utilize the port facilities at Galveston, Houston, and Texas City.

(b) One member representing labor organizations which load and unload cargo at the Ports of Galveston and Houston.

(c) One member from organizations that represent ship owners, stevedores, shipyards, or shipping organizations domiciled in the State of Texas.

Each HOGANSAC Committee member serves a term of office of up to two years. Members may be considered to serve consecutive terms. All members serve at their own expense and receive no salary or reimbursement of travel expenses, or other compensation from the Federal Government.

Registered lobbyists are not eligible to serve on federal advisory committees. Registered lobbyists are lobbyists required to comply with provisions contained in the *Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995* (Pub. L. 110-81, as amended).

In support of the Coast Guard policy on gender and ethnic

nondiscrimination, we encourage qualified men and women of all racial and ethnic groups to apply. The Coast Guard values diversity; all the different characteristics and attributes of persons that enhance the mission of the Coast Guard.

Dated: December 14, 2011.

James Whitehead,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Designated Federal Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge, Sonoma, Napa, and Solano Counties, CA; Final Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Finding of No Significant Impact

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce the availability of our final Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and finding of no significant impact (FONSI) for the San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge). In the CCP, we describe how we will manage the Refuge for the next 15 years.

DATES: The CCP and FONSI are available now. The FONSI was signed on October 5, 2011. Implementation of the CCP may begin immediately.

ADDRESSES: You may view or obtain copies of the final CCP and FONSI/EA by any of the following methods. You may request a hard copy or CD-ROM.

Agency Web Site: Download a copy of the document(s) at <http://www.fws.gov/cno/refuges/SanPablo/SanPablo.cfm>.

Email: sfbaynwr@fws.gov. Include "San Pablo Bay CCP" in the subject line of the message.

Fax: Attn: Winnie Chan, (510) 792-5828.

Mail: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, San Francisco Bay NWR Complex, 9500 Thornton Avenue, Newark, CA 94560.

In-Person Viewing or Pickup: Copies of the Final CCP and FONSI may also be viewed at the San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge Complex, 1 Marshlands Road, Fremont, CA 94536 (510) 792-0222 or San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge in Petaluma, CA (call (707) 769-4200 for directions).

Local Library: The final document is also available at the John F. Kennedy

Library, 505 Santa Clara, Vallejo, CA 94590.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Winnie Chan, Planning Team Leader, at (510) 792-0222 (see **ADDRESSES**), or Don Brubaker, Refuge Manager, at (707) 769-4200.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1970 under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the Migratory Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 715d), and the Transfer of Certain Real Property for Wildlife Conservation Purposes Act of May 19, 1948 (16 U.S.C. 667d; Pub. L. 80-537), as amended. The 16,490-acre Refuge, located in Sonoma, Napa, and Solano Counties, California, consists of several noncontiguous units on the northernmost edge of San Pablo Bay. The Refuge was established to provide habitat for migratory birds and endangered species.

We announce our decision and the availability of the FONSI for the final CCP for San Pablo Bay in accordance with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (40 CFR 1506.6(b)) requirements. We completed a thorough analysis of impacts on the human environment, which we included in the environmental assessment (EA) that accompanied the draft CCP.

The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee) (Administration Act), as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, requires us to develop a CCP for each national wildlife refuge. The purpose for developing a CCP is to provide refuge managers with a 15-year plan for achieving refuge purposes and contributing toward the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System, consistent with sound principles of fish and wildlife management, conservation, legal mandates, and our policies. In addition to outlining broad management direction on conserving wildlife and their habitats, CCPs identify wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities available to the public, including opportunities for hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, and environmental education and interpretation. We intend to review and update the CCP at least every 15 years in accordance with the Administration Act.

Our Draft CCP and Environmental Assessment (EA) were available for a 30-day public review and comment period, which we announced via several methods, including press releases,

updates to constituents, and a **Federal Register** notice (75 FR 39702; July 12, 2010). The Draft CCP/EA identified and evaluated three alternatives for managing the Refuge for the next 15 years.

Under Alternative A (No Action), management would continue unchanged. Under Alternative B, the Service would develop an inventory and monitoring program; expand tidal restoration and enhancement activities for the benefit of migratory birds, endangered species, and other native wildlife; improve and expand visitor services by developing new public access locations; develop shoreline fishing locations; and provide some additional environmental education programs. Alternative C, which was identified as the preferred alternative, would include all actions in Alternative B, and would also emphasize wildlife management by studying population health and developing population goals for wildlife; provide greater interpretive opportunities; and substantially expand the environmental education program.

We received seven letters on the Draft CCP and EA during the review and comment period. Comments focused upon cultural resources, habitat management and restoration, invasive plants, public access, and mosquito management. We incorporated comments we received into the CCP when appropriate, and we responded to the comments in an appendix to the CCP. In the FONSI, we selected Alternative C for implementation. The FONSI documents our decision and is based on the information and analysis contained in the EA.

Under the selected alternative, the Service will expand both natural resource management and visitor services opportunities on the Refuge. An inventory and monitoring program will be developed, as well as wildlife population goals. In addition to expanded tidal restoration and enhancement activities, additional habitat management activities include improving hydrological connectivity of tidal marsh habitats. Priorities will also be developed for the conservation and restoration of sub-tidal habitat. Visitor service opportunities will be expanded considerably with interpretation and environmental education opportunities. In addition, wildlife observation and fishing programs will be improved and/or expanded.

The selected alternative best meets the Refuges' purposes, vision and goals; contributes to the Refuge System mission; addresses the significant issues and relevant mandates; and is consistent with principles of sound fish and

wildlife management. Based on the associated environmental assessment, this alternative is not expected to result in significant environmental impacts and therefore does not require an environmental impact statement.

Alexandra Pitts,

Acting Regional Director, Pacific Southwest Region, Sacramento, California.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement To Address Grazing Permit Renewals in the Jump Creek, Succor Creek, and Cow Creek Watersheds in the Owyhee Field Office of the Boise District, ID

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (NEPA), as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Owyhee Field Office in Marsing, Idaho intends to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS), and by this notice, is announcing the beginning of the scoping process to solicit public comments and identify issues.

DATES: This notice initiates the public scoping process for the EIS. We request that comments should be submitted within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice. The date(s) and location(s) of any scoping meeting(s) will be announced at least 15 days in advance through local media and the BLM Web site, <http://www.blm.gov/id>. In order to be considered in the draft EIS, all comments must be received prior to the close of the scoping period or 15 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments and issues related to the Jump Creek, Succor Creek, and Cow Creek Watersheds Grazing Permit Renewal EIS by any of the following methods:

- **Web site:** http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/fo/owyhee/owyhee_grazing_group.html.
- **Email:** NPR_EIS@blm.gov.
- **Fax:** (208) 373-3805.
- **Mail:** Bureau of Land Management, 1387 S. Vinnell Way, Boise ID 83709,

Attention: Jake Vialpando, Project Manager.

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the Owyhee Field Office; the BLM Boise District Office, 3948 Development Ave., Boise ID 83705; and the BLM Idaho State Office, 1387 S. Vinnell Way, Boise ID 83709.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: and/or to have your name added to our mailing list, contact Jake Vialpando, Project Manager, telephone (208) 373-3814, [email jvialpando@blm.gov](mailto:jvialpando@blm.gov).

Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1 (800) 877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document provides notice that the BLM Owyhee Field Office in Marsing, Idaho, intends to prepare an EIS to address grazing permit renewal requests in the Jump Creek, Succor Creek, and Cow Creek areas, and announces the beginning of the scoping process. The area covered by the permit renewal requests is located in Owyhee County, Idaho, and encompasses approximately 120,000 acres of public land. The purpose of the public scoping process is to determine relevant issues that will influence the scope of the EIS, including the alternatives. The agency seeks public input to identify issues related to grazing permit renewals that have been proposed for those areas. Preliminary issues have been identified by BLM personnel; Federal, State, and local agencies; and other stakeholders. Some key issues that have already been identified involve the effects of livestock grazing on Greater sage-grouse and its habitat, as well as the potential for disease transmission between domestic and bighorn sheep. In addition to livestock grazing, a variety of other multiple uses exist within this area, including: year-long recreation activities, particularly hiking, boating, fishing, hunting, and off-road vehicle use; wild horse management; potential wind energy development and electrical transmission line development.

The Owyhee Field Office will consult with the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes and other parties, as applicable, on this action during regular consultation proceedings and briefings. Federal, State, and local agencies, along with other stakeholders that may be interested or affected by the BLM's decision on this project are invited to