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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Division of Management Authority, telephone 703/358-2104.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that on the dates below, as authorized by the

provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Fish and Wildlife Service denied the requested permits.

MARINE MAMMALS

Permit No.	Applicant	Receipt of application Federal Register notice	Denial date
134178	Hubbs-Sea World Research	72 FR 33242; June 15, 2007	Feb. 28, 2008.
142439	Beyond Bears, Inc	72 FR 70339; Dec. 11, 2007	Feb. 19, 2008.

Dated: March 7, 2008.

Lisa J. Lierheimer,
Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits,
Division of Management Authority.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Wind Turbine Guidelines Advisory Committee; Announcement of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), will host the second meeting of the Wind Turbine Guidelines Advisory Committee (Committee), on April 23-24, 2008. The meeting is open to the public. The agenda will include the review and approval of Committee groundrules; reports from the Subcommittees on: Existing Guidelines, Guiding Principles, Legal, Landscape Habitat (Mapping), and Other Models/Uncertainty; and briefings from Service regional offices on wind/wildlife issues.

DATES: The meeting will take place on April 23-24, 2008. On April 23, the meeting will be held from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. On April 24, the meeting will be held from 8 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Following the adjourning of the Committee on April 24th, an administrative training will be held for Committee members only.

ADDRESSES: Holiday Inn Arlington, 4610 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203. For more information, see "Meeting Location Information" under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rachel London, Division of Habitat and Resource Conservation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, (703) 358-2161.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On March 13, 2007, the Department of the Interior (Interior) published a notice of establishment of the Committee and call for nominations in the **Federal Register** (72 FR 11373). The Committee's purpose is to provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) on developing effective measures to avoid or minimize impacts to wildlife and their habitats related to land-based wind energy facilities. The Committee is expected to exist for 2 years. Its continuation is subject to biennial renewal. The Committee will meet approximately four times per year. All Committee members serve without compensation. In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.), a copy of the Committee's charter has been filed with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration; Committee on Environment and Public Works, U.S. Senate; Committee on Natural Resources, U.S. House of Representatives; and the Library of Congress.

The Secretary appointed 22 individuals to the Committee on October 24, 2007, representing the varied interests associated with wind energy development and its potential impacts to wildlife species and their habitats. The USFWS hosted a technical workshop on February 26-27, 2008, and held the first Committee meeting on February 28, 2008. The workshop and first meeting were open to the public. The public will have an opportunity to comment at all Committee meetings.

Meeting Location Information

Please note that the Holiday Inn is accessible to wheelchair users. If you require additional accommodations, please notify us by April 16, 2008.

If you plan on attending the meeting, please register at http://www.fws.gov/habitatconservation/windpower/wind_turbine_advisory_committee.html by April 16, 2008. While this meeting is

open to the public, seating is limited due to room capacity. We will give preference to registrants based on date and time of registration. There will be standing room available if seats are filled.

Dated: April 2, 2008.

Dave Stout,
Wind Turbine Guidelines Advisory
Committee Designated Federal Officer.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Nantucket National Wildlife Refuge, Nantucket County, MA

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a comprehensive conservation plan and environmental assessment; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), intend to prepare a comprehensive conservation plan (CCP) and an associated National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document for Nantucket National Wildlife Refuge (NWR). We provide this notice in compliance with our planning policy to advise other agencies, Tribes, and the public of our intentions, and to obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues to consider. We are also requesting public comments.

DATES: To ensure consideration, we must receive your written comments by 30 days after the date of publication in the **Federal Register**. We will hold public meetings to begin the CCP planning process; see *Public Meetings* under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. We will announce opportunities for public input in local news media throughout the CCP planning process, and will announce upcoming public meetings in

local news media and the refuge Web site.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments or requests for more information by any of the following methods.

Electronic mail:

northeastplanning@fws.gov. Include "Nantucket NWR CCP/EA" in the subject line of the message.

U.S. Postal Service: Eastern

Massachusetts NWR Complex, 73 Weir Hill Road, Sudbury, Massachusetts 01776.

In-Person Drop-off, Viewing, or

Pickup: Call 978-443-4661 to make an appointment during regular business hours at 73 Weir Hill Road, Sudbury, Massachusetts.

Fax: 978-443-2898

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Libby Herland, Project Leader, at 978-443-4661, or Carl Melberg, Planning Team Leader, at 978-443-4661.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Introduction

With this notice, we initiate our process for developing a CCP for Nantucket NWR in Nantucket County, Massachusetts. We provide this notice in compliance with our planning policy to (1) advise other Federal and State agencies and the public of our intention to conduct detailed planning on this refuge, and (2) obtain suggestions and information on the scope of topics to consider in the environmental document and during development of the CCP.

Background

The CCP Process

The National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (Improvement Act) (16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee), which amended the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, requires us to develop a CCP for each national wildlife refuge. The purpose for developing a CCP is to provide refuge managers with a 15-year plan for achieving refuge purposes and contributing toward the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System (NWRS), consistent with sound principles of fish and wildlife management, conservation, legal mandates, and our policies. In addition to outlining broad management direction on conserving wildlife and their habitats, CCPs identify wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities available to the public, including opportunities for hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, and environmental education and interpretation. We will review and update the CCP at least every 15 years

in accordance with the Improvement Act and NEPA.

We establish each unit of the NWRS for specific purposes. We use these purposes as the bases to develop and prioritize management goals and objectives for the refuge within the NWRS mission, and to determine how the public can use the refuge. The planning process is a way for us and the public to evaluate management goals and objectives for the best possible conservation approach to this important wildlife habitat, while providing for wildlife-dependent recreation opportunities that are compatible with the refuge's establishing purposes and the mission of the NWRS. Our CCP process provides opportunities for Tribal, State, and local governments; agencies; organizations; and the public to participate. At this time, we encourage the public to provide input in the form of issues, concerns, ideas, and suggestions for the future management of Nantucket NWR.

We will conduct the environmental review of this environmental assessment in accordance with the requirements of NEPA, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*); NEPA regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508); other appropriate Federal laws and regulations; and our policies and procedures for compliance with those laws and regulations.

Nantucket National Wildlife Refuge

Nantucket NWR was established in 1973 under the Act Authorizing the Transfer of Certain Real Property for Wildlife or other purposes from the U.S. Coast Guard. The refuge, which consists of 24 acres, is located at Great Point on Nantucket Island, Massachusetts. The refuge is composed of beach and dune habitat. These areas serve the habitat needs of seabirds, wading birds, shorebirds, and raptors.

Scoping: Preliminary Issues, Concerns, and Opportunities

We have identified preliminary issues, concerns, and opportunities that we may address in the CCP. We have briefly summarized these issues below. During public scoping, we may identify additional issues.

We recognized a need to clarify and formalize our relationship with the Trustees of Reservations at Coskata-Coatue Wildlife Refuge, particularly on the issues of on-site management and fee collection and retention.

Additionally, public use throughout the refuge will be reevaluated in relation to wildlife-dependent recreation and other mission compatible uses. Issues of concern are over-the-sand vehicle use and non-wildlife dependent beach use.

We need to address the disposition of the U.S. Coast Guard lighthouse, which is an inholding on the refuge.

We need to ensure protection of wildlife resources, including terns, plovers, and seals.

Public Meetings

We will involve the public through open houses, informational and technical meetings, and written comments. We will release mailings, news releases, and announcements to provide information about opportunities for public involvement in the planning process. You can obtain the schedule from the planning team leader or project leader (see **ADDRESSES**). You may also submit comments anytime during the planning process by mail, electronic mail, or fax (see **ADDRESSES**). There will be additional opportunities to provide public input once we have prepared a draft CCP.

We anticipate that public meetings will be held on Nantucket Island. For specific information including dates, times, and locations, contact the project leader (see **ADDRESSES**) or visit our Web site at <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/nantucket>.

Public Availability of Comments

Our practice is to make comments, including names, home addresses, home phone numbers, and electronic mail addresses of respondents available for public review. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their names and/or home addresses, etc., but if you wish us to consider withholding this information, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. In addition, you must present a rationale for withholding this information. This rationale must demonstrate that disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy. Unsupported assertions will not meet this burden. In the absence of exceptional, documentable circumstances, this information will be released. We will always make submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives of or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

Dated: April 1, 2008.

Wendi Weber,

*Acting Regional Director, Northeast Region,
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Hadley,
Massachusetts.*

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