

The Service will hold meetings as follows:

Thursday, May 25, 2000, 6:30–9 p.m.,
Environmental Learning Center,
Wabasso Island, 255 Live Oak Drive,
Vero Beach, Florida.

Thursday, June 1, 2000, 6:30–9 p.m.,
Chapel by the Sea South A1A,
Melbourne Beach, Florida.

DATES: Written comments should be received by June 30, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Address comments and requests for more information to:

Natural Resource Planner, Merritt
Island National Wildlife Refuge
Complex, P.O. Box 6504, Titusville,
Florida 32782–6504, (321) 861–0667.

If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments by any one of several methods. You may mail comments to the above address. You may also comment via the Internet to the following address:

Cheri_Ehrhardt@fws.gov. Please submit Internet comments as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Please also include your name and return address in your Internet message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the system that we have received your Internet message, contact us directly at Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge Complex at the above address. Finally, you may hand-deliver comments to the Refuge Complex at the above address. Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the rulemaking record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the rulemaking record a respondent's identity, as 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. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: It is the policy of the Fish and Wildlife Service to manage all lands within the National Wildlife Refugee System in accordance with an approved comprehensive conservation plan. These plans outline a vision for each refuge; guide management decisions; and outline goals, objectives and strategies to

achieve the visions and purposes of each refuge unit. The plans will provide other agencies and the public with an understanding of the management strategies to be implemented.

The Service has initiated planning for Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge for the conservation and enhancement of its natural resources. Encompassing approximately 5,000 acres and including designations as a National Historic Landmark, a National Wilderness Area, and a Wetland of International Importance, this refuge is located between the Indian River and the Atlantic Ocean in southeastern Florida, near the city of Sebastian.

Planning for Archie Carr National Wildlife Refuge has been initiated for the conservation and enhancement of its natural resources as well. This refuge is located along the Atlantic Ocean in southeastern Florida, between the cities of Melbourne Beach and Vero Beach. While the Service owns or leases approximately 165 acres, the State of Florida, Brevard County, and Indian River County account for the remainder of the publicly owned lands within the refuge. The refuge beaches support loggerhead and green turtle nesting. The Florida scrub jay, Eastern indigo snake, Southeastern beach mouse, and other threatened and endangered species also occur within the refuge.

Dated: May 5, 2000.

Judy L. Jones,

Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Application

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of application.

The following applicant has applied for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*).

Permit Number TE 026515

Applicant: Glen R. Gill, Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass) the Karner Blue Butterfly (*Lycaeides melissa samuelis*) in southwestern Michigan within the

Huron-Manistee National Forest.

Activities are for in situ measurements of larvae to determine cohort survival rates to pupation. Results will aid in the enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Operations, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111–4056, and must be received within 30 days of the date of this publication.

Documents and other information submitted with this application are available for review by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Operations, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111–4056. Telephone: (612/713–5343); FAX: (612/713–5292).

Dated: May 4, 2000.

Charles M. Wooley,

Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Region 3, Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Availability of a Draft Recovery Plan for the California Red-legged Frog for Review and Comment

AGENCY: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of document availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces the availability of a draft recovery plan for the California red-legged frog for public review. This recovery plan includes the threatened California red-legged frog (*Rana aurora draytonii*). This subspecies of red-legged frog has been extirpated from 70 percent of its former range and is now found in coastal drainages of central California from Marin County, California, south to northern Baja California, Mexico. The Service solicits review and comment from local, State, and Federal agencies, and the public on this draft recovery plan.

DATES: Comments on the draft recovery plan must be received on or before August 10, 2000 to receive consideration by the Service.

ADDRESSES: The draft recovery plan is available for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours at the Service's Sacramento Fish