

Partnership Council will meet on Wednesday, November 8, 2006, from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m., and on Thursday, November 9, 2006, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Mills House Hotel in Charleston, South Carolina.

The Council was formed in January 1993 to advise the Secretary of the Interior, through the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, about sport fishing and boating issues. The Council represents the interests of the public and private sectors of the sport fishing and boating communities and is organized to enhance partnerships among industry, constituency groups, and government. The 18-member Council, appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, includes the Director of the Service and the president of the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, who both serve in ex officio (by virtue of office) capacities. Other Council members are Directors from State agencies responsible for managing recreational fish and wildlife resources and individuals who represent the interests of saltwater and freshwater recreational fishing, recreational boating, the recreational fishing and boating industries, recreational fisheries resource conservation, aquatic resource outreach and education, and tourism.

Background information on the Council is available at <http://www.fws.gov/sfbpc>. The Council will convene to discuss: (1) The Council's continuing role in providing input to the Fish and Wildlife Service on the Service's strategic plan for its Fisheries Program; (2) the Council's work in addressing the issue of boating and fishing access; (3) the Council's work in its role as a facilitator of discussions with Federal and State agencies and other sport fishing and boating interests concerning a variety of national boating and fisheries management issues; (4) the Council's work to assess the clean Vessel Act Grant Program; (5) a possible Council role in communicating with partners and stakeholders about the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund; and (6) the Council's role in providing the Secretary of the Interior with information about the implementation of the Strategic Plan for the National Outreach and Communications Program, authorized by the 1998 Sportfishing and Boating Safety Act, that is now being implemented by the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation, a private, nonprofit organization. The agenda may change to accommodate Council business. The final agenda will be posted on the Internet at <http://www.fws.gov/sfbpc>.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who would like to offer comments and suggestions related to the Council's affairs are invited to request a place on the agenda. On November 9, 2006, time will be reserved for public comments, and speaking times will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. The amount of time per speaker will be determined by the number of requests received, but is likely to be 5 minutes each. Questions from the public will not be considered during this period. Speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements, those who had wished to speak but could not be accommodated on the agenda, and those who were unable to attend in person are invited to submit written statements to the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Mailstop 3103-AEA, Arlington, Virginia 22203; via fax at (703) 358-2548; or via e-mail to doug_hobbs@fws.gov.

All visitors are required to pre-register to be admitted. Anyone wishing to attend this meeting must register by close of business Monday, November 6, 2006. Please submit your name, estimated time of arrival, e-mail address, and phone number to Douglas Hobbs, and he will provide you with instructions for admittance. Mr. Hobbs' e-mail address is doug_hobbs@fws.gov and his phone number is (703) 358-2336.

Summary minutes of the conference will be maintained by the Council Coordinator at 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, MS-3101-AEA, Arlington, VA 22203, and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours within 30 days following the meeting. Personal copies may be purchased for the cost of duplication.

Dated: September 26, 2006.

Marshall P. Jones, Jr.,

Acting Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Draft National Management and Control Plan for the New Zealand Mudsnail (*Potamopyrgus antipodarum*)

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of document availability and request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of the draft "National Management and Control Plan for the

New Zealand Mudsnail (*Potamopyrgus antipodarum*). The draft was prepared by the New Zealand Mudsnail Working Group of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force. We are seeking public comments on this draft document. Comments received will be considered during the preparation of the final national management and control plan, which will guide cooperative and integrated management of Zealand mudsnails in the United States.

DATES: Submit your comments on the draft "National Management and Control Plan for the New Zealand Mudsnail (*Potamopyrgus antipodarum*)" by December 4, 2006.

ADDRESSES: The draft document is available from the Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA, 22203; FAX (703) 358-1800. It also is available on our Web page at <http://www.anstaskforce.gov/>. Comments may be hand-delivered, mailed, or sent by fax to the address listed above. You may send comments by e-mail to: NZmudsnailPlan@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Scott Newsham, Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, at scott_newsham@fws.gov or (703) 358-1796.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The New Zealand mudsnail (*Potamopyrgus antipodarum*) is indigenous to New Zealand and its adjacent islands. In New Zealand, the snails have been found in nearly every aquatic habitat including large rivers, forested tributary streams, thermal springs, ponds, glacial lakes, and estuaries. Over the past 150 years, New Zealand mudsnails have spread in three continents.

Three different clones of New Zealand mudsnails have been identified in the United States: one is found in Lakes Ontario, Erie and Superior and is the same as Clone A found in Europe; the second is found in nine western States, having spread out from an initial population in the Snake River in Idaho; and the third has recently been identified in the Snake River, Idaho. It is speculated that the eastern U.S. clone came in ballast water from Europe and the western U.S. clones came from the commercial movement of aquaculture products such as trout eggs or live fish from Australia or New Zealand.

The introduced populations of these tiny snails (up to 6 mm) are mostly all female, and the snails are live bearers. Males are present only rarely in North America. Densities of New Zealand mudsnails fluctuate widely, reaching

500,000 snails per square meter in some locations.

A database established on the "New Zealand Mudsail in the Western USA" Web site (<http://www.esg.montana.edu/aim/mollusca/nzms/>) is being used to track new populations and keep people informed about the latest research. A map showing affected watersheds is kept current by the Department of Ecology at Montana State University-Bozeman.

In 2003, the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force (ANSTF), which is authorized by the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 4701 *et seq.*), established the New Zealand Mudsail Management Plan Working Group (Working Group) to create a national management and control plan for New Zealand mudsnails. The goal of the national management and control plan for New Zealand mudsnails is to prevent and delay the spread to new areas of the United States, reduce the impacts of existing and new populations, and continue developing information to meet this goal. The Working Group developed the following objectives: (1) Identify foci, pathways and vectors; (2) develop methods of detecting new populations; (3) develop strategies and methods to control and manage populations; (4) develop further understanding of ecological and economic impacts; and (5) increase public understanding of the need to deal with New Zealand mudsnails and gain political support for implementing national plan objectives.

We are seeking public comments on all aspects of the Working Group's draft "National Management and Control Plan for the New Zealand Mudsail (*Potamopyrgus antipodarum*)."

Submit your comments by the date listed in DATES using one of the methods listed in ADDRESSES.

Authority: The authority for this action is the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 4701 *et seq.*).

Dated: September 25, 2006.

Everett Wilson,

Acting Co-Chair, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Acting Assistant Director—Fisheries & Habitat Conservation.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NM-910-07-0777-XX]

Notice of Public Meeting, New Mexico Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, New Mexico Resource Advisory Council (RAC), will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting dates are December 6-7, 2006, at the Drury Inn and Suites, 4310 The 25 Way Northeast, Albuquerque, New Mexico. An optional field trip is planned for December 5, 2006. The public comment period is scheduled December 5, 2006, from 6-7 p.m. at the Drury Inn and Suites. The public may present written comments to the RAC. Depending on the number of individuals wishing to comment and time available, oral comments may be limited. The three established RAC working groups may have a late afternoon or an evening meeting.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 15-member RAC advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in New Mexico. All meetings are open to the public. At this meeting, topics include issues on renewable and nonrenewable resources.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Theresa Herrera, New Mexico State Office, Office of External Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 27115, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-0115, 505.438.7517.

Dated: October 13, 2006.

Linda S.C. Rundell,

State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-065-5870-EU; N-74961]

Notice of Realty Action: Direct (Non-Competitive) Sale of Public Lands, Esmeralda County, NV

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Realty Action.

SUMMARY: A 16.06 acre parcel of public land located near Dyer, Esmeralda County, Nevada, has been examined and found suitable for sale utilizing direct sale procedures. The authority for the sale is found under sections 203 and 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA) [Pub. L. 94-579].

DATES: Comments regarding the proposed sale or the environmental assessment (EA) must be received by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) on or before December 4, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding the proposed sale or EA, should be addressed to the Assistant Field Manager, BLM Tonopah Field Station, 1553 South Main Street, P.O. Box 911, Tonopah, Nevada 89049.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Information regarding the proposed sale and the lands involved, can be obtained at the public reception desk at the BLM, Tonopah Field Station from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except Federal holidays), or by contacting Wendy Seley, Realty Specialist, at the above address, or at (775) 482-7800 or by e-mail at wseley@nv.blm.gov. For general information on BLM's public land sale procedures, refer to the following Web address: <http://www.blm.gov/nhp/what/lands/realty/sales.htm>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The land is located approximately two miles west of Dyer, Nevada, and lies on the west side of Fish Lake Valley, Nevada.

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 3 S., R. 35 E.,

Sec. 21, Lots 8, 9, 10, and 11.

The area described contains 16.06 acres, more or less, in Esmeralda County.

This parcel of public land is being offered for sale to Della Patterson of Dyer, Nevada, at no less than the appraised fair market value (FMV) of \$56,000.00, as determined by the authorized officer after appraisal. An appraisal report has been prepared by a state certified appraiser for the purposes of establishing FMV.