

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service****Notice of Meetings of the Klamath Fishery Management Council**

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. I), this notice announces three meetings of the Klamath Fishery Management Council, established under the authority of the Klamath River Basin Fishery Resources Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 460ss *et seq.*). All meetings are open to the public. The Klamath Fishery Management Council makes recommendations to agencies that regulate harvest of anadromous fish in the Klamath River Basin. The objectives of these meetings are to hear technical reports, to discuss and develop Klamath fall Chinook salmon harvest management options for the 2004 season, and to make recommendations to the Pacific Fishery Management Council and other agencies.

DATES: The first meeting will be from 12 p.m. on March 1, 2004, to 5 p.m. on March 3, 2004. The second meeting will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on March 8, 2004. At the March 8, 2004, meeting, the Klamath Fishery Management Council may schedule short follow-up meetings to be held between March 9–12 at the same location. The third meeting will be from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. on April 4, 2004. At the April 4, 2004, meeting, the Klamath Fishery Management Council may schedule short follow-up meetings to be held between April 5–9 at the same location.

ADDRESSES: The March 1–3, 2004 meeting will be held at the Yurok Tribal Headquarters, 15900 Highway 101, Klamath, California 95548. The March 8–12, 2004, meeting will be held at the Sheraton Tacoma Hotel, 1320 Broadway Plaza, Tacoma, Washington. The April 4–9, 2004, meeting will be held at the Red Lion Hotel Sacramento, 1401 Arden Way, Sacramento, California. The March, 2004, meeting in Tacoma, Washington, and the April, 2004, meeting in Sacramento, California, are held concurrent with the meetings of the Pacific Fishery Management Council.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Phil Detrich, Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1829 South Oregon Street, Yreka, California 96097, telephone (530) 842–5763.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For background information on the Klamath

Fishery Management Council, please refer to the notice of their initial meeting that appeared in the **Federal Register** on July 8, 1987 (52 FR 25639).

Dated: January 20, 2004.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Reclamation****Environmental Water Account, San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, California**

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR).

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) and the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) have prepared a Final EIS/EIR for the Environmental Water Account (EWA).

The purpose of the EWA is to provide water for the protection and recovery of at-risk native fish species beyond the amount of water available from existing regulatory actions related to State Water Project/Central Valley Project operations.

The Notice of Availability of the Draft EIS/EIR was published in the **Federal Register** on Wednesday, July 16, 2003, (66 FR 42130). The written comment period on the Draft EIS/EIR ended Monday, September 15, 2003. The Final EIS/EIR contains responses to all comments received and changes made to the text of the Draft EIS/EIR as a result of those comments and any additional information received during the review period.

DATES: Reclamation will not make a decision on the proposed action until at least 30 days after release of the Final EIS/EIR. After the 30-day waiting period, Reclamation will complete a Record of Decision (ROD). The ROD will state the action that will be implemented and will discuss all factors leading to the decision.

ADDRESSES: A compact disc of the Final EIS/EIR may be requested from Ms. Sammie Cervantes, Bureau of Reclamation, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825, or by calling 916–978–5104, TDD 916–978–5608, or by e-mail at scervantes@mp.usbr.gov.

The Final EIS/EIR is accessible at the following Web sites: <http://www.mp.usbr.gov> or <http://www.dwr.water.ca.gov>.

See Supplemental Information section for locations where a compact disc of the Final EIS/EIR is available for review.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Sammie Cervantes, Bureau of Reclamation, at 916–978–5104, TDD 916–978–5608, or by e-mail at scervantes@mp.usbr.gov; or Ms. Delores Brown, DWR, at 916–227–2407, or by e-mail at delores@water.ca.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The EWA is a cooperative management program, the purpose of which is to provide protection to the at-risk native fish species of the Bay-Delta estuary through environmentally beneficial changes in SWP and CVP operations at no uncompensated water cost to the projects' water users. This approach to fish protection requires the acquisition of alternative sources of water supply, called EWA assets, that allow export pumping in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to be modified to provide fishery benefits while also replacing the regular project water supply that otherwise might be interrupted or lost because of the changes to project operations. EWA assets may also be used to augment streamflows and Delta outflow.

Public workshops to discuss the purpose and content of the Draft EIS/EIR were held on the following dates and locations: Wednesday, July 16, 2003, in San Diego, CA; Monday, July 21, 2003, in Red Bluff, CA; Tuesday, July 22, 2003, in Fresno, CA; Wednesday, July 23, 2003, in Tracy, CA; and Tuesday, July 29, 2003, in Sacramento, CA. Public hearings were held on Monday, August 25, 2003, in Sacramento, CA; Tuesday, August 26, 2003, in Red Bluff, CA; and Thursday, August 28, 2003, in Fresno, CA.

A compact disc of the Final EIS/EIR is available for review at the following locations:

- Department of Water Resources, Division of Environmental Services, 3251 S Street, Sacramento, CA 95816;
- Bureau of Reclamation, Public Affairs Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825;
- California Bay-Delta Authority, 650 Capitol Mall, 5th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95812;
- Bureau of Reclamation, Denver Office Library, Building 67, Room 167, Denver Federal Center, 6th and Kipling, Denver, CO 80225, 303–445–2072;
- Natural Resources Library, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW., Main Interior Building, Washington, DC 20240–0001; and

• At various county libraries, contact Sammie Cervantes at 916-978-5104, TDD 916-978-5608, for specific locations.

It is Reclamation's practice to publicly disclose respondents' comments, including names and addresses. Respondents may request that their address be withheld from disclosure; this will be honored to the extent allowable by law. There may also be circumstances in which a respondent's identity may be withheld from disclosure; again, this will be honored to the extent allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. All submissions from organizations or businesses will be publicly disclosed in their entirety.

Dated: January 14, 2004.

John F. Davis,

Deputy Regional Director, Mid-Pacific Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

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Platte River Recovery Implementation Program

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the draft environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (as amended), the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) as lead agencies have prepared a draft programmatic environmental impact statement (DEIS) for the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program (Program). This DEIS also serves as the Biological Assessment necessary for consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA). In 1997, the States of Nebraska, Wyoming, and Colorado and the U.S. Department of the Interior (Interior) signed a *Cooperative Agreement for Platte River Research and Other Efforts Relating to Endangered Species Habitats Along the Central Platte River, Nebraska (Cooperative Agreement)*. In this document, the signatories agreed to pursue a basinwide, cooperative approach to improve and maintain habitat for four threatened and endangered species—the whooping crane, interior least tern, piping plover, and pallid sturgeon

(target species) in the Platte River in Nebraska.

DATES: A 60-day public review period commences with the publication of this notice, or until April 2, whichever comes later. Public hearings on the DEIS will be held during the month of March. Times and locations will be announced in the **Federal Register** and local media.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on, or requests for copies of, the DEIS should be addressed to Platte River EIS Office (PL-100), PO Box 25007, Denver, Colorado, 80225-0007; telephone: (303) 445-2096, or by sending an email request to platte@prs.usbr.gov. The document is available on the Internet at <http://www.platteriver.org>. Copies of the DEIS area also available for public inspection at the locations listed under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Reclamation and the Service have prepared this DEIS to analyze the impacts of the First Increment (13 years) of a proposed Program to benefit the target species and their habitat in the Platte River Basin and to provide compliance with the ESA for certain historic and future water uses in each State. The habitat objectives of the proposed Program include: improving flows in the Central Platte River through water re-regulation and conservation/supply projects; and protecting, restoring, and maintaining at least 10,000 acres of habitat in the Central Platte River area between Lexington and Chapman, Nebraska. The DEIS analyzes the impacts of four alternatives to implement the Program.

The programmatic DEIS focuses on impacts that the Program may have on hydrology, water quality, land, target species and their habitat, other species, hydropower, recreation, economics, and social and cultural resources. Subsequent NEPA and ESA documents required for implementation of specific Program actions will be tiered off of this document.

DEIS available for public inspection at the following locations:

- Bureau of Reclamation, Public Affairs Office, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240
- Bureau of Reclamation, Platte River EIS Office, 44 Union Blvd., Suite 100, Lakewood, CO 80228
- Bureau of Reclamation, Great Plains Regional Office, 316 N. 26th Street, Billings, MT 59101
- Bureau of Reclamation, Eastern Colorado Area Office, 11056 W. County Rd. 18E, Loveland, CO 80537-9711
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 203 W. 2nd Street, Grand Island, NE 68801

• U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4000 Airport Parkway, Cheyenne, WY 82001

Libraries:

- Omaha Public Library, 215 South 15th Street, Omaha, NE 68102
- Scottsbluff Public Library, 1809 Third Avenue, Scottsbluff, NE 69361
- University of Nebraska at Kearney, Calvin T. Ryan Library, Kearney, NE 68849-2240
- University of Nebraska at Lincoln, Love Memorial Library, Lincoln, NE 68588-4100
- Grand Island Public Library, 211 North Washington, Grand Island, NE 68801
- North Platte Public Library, 120 West 4th Street, North Platte, NE 69101
- Goodall City Library, 203 W. A Street, Ogallala, NE 69153
- Natrona County Public Library, 307 East 2nd Street, Casper, WY 82601
- Wyoming State Library, 2301 Capitol Avenue, Cheyenne, WY 82002-0002
- University of Wyoming, Coe Library, 13th & Iverson Streets, Laramie, WY 82071-3334
- Goshen County Library, 2001 East A Street, Torrington, WY 82240
- Carbon County Government Public Library, Rawlins, WY 82301
- Library, 2660 Peck Avenue, Riverton, WY 82501-2273
- University of Colorado, Boulder, Norlin Library, 1720 Pleasant Street, Boulder, CO 80309-0184
- Denver Public Library, 10 West 14th Avenue Parkway, Denver, CO 80204-2731
- Colorado State University, William E. Morgan Library, Fort Collins, CO 80523-1019
- University of Northern Colorado, James A. Michener Library, 501 20th Street, Greeley, CO 80639-0091
- Jefferson County Public Library, Lakewood Library, 10200 West 20th Avenue, Lakewood CO 80215-1402
- Julesburg Public Library, 320 Cedar Street, Julesburg, CO 80737-1545
- Sterling Public Library, 420 N. 5th Street, Sterling, CO 80751-0400
- Loveland Public Library, 300 N. Adams, Loveland, CO 80537-5754
- Fort Morgan Public Library, 414 Main Street, Fort Morgan, CO 80701-2209
- Garfield County Public Library, 413 9th Street, Glenwood Springs, CO 81601-3607

Public Disclosure Statement

Comments received in response to this notice will become part of the administrative record for this project and are subject to public inspection. Comments, including names and home