

Refuge is the more than 30 spring-fed pools and streams that contrast sharply with the arid desert that surround them.

#### **Desert National Wildlife Range**

The Refuge, established in 1936 by Executive Order No. 7373 for the protection, preservation and management of desert bighorn sheep, as well as other forms of native flora and fauna occurring on the Refuge, encompasses 1.5 million acres of the diverse Mojave Desert in southern Nevada. It is the largest National Wildlife Refuge in the lower 48 states.

The Military Lands Withdrawal Act of 1999, Pub. L. No. 106-65, authorized the withdrawal of 2,919,890 acres of public lands in Clark, Nye, and Lincoln Counties, Nevada from all forms of appropriation under the public lands laws (including the mining laws and the mineral leasing and the geothermal leasing laws). These withdrawn lands were reserved for use by the Secretary of the Air Force for military testing, training and other defense-related purposes. During the period of withdrawal, the Act provides that the lands within the Desert National Wildlife Range will be managed by the Secretary of the Interior pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd, *et seq.*) and other laws applicable to the National Wildlife Refuge System. Pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding with the Secretary of the Air Force, The Secretary of the Interior is to manage withdrawn lands for the purposes for which the Refuge was established and to support current and future military aviation training.

#### **Moapa Valley National Wildlife Refuge**

The Refuge was established September 10, 1979, under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1969, as amended, to secure habitat for the endangered Moapa dace. The Refuge is located on 106 acres in northeastern Clark County. Due to its small size, fragile habitats, on-going habitat restoration work, and unsafe structures, the Refuge is currently closed to the general public.

#### **Pahranagat National Wildlife Refuge**

The Refuge was established in 1963, under the authority of the Migratory Bird Conservation Act, as amended, to provide protection and habitat for migrating birds in the Pahranagat Valley. The 5,382 acre refuge consists of marshes, meadows, lakes, and upland desert habitat. It provides nesting, resting, and feeding areas for ducks, geese, swans, and other birds.

#### **Background and Planning Process**

The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended, requires the Service to manage all lands within the National Wildlife Refuge System in accordance with an approved CCP (16 U.S.C. 668dd(e)). The CCP will guide wildlife, habitat, and public use management decisions and identify refuge goals, long-range objectives, and strategies for achieving Refuge purposes. Public input into this planning process is encouraged. The CCP will provide other agencies and the public with a clear understanding of the desired conditions for the Refuges and how the Service will implement management strategies over the next 15 years. Until the CCP is completed, Refuge management will continue to be guided by refuge purposes, federal legislation regarding management of national wildlife refuges, and other legal, regulatory and policy guidance.

Comments and concerns received will be used to develop goals, key issues and management strategies, and draft alternatives. Additional opportunities for public participation will occur throughout the CCP process, which is expected to be completed by 2005. Input from interested federal, state, and local agencies, Native American tribes, organizations and individuals is encouraged.

During development of the CCP, we will comply with the provisions of NEPA through concurrent preparation of an EIS that will accompany the CCP. The draft EIS will contain a No Action Alternative, a proposed action alternative, and potentially other alternatives. The alternatives will be used to define management options and compare their effects. The potential environmental impacts of each alternative will be analyzed in the draft EIS. A range of alternatives (and their effects on the biological resources and on the local communities) that address the issues and the management strategies associated with the issues will be evaluated in the EIS.

We are required by Service policy to complete a wilderness review of Service managed lands to determine if any lands are suitable for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System. The wilderness review will be integrated into the CCP/EIS process including identification of areas that meet the minimum wilderness criteria; evaluation of the wilderness suitability of alternatives; and documentation of recommendations. Wilderness designation requires Congressional legislation. The last step, if appropriate,

would consist of forwarding any suitable recommendations from the Director of the Service, through the Secretary of the Interior and the President, to Congress in a Wilderness Study Report.

#### **Conclusion**

With the publication of this notice, the public is encouraged to help identify potential issues, management actions and concerns; significant problems or impacts; and opportunities to resolve them. The public scoping period will continue for 60 days from the date of this notice. However, the Service will accept comments throughout the planning process.

All comments received from individuals on environmental impact statements become part of the official public record. Requests for such comments will be handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, the Council on Environmental Quality's NEPA regulations [40CFR1506.6(f)] and other Service and Departmental policy and procedures.

The environmental review of this project will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), NEPA Regulations (40 CFR 1500-1508), other appropriate Federal laws and regulations, Executive Order 12996, and Service policies and procedures for compliance with those regulations.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

### **Fish and Wildlife Service**

#### **Notice of Meeting of the Klamath Fisheries Management Council**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. I), this notice announces a meeting 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.*). The Klamath Fishery Management Council makes recommendations to agencies that regulate harvest of anadromous fish in

the Klamath River Basin. The objectives of this meeting are to hear technical reports, discuss management of Klamath Basin spring Chinook, review the 2002 fisheries, and discuss fall Chinook management and allocation issues related to the 2003 season. The meeting is open to the public.

**DATES:** The Klamath Fishery Management Council will meet from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, October 9, 2002, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, October 10, 2002, and from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, October 11, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Yreka Fish and Wildlife Office, 1829 South Oregon Street, Yreka, California.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Phil Detrich, Project Leader, 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).

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Notice of meeting.

#### California Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the California Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee will meet on September 19, 2002. The agenda for the Committee meeting will include reports from subcommittees, discussions on future governance, workplans and budgets, and water operations, regional reports, and implementation of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program with State and Federal officials.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held Thursday, September 19, 2002 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. If reasonable accommodation is needed due to a disability, please contact Pauline Nevins at (916) 657-2666 or TDD (800) 735-

2929 at least 1 week prior to the meeting.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California located at 700 North Alameda Street, Room 2-456, Los Angeles, California.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Eugenia Laychak, CALFED Bay Delta Program, at (916) 654-4214, or Diane Buzzard, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, at (916) 978-5022.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Committee was established to provide assistance and recommendations to Secretary of the Interior Gale Norton and California Governor Gray Davis on implementation of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. The Committee will advise on annual priorities, integration of the eleven Program elements, and overall balancing of the four Program objectives of ecosystem restoration, water quality, levee system integrity, and water supply reliability. The Program is a consortium of 23 State and Federal agencies with the mission to develop and implement a long-term comprehensive plan that will restore ecological health and improve water management for beneficial uses of the San Francisco/Sacramento and San Joaquin Bay Delta.

Committee and meeting materials will be available on the CALFED Bay-Delta Web site: <http://calfed.ca.gov> and at the meeting. This meeting is open to the public. Oral comments will be accepted from members of the public at the meeting and will be limited to 3-5 minutes.

(**Authority:** The Committee was established pursuant to the Department of the Interior's authority to implement the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, 16 U.S.C. 661 *et seq.*, the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*, and the Reclamation Act of 1902, 43 U.S.C. 371 *et seq.*, and the acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto, all collectively referred to as the Federal Reclamation laws, and in particular, the Central Valley Project Improvement Act, Title 34 of Pub. L. 102-575.)

Dated: August 6, 2002.

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Office of Justice Programs

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comments Requested

**ACTION:** 30-Day notice of information collection under review: reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired; Budget Detail Worksheet.

The Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** Volume 67, Number 99, page 36023 on May 22, 2002, allowing for a 60 day comment period. The purpose of this notice is to allow for an additional 30 days for public comment until September 20, 2002. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the items contained in this notice, especially the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to The Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention Department of Justice Desk Officer, Washington, DC 20503. Additionally, comments may be submitted to OMB via facsimile to (202) 395-7285.

Request written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who