

53,874 acres that would protect lands along the east and west fork of the Clarks River. Land acquisitions within the existing and expanded acquisition boundaries will be based on importance of the habitat for target management species. We will offer wildlife-dependent public use of refuge wildlife and habitats, as well as demonstrate habitat improvements.

Under Alternative B, our management decisions and actions will support wildlife species and habitats occurring on the refuge based on well-planned strategies and sound scientific judgment. Quality wildlife-dependent recreational uses and environmental education and interpretation programs will be offered to support and explain the natural resources of the refuge.

We will add six new positions to current staffing in order to continue to protect resources, provide visitor services, and attain goals of facilities and equipment maintenance in the future. The biological environment will improve as adaptive and best management practices are utilized. Socioeconomic values should increase as the refuge offers more wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities. The refuge is beneficial to local ecotourism trade and residents searching for natural landscapes and the associated benefits.

Authority

This notice is published under the authority of the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 668dd et seq.).

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Mark J. Musaus,
Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES); Sixteenth Regular Meeting; Tentative U.S. Negotiating Positions for Agenda Items and Species Proposals Submitted by Foreign Governments and the CITES Secretariat

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We, the United States, as a Party to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), will attend the sixteenth regular meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES (CoP16) in Bangkok, Thailand, during March 3–14, 2013. This notice announces the availability of tentative U.S. negotiating positions on amendments to the CITES Appendices (species proposals), draft resolutions and decisions, and agenda items submitted by other countries and the CITES Secretariat for consideration at CoP16.

ADDRESSES: Copies of tentative U.S. negotiating positions on amendments to the CITES Appendices (species proposals), draft resolutions and decisions, and agenda items submitted by other countries and the CITES Secretariat for consideration at CoP16 are available:

- *Electronically at:* <http://www.regulations.gov> at Docket No. FWS-R9-IA-2011-0087, or on our Web site at <http://www.fws.gov/international/cites/cop16/index.html>;

- *By email request to:* managementauthority@fws.gov; or
- *By postal mail or in person, by appointment, at:* Division of Management Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 212, Arlington, VA 22203.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information pertaining to resolutions, decisions, and agenda items contact: Robert R. Gabel, Chief, Division of Management Authority; telephone, 703-358-2095; email, managementauthority@fws.gov. For information pertaining to species proposals contact: Dr. Rosemarie Gnam, Chief, Division of Scientific Authority; telephone, 703-358-1708; email, scientificauthority@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, referred to here as CITES or the Convention, is an international treaty designed to control and regulate international trade in certain animal and plant species that are now or potentially may become threatened with extinction. These species are listed in Appendices to CITES, which are available on the CITES Secretariat's Web site at <http://www.cites.org/eng/app/index.php>. Currently (as of January 29, 2013), 177 countries, including the United States,

are Parties to CITES. The Convention calls for a meeting of the Conference of the Parties at least once every 2 years to review its implementation, make provisions enabling the CITES Secretariat to carry out its functions, consider amendments to the lists of species in Appendices I and II, consider reports presented by the Secretariat, and make recommendations for the improved effectiveness of CITES. Any country that is a Party to CITES may propose amendments to Appendices I and II, and draft resolutions, decisions, and agenda items for consideration by all the Parties. Accredited nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) may participate in the meeting as approved observers and may speak during sessions when recognized by the meeting Chairman, but they may not vote or submit proposals.

This is our seventh in a series of **Federal Register** notices on the development of U.S. submissions and tentative negotiating positions for CoP16. In this notice, we announce the availability of tentative U.S. negotiating positions on species proposals, draft resolutions and decisions, and agenda items submitted by other Parties and the Secretariat for consideration at CoP16. The **ADDRESSES** section, above, explains how to obtain a copy of all of this information. We published our first CoP16-related **Federal Register** notice on June 14, 2011 (76 FR 34746), and with it we requested information and recommendations on species proposals for the United States to consider for submission to CoP16, and we also outlined our approach for the meeting. We published our second CoP16-related **Federal Register** notice on November 7, 2011 (76 FR 68778), and with it we requested information and recommendations on resolutions, decisions, and agenda items for the United States to consider submitting for consideration at CoP16. We published our third such **Federal Register** notice on April 11, 2012 (77 FR 21798), and with it we announced taxa that the United States was considering submitting for consideration at CoP16. In our fourth **Federal Register** notice, published on June 21, 2012 (77 FR 37433), we informed the public of proposed resolutions, decisions, and agenda items that we were considering for submission for CoP16. This notice took into account all public comments received in response to the **Federal Register** notice published on November 7, 2011. In our fifth **Federal Register** notice, published on November 9, 2012 (77 FR 67390), we announced the provisional agenda for CoP16, solicited

comments on the items on the provisional agenda, and announced a public meeting for December 5, 2012. In our sixth **Federal Register** notice, published on November 28, 2012 (77 FR 71012), we announced a revised date for the public meeting: December 13, 2012.

You may obtain information on the above **Federal Register** notices from the following sources. For information on draft resolutions and decisions, and agenda items, contact the Division of Management Authority (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, above); and for information on species proposals, contact the Division of Scientific Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 4401 North Fairfax Drive; Room 110; Arlington, VA 22203; telephone 703-358-1708; email, scientificauthority@fws.gov. Our regulations governing this public process are found in 50 CFR 23.87. Pursuant to 50 CFR 23.87(a)(3)(iii), with this notice we are posting on <http://www.regulations.gov> (see Docket No. FWS-R9-IA-2011-0087) and on our Web site (<http://www.fws.gov/international/publications-and-media/federal-register-notices.html>) a summary of our proposed negotiating positions on the items included in the CoP16 agenda and proposed amendments to the Appendices, and the reasons for our proposed positions.

Tentative Negotiating Positions

On <http://www.regulations.gov> (see Docket No. FWS-R9-IA-2011-0087) and on our Web site (<http://www.fws.gov/international/publications-and-media/federal-register-notices.html>), we summarize the tentative U.S. negotiating positions on proposals to amend the Appendices (species proposals), draft resolutions and decisions, and agenda items that have been submitted by other countries and the CITES Secretariat. Documents submitted by the United States either alone or as a co-proponent for consideration by the Parties at CoP16 can be found on the Secretariat's Web site at: <http://www.cites.org/eng/cop/16/doc/index.php>. Those documents are: CoP16 Doc. 40 and (co-sponsored with Botswana and South Africa) Doc. 52. The United States, either alone or as a co-proponent, submitted the following proposals to amend Appendices I and II: CoP16 Props. 3, 28-32, 36-38, 42, 53, and 57. We will not provide any additional explanation of the U.S. negotiating positions for documents and proposals that the United States submitted. The introduction in the text of each of the documents the United States submitted contains a discussion

of the background of the issue and the rationale for submitting the document.

Available Information on CoP16

Information concerning the results of CoP16 will be available after the close of the meeting on the Secretariat's Web site at <http://www.cites.org>; or upon request from the Division of Management Authority (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, above); or on our Web site (<http://www.fws.gov/international/cites/cop16/index.html>).

Author

This notice was prepared by Bruce J. Weissgold, Division of Management Authority.

Authority

This notice is published under the authority of the U.S. Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

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Rowan W. Gould,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Public Meeting, Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council (EWRAC) will meet as indicated below.

DATES: March 21, 2013.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will be open to the public. It will begin at 10 a.m. and end at 2 p.m. on March 21. Members of the public will have an opportunity to address the EWRAC at 10 a.m. The meeting will be held in the City Council Chambers of the City of Moses Lake, 401 S. Balsam, Moses Lake, Washington 98837. Discussion will focus on introduction and orientation for new members, the Eastern Washington and San Juan Resource Management Plan, the U.S. Forest Service Colville Forest Plan

Revision, and future Resource Advisory Council business.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, please be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

BLM Spokane District, 1103 N. Fancher Rd., Spokane Valley, Washington 99212, or call (509) 536-1200. 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.

Daniel C. Picard,

Spokane District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

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Information Collection: Renewable Energy and Alternate Uses of Existing Facilities on the Outer Continental Shelf; Submitted for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: 30-day notice.

SUMMARY: To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) is notifying the public that we have submitted an information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. This ICR concerns the paperwork requirements in the regulations under "Renewable Energy and Alternate Uses of Existing Facilities on the Outer Continental Shelf." This notice provides the public a second opportunity to comment on the paperwork burden of this collection.

DATES: Submit written comments by April 1, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments on this ICR to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior at OMB-