

and inadequate regulatory mechanisms have been minimized, managed, or eliminated such that they are not contributing to the species being in danger of extinction within the foreseeable future. The Recovery Plan identifies recovery actions needed to improve knowledge and understanding of oceanic whitetip shark population dynamics, reduce fisheries bycatch and mortality, address impacts from international trade, improve monitoring and reporting of fisheries interactions with oceanic whitetip sharks, implement and enforce regulatory mechanisms, and increase public and stakeholder awareness through education and outreach strategies. Collectively, the objectives, recovery criteria, and recovery actions represent NMFS' expectations of conditions to recover the oceanic whitetip shark so the species may be removed from the list.

The Recovery Plan is accompanied by the Recovery Implementation Strategy, which is a flexible, operational document that provides specific, prioritized activities necessary to fully implement recovery actions in the plan. The activities in the Recovery Implementation Strategy may be modified to reflect changes in the information available as well as progress towards recovery. If/when the science indicates that meaningful changes to the recovery actions and criteria are necessary, the Recovery Plan will be revised and a revised draft will be made available for public comment before being finalized.

How NMFS and Others Expect To Use the Recovery Plan

With adoption of this Recovery Plan, we will seek to implement the actions and activities for which we have authority and funding; encourage other Federal, state, and local agencies to implement recovery actions and activities for which they have responsibility, authority, and funding; and work cooperatively with other partners and the public on implementation of other actions and activities. We expect the Recovery Plan to guide us and other Federal agencies in evaluating Federal actions under ESA section 7, as well as in implementing other provisions of the ESA, such as considering permits under section 10, and other statutes.

When we are evaluating the species' status in the future, such as during a 5-year review as required by section 4(c)(2) of the ESA, the agency will examine whether the ESA section 4(a)(1) listing factors have been addressed. To assist in this examination,

we will also evaluate the delisting criteria described in the Recovery Plan, which include both demographic-based criteria and threats-based criteria addressing each of the ESA section 4(a)(1) listing factors, as well as any other relevant data and policy considerations.

Initiation of a 5-Year Review for the Oceanic Whitetip Shark and Public Solicitation of New Information

Section 4(c)(2)(A) of the ESA requires that we conduct a review of listed species at least once every 5 years. This will be the first review of this species pursuant to this provision of the ESA since it was listed in 2018 under the ESA. The regulations in 50 CFR 424.21 require that we publish a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing species currently under active review. On the basis of such reviews, we determine under section 4(c)(2)(B) whether any species should be removed from the list (*i.e.*, delisted) or reclassified from endangered to threatened or from threatened to endangered (16 U.S.C. 1533(c)(2)(B)). As described by the regulations in 50 CFR 424.11(e), the Secretary shall delist a species if the Secretary determines based on consideration of the factors and standards set forth in paragraph (c) of that section, that the best scientific and commercial data available substantiate that: (1) the species is extinct; (2) the species has recovered to the point at which it no longer meets the definition of an endangered species or a threatened species; (3) new information that has become available since the original listing decision shows the listed entity does not meet the definition of an endangered species or a threatened species; or (4) new information that has become available since the original listing decision shows the listed entity does not meet the definition of a species. Any change in Federal classification would require a separate rulemaking process.

To ensure that the 5-year review is complete and based on the best available scientific and commercial information, we are soliciting new information from the public, governmental agencies, Tribes, the scientific community, industry, environmental entities, and any other interested parties concerning the status of the oceanic whitetip shark (*C. longimanus*). Categories of requested information include: (1) species biology including, but not limited to, population trends, distribution, abundance, demographics, and genetics; (2) habitat conditions including, but not limited to, amount, distribution, and important

features for conservation; (3) status and trends of threats to the species and its habitats; (4) conservation measures that have been implemented that benefit the species, including monitoring data demonstrating effectiveness of such measures; and (5) other new information, data, or corrections including, but not limited to, taxonomic or nomenclatural changes and improved analytical methods for evaluating extinction risk.

If you wish to provide information for the review, you may submit your information and materials electronically (see **ADDRESSES** section). We request that all information be accompanied by supporting documentation such as maps, bibliographic references, or reprints of pertinent publications.

Conclusion

NMFS concludes that the Recovery Plan meets the requirements of the ESA section 4(f) and is therefore adopting it as the final Recovery Plan for the oceanic whitetip shark.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*

Dated: July 5, 2024.

Angela Somma,

Chief, Endangered Species Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 11143-022]

Glen Falls Hydro, LLC; Notice of Proposed Termination of License by Implied Surrender and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

Take notice that the following hydroelectric proceeding has been initiated by the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Type of Proceeding:* Proposed Termination of License by Implied Surrender.

b. *Project No.:* 11143-022.

c. *Date Initiated:* July 3, 2024.

d. *Applicant:* Glen Falls Hydro, LLC.

e. *Name of Project:* Glen Falls Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* The project is located on the Moosup River, near Plainfield, Windham County, Connecticut. The project does not occupy federal lands.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR 6.4.

h. *Applicant Contact:* John Gauvin, Glen Falls Hydro, LLC, 340 Prospect

Street, Moosup, CT 06354, (860) 564-7786.

i. *FERC Contact:* Maryam Akhavan, (202) 502-6110, maryam.akhavan@ferc.gov.

j. *Resource Agency Comments:* Federal, state, local and Tribal agencies are invited to file comments on the described proceeding. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments.

k. *Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests:* August 19, 2024.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, and protests using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Acting Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Acting Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The first page of any filing should include the docket number P-11143-022. Comments emailed to Commission staff are not considered part of the Commission record.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

l. *Description of Project Facilities:* The project works include: a 150-foot-long granite masonry gravity overflow dam, a 43-acre reservoir with a surface elevation of 270.7 feet mean sea level and a gross storage capacity of 215 acre-feet, a set of 20-foot-long and 15-foot-wide trashracks, a 70-foot-long and 7-foot diameter penstock, an 18.9-foot-wide and 23.2-foot-long concrete

powerhouse containing one turbine-generating unit having a total installed capacity of 250 kilowatts (kW), a 35-foot-long and 18-foot-wide tailrace, a 135-foot-long transmission line and appurtenant facilities. The project has not operated since it was damaged by a storm in March 2010.

m. *Description of Proceeding:* The licensee has not complied with Standard Article 16 of the license which was issued on March 2, 1992 (58 FERC 62,169). Article 16 states that if the licensee abandons or discontinues good faith operation of the project or refuses or neglects to comply with the terms of the license and the lawful orders of the Commission, the Commission will deem it to be the intent of the licensee to surrender the license.

Commission staff issued a letter, on October 20, 2023, followed by a second letter on December 28, 2023, requesting a plan and schedule to resume project operation or surrender of the license. Commission staff shared a copy of the December 28, 2023 letter with the licensee's widow, as the licensee had passed away. On February 5, 2024, the widow informed Commission staff via email that she is not capable of rebuilding the hydroelectric project and agreed to an implied surrender of the project license following her husband's passing and that it is not possible for her to file a surrender application.

n. *Location of the Order Issuing License:* The order may be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3676 or email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, for TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

o. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

p. *Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene:* Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214, respectively. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or

motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

q. *Filing and Service of Documents:* Any filing must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE" as applicable; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person commenting, protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, motions to intervene, or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis. Any filing made by an intervenor must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2010.

r. The Commission's Office of Public Participation (OPP) supports meaningful public engagement and participation in Commission proceedings. OPP can help members of the public, including landowners, environmental justice communities, Tribal members and others, access publicly available information and navigate Commission processes. For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, the public is encouraged to contact OPP at (202) 502-6595 or OPP@ferc.gov.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings

Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

Filings Instituting Proceedings

Docket Numbers: RP24-891-000.
Applicants: Tres Palacios Gas Storage LLC.

Description: 4(d) Rate Filing: TPGS Rate Schedule and FOSA Updates eff 8-2-24 to be effective 8/2/2024.

Filed Date: 7/2/24.
Accession Number: 20240702-5178.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 7/15/24.
Docket Numbers: RP24-892-000.