

The Act requires recovery plans for listed species unless such a plan would not promote the conservation of a particular species. The original plan for the species was approved in 1993. Section 4(f) of the Act, as amended in 1988, requires that public notice and opportunity for public review and comment be provided during recovery plan development. The Service will consider all information received during a public comment period when preparing each new or revised recovery plan for approval. The Service and other Federal agencies also will take these comments into consideration in the course of implementing approved recovery plans. It is our policy to request peer review of recovery plans. We will summarize and respond to the issues raised by the public and peer reviewers in an appendix to the approved recovery plan.

The pallid sturgeon (*Scaphirhynchus albus*), found in the Missouri and Mississippi River basins of the United States, was listed as an endangered species on September 6, 1990 (55 FR 36641). At the time of listing, the species was threatened by habitat destruction and modification, overutilization, and inadequacy of existing regulatory mechanisms, as well as other natural or manmade factors.

The recovery of pallid sturgeon will rely on effective conservation responses to the issues facing the species, which remain varied and complex. The pallid sturgeon is native to the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers and adapted to the pre-development habitat conditions that historically existed in these rivers. These conditions generally can be described as large, free-flowing, warm-water, and turbid rivers with a diverse assemblage of physical habitats that were in a constant state of change. Limiting factors include: (1) Activities that affect connectivity and the natural form, function, and hydrologic processes of rivers; (2) illegal harvest; (3) impaired water quality and quantity; (4) entrainment in water diversion structures; and (5) life history attributes of the species (i.e., delayed sexual maturity, females not spawning every year, and larval drift requirements). The degree to which these factors affect the species varies among river reaches. The recovery strategy for the pallid sturgeon focuses on the need to better understand certain life history traits and the complex interactions between these traits and altered habitats in the contemporary Missouri and Mississippi River basins, threats abatement, population management, research, and monitoring. We emphasize conserving extant genetic viability through a

conservation augmentation program to prevent localized extirpation, researching and implementing habitat improvement as appropriate; monitoring habitat conditions; and monitoring population status.

Request for Public Comments

The Service solicits public comments on the draft revised recovery plan. All comments received by the date specified in **DATES** will be considered prior to approval of the plan. Written comments and materials regarding the plan should be addressed to the Field Supervisor (see **ADDRESSES** section). Comments and materials received will be available, by appointment, for public inspection during normal business hours at the above address. All public comment information provided voluntarily by mail, by phone, or at meetings (e.g., names, addresses, letters of comment, input recorded during meetings) becomes part of the official public record. If requested under the Freedom of Information Act by a private citizen or organization, the Service may provide copies of such information.

Authority

The authority for this action is section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533(f).

Dated: January 28, 2013.

Noreen E. Walsh,

Regional Director, Denver, Colorado.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Announcement of National Geospatial Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Geospatial Advisory Committee (NGAC) will meet on April 3, 2013, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST. The meeting will be held via Web conference and teleconference.

The NGAC, which is composed of representatives from governmental, private sector, non-profit, and academic organizations, has been established to advise the Chair of the Federal Geographic Data Committee on management of Federal geospatial programs, the development of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure, and the implementation of Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

Circular A-16. Topics to be addressed at the meeting include:

- Leadership Dialogue
- FGDC Guidance to the NGAC
- NSDI Strategic Plan
- FGDC Update

Members of the public who wish to attend the meeting must register in advance. Please register by contacting Arista Maher at the Federal Geographic Data Committee (703-648-6283, amaher@fgdc.gov). Meeting registrations are due by March 29, 2013. Meeting information (web conference and teleconference instructions) will be provided to registrants prior to the meeting. While the meeting will be open to the public, attendance may be limited due to web conference and teleconference capacity.

The meeting will include an opportunity for public comment. Attendees wishing to provide public comment should register by March 29. Please register by contacting Arista Maher at the Federal Geographic Data Committee (703-648-6283, amaher@fgdc.gov). Comments may also be submitted to the NGAC in writing.

DATES: The meeting will be held on April 3, 2013, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Mahoney, U.S. Geological Survey (206-220-4621).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Meetings of the National Geospatial Advisory Committee are open to the public. Additional information about the NGAC and the meeting are available at www.fgdc.gov/ngac.

Dated: March 7, 2013.

Ivan DeLoatch,

Executive Director, Federal Geographic Data Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Alaska Native Claims Selection

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Decision Approving Lands for Conveyance.

SUMMARY: As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will issue an appealable decision to Chugach Alaska Corporation. The

decision will approve conveyance of the surface and subsurface estates in certain lands pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601, *et seq.*). The lands are located southwest of Eyak, AK, and contain 169.55 acres. Notice of the decision will also be published four times for four consecutive weeks in the *Anchorage Daily News*.

DATES: Any party claiming a property interest in the lands affected by the decision may appeal the decision in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4 within the following time limits:

1. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

2. Unknown parties, parties unable to be located after reasonable efforts have been expended to locate, parties who fail or refuse to sign their return receipt, and parties who receive a copy of the decision by regular mail which is not certified, return receipt requested, shall have until April 15, 2013 to file an appeal.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4, subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights. Notices of appeal transmitted by electronic means, such as facsimile or email, will not be accepted as timely filed.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the decision may be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, AK 99513-7504.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: The BLM by phone at 907-271-5960 or by email at blm_ak_akso_public_room@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 BLM during normal business hours. In addition, the FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the BLM. The BLM will reply during normal business hours.

Dina L. Torres,

Land Transfer Resolution Specialist, Division of Lands and Cadastral.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Notice of Intent To Prepare a Cultural Resources Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement for Isle Royale National Park, Michigan

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service (NPS) announces its intent to prepare a Cultural Resources Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement (CRMP/EIS) for Isle Royale National Park (ISRO), Michigan.

DATES: This notice initiates the public scoping process for the CRMP/EIS. Comments may be submitted in writing at any time; however comments will be most useful if they are made before May 1, 2013. Notices of any public scoping meetings regarding this CRMP/EIS, including specific dates, times, and locations, will be announced in the local media; in project newsletters; on the project Web site at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/ISROcrmp>; or may be obtained directly by contacting the Superintendent at the address below.

ADDRESSES: Superintendent, Isle Royale National Park, 800 East Lakeshore Drive, Houghton, Michigan 49931-1896. You are encouraged to provide comments or requests to be added to the mailing list electronically through the project Web site at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/ISROcrmp> or by contacting the Superintendent.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent Phyllis Green, Isle Royale National Park, 800 East Lakeshore Drive, Houghton, Michigan 49931-1896; telephone (906) 482-0984. You may also contact Liz Valencia, Chief of Interpretation/Cultural Resources; telephone (906) 487-7153; or Seth DePasqual, Cultural Resource Manager; telephone (906) 487-7146 for information related to this notice.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We, the NPS, are announcing our intent to prepare a CRMP/EIS. This effort will result in a plan for future management of cultural resources at ISRO.

This CRMP/EIS tiers from the 1998 General Management Plan (GMP) to develop a comprehensive strategy for managing cultural resources that would ensure consistent and appropriate identification, preservation treatment, and interpretation of these resources. The ISRO enabling legislation and the

National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470 *et seq.*), as well as the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131-36) and other laws and policies, will frame the decision-making for the CRMP/EIS. The CRMP/EIS will establish the overall management direction for ISRO cultural resources over the next 15-20 years and will integrate cultural resource management goals and objectives within the context of other key ISRO resources and values.

Cultural resources include archeological resources, cultural landscapes, ethnographic resources, museum objects, and historic structures. Some of these resources are eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. A large portion of ISRO is water and has many submerged cultural resources, from shipwrecks to the artifacts from previous inhabitants. All but a small fraction of the ISRO landmass is wilderness (this wilderness does not extend into the water), and a mix of cultural sites can be found in wilderness and non-wilderness areas.

The CRMP/EIS will prescribe desired resource conditions and visitor experiences to be achieved and maintained for cultural resources based on the park purpose and significance, special mandates, the body of NPS and historic preservation laws and policies, resource condition analysis, and by taking into consideration the range of public expectations and concerns. The CRMP/EIS will also outline a variety of resource management activities, visitor activities, and developments with regard to cultural resources that would be appropriate at ISRO in the future. A full range of reasonable alternatives for the management, treatment, and interpretation of cultural resources will be developed through this planning process and will include, at minimum, a no-action and a preferred alternative. The potential environmental effects of each alternative will be evaluated.

The purpose of the formal public scoping process is to determine relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis, including alternatives, and guide the process for developing the CRMP/EIS. All interested persons, organizations, agencies, and Tribes are encouraged to submit comments and suggestions on issues and concerns that should be addressed in the CRMP/EIS, and the range of appropriate alternatives that should be examined.

The NPS will use the public involvement process established by the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321-4347) to satisfy the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16