

Secs. 19, 26, 27, 34, and 35;  
Containing approximately 2,208 acres.  
T. 30 N., R. 78 W.,  
Secs. 4 and 9.  
Containing approximately 865 acres.  
T. 33 N., R. 78 W.,  
Secs. 1 and 12.  
Containing approximately 1,207 acres.  
Aggregating approximately 5,876 acres.

A portion of the subsurface estate in these lands will be conveyed to Calista Corporation when the surface estate is conveyed to Nunapiglluraq Corporation. The remaining lands lie within Clarence Rhode National Wildlife Range, established January 20, 1969. The subsurface estate in the refuge lands will be reserved to the United States at the time of conveyance. Notice of the decision will also be published four times in the Tundra Drums.

**DATES:** The time limits for filing an appeal are:

1. Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision shall have until August 22, 2008 to file an appeal.

2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt 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.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the decision may be obtained from:

Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7504.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:** The Bureau of Land Management by phone at 907-271-5960, or by e-mail at [ak.blm.conveyance@ak.blm.gov](mailto:ak.blm.conveyance@ak.blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunication device (TTD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to contact the Bureau of Land Management.

**Robert Childers,**

*Land Law Examiner, Land Transfer Adjudication II.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[F-14879-A, F-14879-A2; AK-965-1410-KC-P]

#### 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 an appealable decision approving the surface and subsurface estates in certain lands for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act will be issued to Kotlik Yupik Corporation. The lands are in the vicinity of Kotlik, Alaska, and are located in:

*Kateel River Meridian, Alaska*

T. 28 S., R. 23 W.,  
Secs. 1, 2, 12, and 13;  
Secs. 23, 24, 26, and 27;  
Secs. 33, 34, and 35.  
Containing approximately 6,625 acres.  
T. 29 S., R. 23 W.,  
Sec. 4.  
Containing approximately 562 acres.  
T. 26 S., R. 27 W.,  
Secs. 18, 19, 30, and 31.  
Containing approximately 1,636 acres.  
T. 27 S., R. 27 W.,  
Secs. 15, 22, and 27.  
Containing approximately 1,736 acres.  
T. 26 S., R. 28 W.,  
Secs. 4 to 11, inclusive;  
Secs. 13 to 17, inclusive;  
Secs. 22 to 25, inclusive;  
Sec. 36.  
Containing approximately 7,829 acres.  
Aggregating approximately 8,388 acres.

*Seward Meridian, Alaska*

T. 33 N., R. 73 W.,  
Sec. 6.  
Containing approximately 329 acres.  
T. 34 N., R. 73 W.,  
Secs. 31, 32, and 33.  
Containing approximately 1,655 acres.  
Aggregating approximately 1,984 acres.  
Total aggregate of approximately 20,372 acres.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[MT-020-1010-PO]

#### Notice of Public Meeting, Eastern Montana Resource Advisory Council Meeting

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior, Montana, Billings and Miles City Field Offices.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

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

**DATES:** The next two regular meetings of the Eastern Montana Resource Advisory Council will be held on August 26, 2008 in Miles City, MT and December 4, 2008 in Billings, MT. The meetings will start at 8 a.m. and adjourn at approximately 3:30 p.m. each day. When determined, the meeting location will be announced in a news release.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mark Jacobsen, Public Affairs Specialist, BLM Miles City Field Office, 111 Garryowen Road, Miles City, Montana, 59301. Telephone: (406) 233-2831.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The 15-member Council advises the Secretary of the Interior through the Bureau of Land Management on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in Montana. At these

meetings, topics will include: Miles City and Billings Field Office manager updates, subcommittee briefings, work sessions and other issues that the council may raise. All meetings are open to the public and the public may present written comments to the Council. Each formal Council meeting will also have time allocated for hearing public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation, tour transportation or other reasonable accommodations should contact the BLM as provided above.

Dated: July 15, 2008.

**M. Elaine Raper,**

*Field Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### **Final Environmental Impact Statement/ Mountain Lakes Fishery Management Plan; North Cascades National Park Service Complex; Chelan, Skagit and Whatcom Counties, WA; Notice of Availability**

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to § 102(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Pub. L. 91-190, as amended), the National Park Service in cooperation with the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Mountain Lakes Fishery Management Plan. The FEIS identifies and evaluates proposed plan and three alternatives for management of non-native fish in the natural mountain lakes within North Cascades National Park Service Complex and the Stephen Mather Wilderness. Appropriate mitigation strategies are assessed, and an "environmentally preferred" alternative is also identified. When approved, the Mountain Lakes Fishery Management Plan (Plan) will govern all fishery management actions, including potential removal of self-sustaining populations of non-native fish and fish stocking.

**Background:** The National Park Service (NPS) manages North Cascades National Park, Lake Chelan National Recreation Area, and Ross Lake National Recreation Area collectively as the North Cascades National Park Service Complex (hereafter referred to as "North Cascades"). The rugged, wilderness

landscape of North Cascades contains 245 natural mountain lakes which are naturally fishless due to impassable topographic barriers. Though naturally barren of fish, these lakes contain a rich array of native aquatic life including plankton, aquatic insects, frogs and salamanders. In the late 1800's, settlers began stocking lakes within the present-day boundaries of North Cascades with various species of non-native trout for food and recreation. By the 20th century, fish stocking was routinely undertaken by the U.S. Forest Service, various counties, and individuals. Then in 1933, the state of Washington assumed responsibility for stocking mountain lakes to create and maintain a recreational fishery. After North Cascades was established in 1968, a conflict over fish stocking emerged between the NPS and Washington state. This conflict derived from fundamental policy differences: NPS policies prohibited stocking so as to protect native ecosystems and Wilderness, whereas Washington policies encouraged stocking to enhance recreational opportunities.

**Preferred Plan and Alternatives Considered:** As the proposed Mountain Lakes Fishery Management Plan, *Alternative B* (agency-preferred alternative) would allow continued stocking of select lakes with a history of fish stocking. To minimize ecological risks, only trout that are native to the watershed or functionally sterile would be stocked at low densities. Self-sustaining populations of trout would be removed from all lakes (where feasible) using various methods including gillnets, electrofishing, spawning habitat exclusion, and antimycin, a potent yet ephemeral pesticide. Management actions would be monitored and evaluated to enable adaptive management and minimize impacts to biological integrity. Implementation of this Alternative would require clarification from Congress regarding fish stocking in North Cascades and the Stephen Mather Wilderness.

The "no action" alternative (*Alternative A*) would continue fishery management according to the terms and conditions of the 1988 Supplemental Agreement with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). This agreement provides for continued stocking of select lakes in North Cascades National Park. Implementation of this alternative would require clarification from Congress regarding fish stocking in the North Cascades and Stephen Mather Wilderness.

*Alternative C* would include continued fish stocking in select lakes in Ross Lake National Recreation Area and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area; stocking would be discontinued in North Cascades National Park. Otherwise, the adaptive management framework for this alternative would be similar to *Alternative B*. Implementation of *Alternative C* would require clarification from Congress regarding continued fish stocking in the Stephen Mather Wilderness.

*Alternative D* would discontinue fish stocking in all mountain lakes in North Cascades Complex. This alternative would implement a long-term goal of removing, wherever feasible, self-sustaining populations of non-native trout in up to 37 lakes using the removal methods described for *Alternative B*.

**Public Involvement:** The public scoping phase formally began January 16, 2003, with the NPS publication of a Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS for a high mountain lakes fishery management plan. Extensive local and regional publicity and distribution of public scoping brochures occurred during February–March 2003. In late March 2003, the four public scoping meetings were hosted in the surrounding communities of Sedro-Woolley, Wenatchee, Bellevue and Seattle. The NPS received 248 comments during the public scoping phase; a public scoping report was prepared and posted on the project Web site (see below). The EPA's notice of filing of the Draft EIS was published in the **Federal Register** by the EPA on May 27, 2005; the park's notice of availability was published on May 31, 2005. The 90-day opportunity for public review and comment extended through August 26, 2005. Four public meetings were hosted in surrounding communities during the week of July 25–28, 2005. Ninety individuals and organizations provided 350 substantive comments both for and against continued stocking.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Electronic copies of the final document will be available online at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/noca>. Bound printed copies will be available for public review at the North Cascades Headquarters Office, 810 State Route 20, Sedro-Woolley, Washington 98284; and at the Seattle, Wenatchee, Chelan and Bellingham public libraries. For further information or to request copies of the document, contact Mr. Roy Zipp, Environmental Protection Specialist, 810 State Route 20, Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284; (360) 854-7313.

**Decision Process:** Following careful consideration of all public and agency