

Interior, through the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), and the Secretary of Commerce, through the Assistant Administrator of the National Marine Fisheries Service of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), on aquatic conservation endeavors that benefit recreational fishery resources and recreational boating and that encourage partnerships among industry, the public, and government.

Meeting Agenda

- Opening remarks from ex officio members
- Member introductions
- Overview of Council history and current program priorities
- Agency updates from the Service and NOAA
- Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation updates
- National outreach and communications assessment review
- Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration program updates
- Council business; open discussion
- Subcommittee discussion and assignment
- Public comment period

The final agenda and other related meeting information will be posted on the Council's website at <https://www.fws.gov/sfbpc/>.

Public Input

If you wish to provide oral public comment or provide a written comment for the Council to consider, contact the Designated Federal Officer (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). Written comments should be received no later than Friday, May 10, 2024, to be considered by the Council during the meeting.

Requests to address the Council during the meeting will be accommodated in the order the requests are received. Depending on the number of people who want to comment and the time available, the amount of time for individual oral comments may be limited. Interested parties should contact the Designated Federal Officer (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) for placement on the public speaker list for this meeting. Registered speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements, or those who had wished to speak but could not be accommodated on the agenda, may submit written statements to the Designated Federal Officer up to 30 days following the meeting.

Accessibility Information

Please make requests in advance for sign language interpreter services,

assistive listening devices, or other reasonable accommodations. Please contact the Designated Federal Officer (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) no later than May 7, 2024, to give the Service sufficient time to process your request. All reasonable accommodation requests are managed on a case-by-case basis.

Public Disclosure

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

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David A. Miko,

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

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Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Redding Rancheria Win-River Casino Relocation Project

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), as lead agency, with the Redding Rancheria (Tribe), City of Redding (City), Shasta County (County), the California Department of Transportation, District 2 and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9 serving as cooperating agencies, intends to file a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in connection with the Tribe's application to transfer into trust approximately 232 acres for gaming purposes in Shasta County, California (Strawberry Fields Site).

DATES: The Record of Decision for the proposed action will be issued on or after 30 days from the date the EPA publishes its Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. The BIA must receive any comments on the FEIS before that date.

ADDRESSES: By mail or hand delivery to: Amy Dutschke, Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pacific Region, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California 95825. Please include your name, return address, and "FEIS Comments, Redding Rancheria Project" on the first page of your written comments. You may also submit comments through email to Chad Broussard, Environmental Protection Specialist, Bureau of Indian Affairs, at chad.broussard@bia.gov. If emailing comments, please use "FEIS Comments, Redding Rancheria Project" as the subject of your email.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Chad Broussard, Environmental Protection Specialist, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pacific Regional Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Room W-2820, Sacramento, California 95825; telephone: (916) 978-6165; email: chad.broussard@bia.gov. Information is also available online at <http://www.reddingeis.com>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Draft EIS was published by the BIA (84 FR 14391) on April 10, 2019, and EPA (84 FR 16485) in the **Federal Register** on April 19, 2019. The Draft EIS was originally made available for public comment for a 45-day period. However, the BIA extended the public comment period for an additional two weeks that concluded on June 17, 2019. A public hearing was held on May 20, 2019, to collect verbal comments on the Draft EIS. On May 14, 2020, the BIA published a notice to suspend preparation of the EIS (85 FR 28973). On September 23, 2021, the BIA published a notice of resumption of the EIS (85 FR 52922).

Background

The following alternatives are considered in the FEIS: (1) Proposed Project; (2) Proposed Project with No Retail Alternative; (3) Reduced Intensity Alternative; (4) Non-Gaming Alternative; (5) Anderson Site Alternative; (6) Expansion of Existing Casino Alternative and (7) and No Action/No Development Alternative. The BIA has selected Alternative 1, the Proposed Project, as the Preferred Alternative as discussed in the FEIS.

Environmental issues addressed in the FEIS include geology and soils, water resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural and paleontological resources, socioeconomic conditions (including environmental justice), transportation and circulation, land use, public services, noise, hazardous materials, aesthetics, cumulative effects,

and indirect and growth inducing effects.

The information and analysis contained in the FEIS, as well as its evaluation and assessment of the Preferred Alternative, will assist the Department in its review of the issues presented in the Tribe's application. Selection of the Preferred Alternative does not indicate the Department's final decision because the Department must complete its review process. The Department's review process consists of (1) issuing the notice of availability of the FEIS; (2) issuing a Record of Decision no sooner than 30 days following publication of a Notice of Availability of the FEIS by the EPA in the **Federal Register**; and (3) transfer of the Strawberry Fields Site in to trust.

Locations where the FEIS is Available for Review: The FEIS is available for review at <https://reddingeis.com>. Contact information is listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice.

Public Comment Availability: Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be included as part of the administrative record and responses to comments on the Final EIS. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask in your comment that your personal identifying information be withheld from public review, the BIA cannot guarantee that this will occur.

Authority

This notice is published pursuant to section 1503.1 of the Council of Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR part 1500 through 1508) and section 46.305 of the Department of the Interior Regulations (43 CFR part 46), implementing the procedural requirements of the NEPA of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4371, *et seq.*), and is in the exercise of authority delegated to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8. This notice is also published in accordance with 40 CFR 93.155, which provides reporting requirements for conformity determinations.

Wizipan Garriott,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Exercising by delegation the authority of the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

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Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation's Proposed Fee-to-Trust and Casino Project, Franklin County, Washington

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), as lead agency, intends to gather information necessary for preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in connection with the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation (Colville Tribes) proposed Fee-to-Trust and Casino Project in the City of Pasco, Franklin County, Washington. This notice also opens public scoping to identify potential issues, concerns, and alternatives to be considered in the EIS.

DATES: To ensure consideration during the development of the EIS, written comments on the scope of the EIS should be sent as soon as possible and no later than 30 days after publication of this Notice of Intent (NOI) in the **Federal Register**. The time and date of the public scoping meeting will be announced at least 15 days in advance through a notice to be published in the local newspaper (*The Tri-City Herald*) and online at <http://www.colvilleis.com>.

ADDRESSES: You may mail written comments to Bryan Mercier, Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Northwest Region, 911 NE 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232. Please include your name, return address, and "NOI Comments, Colville Tribes Fee-to-Trust and Casino Project" on the first page of your written comments. You may also submit comments through email to Tobiah Mogavero, NEPA Coordinator, Bureau of Indian Affairs, at: tobiah.mogavero@bia.gov, using "NOI Comments, Colville Tribes Fee-to-Trust and Casino Project" as the subject of your email.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Tobiah Mogavero, NEPA Coordinator, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Northwest Region, (435) 210-0509, tobiah.mogavero@bia.gov. Information is also available online at <http://www.colvilleis.com>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Colville Tribes submitted a Fee-to-Trust application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) requesting the placement of approximately 164.63 acres of fee land in trust by the United States upon which the Colville Tribes would construct a casino resort. The facility would include an approximately 184,200-square-foot casino, 200-room hotel, an event center, eateries, and supporting facilities. The proposed Fee-to-Trust property is located within the boundaries of the City of Pasco, Franklin County, Washington. The proposed trust property is comprised of one parcel (Assessor Parcel No. 113-130-068) bound by N. Capitol Avenue to the west, commercial and industrial development to the west and south, and agricultural parcels to the north and east. The purpose of the proposed action is to improve the economic status of the Tribal government so that it can provide comprehensive services and ensure the continued social and economic independence and well-being of its Tribal members.

The proposed action encompasses the various federal approvals that may be required to implement the Colville Tribes' proposed project, including approval of the Colville Tribes' Fee-to-Trust application and Secretarial Determination pursuant to section 20(b)(1)(A) of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. 2719(b)(1)(A)). The EIS will identify and evaluate issues related to these approvals and will also evaluate a range of reasonable alternatives. Possible alternatives currently under consideration include: (1) a reduced-intensity casino alternative, and (2) an alternate-use (non-gaming) alternative. The range of alternatives evaluated in the EIS may be expanded based on comments received during the scoping process.

Areas of environmental concern preliminarily identified for analysis in the EIS include land resources; water resources; air quality; noise; biological resources; cultural/historic/archaeological resources; resource use patterns; traffic and transportation; public health and safety; hazardous materials and hazardous wastes; public services and utilities; socioeconomic; environmental justice; visual resources/aesthetics; and cumulative, indirect, and growth-inducing effects. The range of issues to be addressed in the EIS may be expanded or reduced based on comments received in response to this notice and at the public scoping meeting. Additional information, including a map of the proposed trust property, is available by contacting the