

Background

In our April 30, 2013, **Federal Register** notice, we invited public input on our intent to prepare a PEA and requested submissions in the form of information and suggestions on the issues that should be considered during the NEPA planning process and in the PEA. We held five scoping meetings in Columbia, North Carolina; Decatur, Alabama; Dyersburg, Tennessee; Natchez, Mississippi; and Alexandria, Louisiana. We also created a Web site on which the public could submit comments and suggestions.

After the scoping meetings and receipt of comments via the Web site, we began drafting the PEA, and were engaged in doing so when the Chief of the Service's National Wildlife Refuge System issued the July 17, 2014, memorandum announcing the phasing out of the use of GMCs to achieve wildlife management objectives throughout the National Wildlife Refuge System by January 2016. Upon issuance of the memorandum, we determined that the need to prepare the PEA no longer existed and abandoned such preparation.

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.*).

Dated: March 27, 2015.

Michael Oetker,

Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

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Reopening of Nomination Period for Members of the Advisory Committee on Climate Change and Natural Resource Science

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of the Interior published a notice inviting nominations for non-Federal members of the Advisory Committee on Climate Change and Natural Resource Science (Committee). The closing date for nominations was June 1, 2015. This **Federal Register** Notice reopens the nomination and comment period for 30 days. If you have already submitted information to be considered for

appointment to the Committee you do not have to resubmit it.

DATES: Written nominations must be received by July 8, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Send nominations to: Robin O'Malley, Policy and Partnership Coordinator, National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Mail Stop 516, Reston, VA 20192, romalley@usgs.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robin O'Malley, Policy and Partnership Coordinator, National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Mail Stop 516, Reston, VA 20192, romalley@usgs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 30, 2015, the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) published a notice inviting nominations for the Advisory Committee on Climate Change and Natural Resource Science (Committee). The Committee provides advice on matters and actions relating to the establishment and operations of the U.S. Geological Survey National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center and the DOI Climate Science Centers. See: <https://nccwsc.usgs.gov/acccnrs> for more information.

The Department has determined that additional time is required to enable members to be nominated for the committee.

We are seeking nominations for individuals involved in specific interests, noted below, to be considered as Committee members. Nominations should include a resume that describes the nominee's qualifications in enough detail to enable us to make an informed decision regarding meeting the membership requirements of the Committee and to contact a potential member.

Members of the Committee will be composed of approximately 25 members from both the Federal Government, and the following interests: (1) State and local governments, including state membership entities; (2) Non-governmental organizations, including those whose primary mission is professional and scientific and those whose primary mission is conservation and related scientific and advocacy activities; (3) American Indian tribes and other Native American entities; (4) Academia; (5) Individual landowners; and (6) Business interests.

In addition, the Committee may include scientific experts, and will include rotating representation from one or more of the institutions that host the DOI Climate Science Centers.

The Committee will meet approximately 2-4 times annually, and at such times as designated by the DFO. The Secretary of the Interior will appoint members to the Committee. Members appointed as special Government employees are required to file on an annual basis a confidential financial disclosure report.

No individual who is currently registered as a Federal lobbyist is eligible to serve as a member of the Committee.

Robin O'Malley,

Designated Federal Officer, ACCCNRS.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

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Meetings; Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Public Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Interior.

ACTION: Meeting notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Interior, Office of the Secretary is announcing a public meeting of the *Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Public Advisory Committee*.

DATES: June 29, 2015, at 1:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: *Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council Conference Room, Grace Hall, 4230 University Drive, Anchorage, AK 99508.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Philip Johnson, Department of the Interior, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance, 1689 "C" Street, Suite 119, Anchorage, Alaska, (907) 271-5011.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The *Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Public Advisory Committee* was created by Paragraph V.A.4 of the Memorandum of Agreement and Consent Decree entered into by the United States of America and the State of Alaska on August 27, 1991, and approved by the United States District Court for the District of Alaska in settlement of *United States of America v. State of Alaska*, Civil Action No. A91-081 CV.

The *Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Public Advisory Committee Meeting agenda* will focus on review of the current draft of the *Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council's Fiscal Year 2017-2021 Invitation for Proposals*. An opportunity for public comments will be provided. The final agenda and materials for the