

the western desert of Utah (Green *et al.* 1997). Genetic evidence (Green *et al.* 1997) indicates that CSFs may be a single species with three subspecies, or may be several weakly-differentiated species. The Service currently recognizes four populations based on disjunct distribution: Northern, Great Basin, Wasatch, and West Desert. CSFs are believed to be abundant within the Northern population of the species' range from Alaska to Wyoming (Gomez 1994). The other three disjunct populations (Great Basin, Wasatch, and West Desert) received candidate status in 1993 based on the loss of subpopulations in a number of areas in Nevada (58 FR 27260). At that time, the Great Basin population was given a listing priority of 9; in 2001 the priority was raised to 3 (the highest listing rank possible for a subspecies), based upon the discovery of *Chytridiomycosis* in the Owyhee subpopulation, declining numbers, and the imminence of threats. The CSF is known to occur in Owyhee and Twin Falls counties, Idaho.

Columbia Spotted Frogs at Sam Noble Springs are part of the Great Basin Population of frogs, which is a candidate for listing under the Act. Threats to this population mainly include impacts to, or loss of, habitat—specifically, the loss of perennial wetlands used for feeding, breeding, hibernating, and migrating. Improperly managed livestock grazing practices and water use in areas where frogs occur may contribute to habitat loss. The State of Idaho has an opportunity at Sam Noble Springs to address effects of livestock grazing on CSF habitat while continuing to meet their management needs. By entering into the proposed Agreement with the Service, the State of Idaho would help ensure long-term protection of a population of a species that is a candidate for listing under the Act, by significantly reducing the risk of impacts to CSF habitat, while reducing any long-term regulatory risk to their ability to generate funds from those lands if CSFs were listed and take prohibitions limited their ability to lease those lands for livestock grazing.

As a result of this conservation opportunity and potential regulatory concern, the State of Idaho developed the proposed Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances for the CSF at Sam Noble Springs, Owyhee County, Idaho, in cooperation with the Service, and is applying to the Service for a permit under section 10(a) of the Act, authorizing incidental take of CSFs.

Under the proposed Agreement and permit, the State of Idaho and the Service would implement various conservation measures on the Sam

Noble Springs parcel. The conservation measures under the proposed Agreement are intended to reduce all threats to the CSF that are controllable by the State of Idaho within the project area. Conservation measures that would be implemented within the project area include: (1) Altered timing and intensity of livestock grazing; (2) installation of grazing management structures; (3) creation of additional livestock watering ponds; (4) installation and operation of a water collection facility serving a livestock watering trough; (5) maintenance of existing livestock watering ponds; (6) management of vegetation in and adjacent to occupied CSF habitat; and (7) monitoring of CSF populations and habitat condition to determine effectiveness and compliance with the Agreement. If issued, the permit would authorize incidental take of CSFs as a result of specified land management practices related to agriculture, livestock management, and CSF habitat restoration.

We provide this notice pursuant to section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act and implementing regulations for the National Environmental Policy Act (40 CFR 1506.6), in order to solicit public review and comments on the permit application and a related environmental assessment. Comments received will be considered in the course of our evaluation of the proposed permit under section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act and National Environmental Policy Act. We will not make our final decision on the application until after completion of the comment period and will fully consider all comments received during the comment period.

Dated: January 26, 2006.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Klamath River Basin Fisheries Task Force

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: We, the Fish and Wildlife Service, announce a meeting of the Klamath River Basin Fisheries Task Force. The meeting is open to the public. The purpose of the meeting is to allow affected interests to continue

providing recommendations to us on implementation of our program to restore anadromous fisheries, including salmon and steelhead, in the Klamath River in California and Oregon.

DATE: The meeting will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on February 8, 2006, and from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on February 9, 2006.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Best Western Beachfront Inn, 16008 Boat Basin Road, Brookings, Oregon.

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: Under section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. I), we announce a meeting of the Klamath River Fisheries Task Force. This task force was established under the Klamath River Basin Fishery Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 460ss *et seq.*).

For background information on the Task Force, please refer to the **Federal Register** notice of the initial meeting (July 8, 1987, 52 FR 25639).

Dated: January 25, 2006.

John Engbring,

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Amendment to Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation's Proposed Coyote Business Park, Umatilla County, OR

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Bureau of Indian Affairs is amending its Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation's Proposed Coyote Business Park, Umatilla County, Oregon, which was published in the **Federal Register** on December 16, 2005 (70 FR 74844). This amendment adds 18 days to the public comment period. All of the other information in the December 16, 2005, notice remains unchanged.

DATES: Written comments on the DEIS must now arrive by February 17, 2006.