

U. S. Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
California/Nevada Operations

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

**Environmental Assessment Supplement and Cumulative Impact Analysis
for Sacramento River National Wildlife Refuge
Tehama, Butte, and Glenn Counties, California**

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has completed an Environmental Assessment (EA) Supplement (Supplement) for the Sacramento River National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge)(USFWS 2007). The Supplement contains additional information and analysis regarding the Refuge Final Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and EA (USFWS 2005). The Supplement (herein incorporated by reference) includes a cumulative impact analysis on impacts regarding the Refuge's hunting program that was implemented in 2005. The CCP and EA (herein incorporated by reference) describe the Service's proposals for managing the Refuge and their associated effects on the human environment under three alternatives, including the no action alternative. Alternative B was selected for implementation in 2005.

Analysis of Impacts

The Supplement analyzed direct and indirect impacts on hunted wildlife species including dove, waterfowl, coot, common moorhen, pheasant, quail, turkey, and deer. Impacts were analyzed at the local, regional, State, and flyway levels. The Supplement also looked at individual and cumulative impacts on endangered species (USFWS 2004, NOAA-NMF 2004), non-hunted wildlife species, other refuge wildlife-dependent recreation, refuge facilities, cultural resources, the refuge environment, and the refuge community.

Decision

Following comprehensive review and analysis, the Service has determined that there will be no significant individual or cumulative impacts on the quality of the human environment. The Refuge's hunting program will continue as outlined in Alternative B of the CCP.

Public Review

The planning process included a 30-day public review and comment period. The details of the Service's public involvement program are described in the Supplement's Response to Comments (Appendix 1).

Conclusions

Based on review and evaluation of the information contained in the Supplement and its supporting references, I have determined that there will be no significant individual or cumulative impacts on the quality of the human environment, within the meaning of section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended. I have determined that hunting on the Sacramento River Refuge National Wildlife Refuge, as outlined in Alternative B of the CCP, is not a major Federal action. Accordingly, the Service is not required to prepare an environmental impact statement.

This Finding of No Significant Impact and supporting references are on file at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge Complex, 752 County Road 99W, Willows, California, 95988 (telephone 530-934-2801). These documents can also be found on the Internet at <http://www.fws.gov/sacramentovalleyrefuges/index.htm>. These documents are available for public inspection. Interested and affected parties are being notified of this decision.

Supporting References

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. 2004. Informal Intra-agency Section 7 Evaluation for the Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment for the Sacramento River National Wildlife Refuge, Butte, Glenn and Tehama counties, California (1-1-04-I-2214).

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. 2005. Final Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment for the Sacramento River National Wildlife Refuge.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. 2007. Final Environmental Assessment Supplement for the Sacramento River National Wildlife Refuge.

U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration – National Marine Fisheries Service. 2004. Informal Intra-agency Section 7 Evaluation for the Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment for the Sacramento River National Wildlife Refuge, Butte, Glenn and Tehama counties, California.



Acting Manager, California/Nevada Operations
Sacramento, California

4-23-07

Date

UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION STATEMENT

Within the spirit and intent of the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and other statutes, orders, and policies that protect fish and wildlife resources, I have established the following administrative record and determined that the action of (describe action): See attached.

Check One:

_____ is a categorical exclusion as provided by 51 6 DM 2, Appendix I and 516 DM 6, Appendix 1. No further NEPA documentation will therefore be made.

X _____ is found not to have significant environmental effects as determined by the attached environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact.

_____ is found to have significant effects and, therefore, further consideration of this action will require a notice of intent to be published in the Federal Register announcing the decision to prepare an EIS.

_____ is not approved because of unacceptable environmental damage, or violation of Fish and Wildlife Service mandates, policy, regulations, or procedures.

_____ is an emergency action within the context of 40 CFR 1506.11. Only those actions necessary to control the immediate impacts of the emergency will be taken. Other related actions remain subject to NEPA review.

Other supporting documents (list):

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Signature Approval:



(1) Originator

4/12/2007

Date

(2) WO/RO Environmental Coordinator Date



(3) AD/ARD

4/19/07

Date



Acting (4) Director/Regional Director Date (4-23-07)