in the boundaries and acreage of tracts to be exchanged; elimination of the NPS tract from the exchange; and deed restrictions on private lands to protect wildlife and historic resources.

This notice is being furnished as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Regulations (40 CFR1501.7 and 1508.22). The intent of the notice is to obtain suggestions and additional information from other agencies and the public on the scope of issues to be addressed in the EA. Comments and participation in this scoping process are solicited.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before October 23, 2000. A scoping meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2000 at Charlevoix City Hall, 215 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan, with duplicate sessions from 2 to 5 pm and from 7 to 10 pm. This meeting will also be announced in the local news media.

Public Involvement: The public will be invited to participate in the scoping process, a public meeting, and review of the draft EA when it is produced. One scoping meeting is scheduled on October 12, 2000, at the Charlevoix, Michigan City Hall and will be announced in the local news media. Release of the draft EA for public comment will also be announced in the local news media, as these dates are established. Written scoping comments should be received within 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice of Intent.

All comments received from individuals become part of the official public record. Requests for such comments will be handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act and the Council on Environmental Quality’s NEPA regulations [40 CFR 1506.6(f)]. Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. If a respondent wishes us to withhold his/her name and/or address, this must be stated prominently at the beginning of the comment.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to: Regional Director, Region 3, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111. Electronic mail comments may also be submitted within the comment period to: fw3foxisland@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information contact: Mr. Craig Czarnecki, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, East Lansing Field Office, 2651 Coolidge Road, Suite 101, East Lansing, MI 48823; telephone: (517) 351–8470, facsimile: (517) 351–1443; Mr. Jon Parker, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Federal Aid, Bishop Henry Whipple Federal Building, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, MN 55111; telephone: 612–713–5142, facsimile: (612) 713–5290; or Mr. John Kelly, National Park Service, 15 State Street, Boston, MA 02109, telephone (617) 223–5190.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 115.1±acre State owned tract with NPS and CSA interest contains the South Fox Island Lighthouse facilities that are either listed or are likely eligible to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places; other historical or archeological resources may be present. The National Historic Preservation Act and other laws require these properties and resources be identified and considered in project planning. The public is requested to inform the FWS of concerns about archeological sites, buildings and structures, historic events, sacred and traditional areas, and other historic preservation concerns. The NPS tract also includes proposed Critical Habitat for the Federally Endangered Piping plover. The tract also contains Federally Threatened Pitcher’s thistle, which is also present at other locations on the island.

The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians has unresolved claims to title and other property rights on the island. There is an Indian cemetery on the private lands. There have been ongoing conflicts over trespass on both public and private land parcels on the island. Public access is an ongoing issue.

The Service estimates that the draft EA will be made available to the public by early November, 2000.

Barbara Milne,
Acting Regional Director, Region 3, Fort Snelling, MN.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service

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 River Basin Fisheries Task Force, established under the authority of the Klamath River Basin Fishery Resources Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 460ss et seq.). The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The Klamath River Basin Fisheries Task Force (Task Force) will meet from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, October 18, 2000 and from 8 a.m. to 3:20 p.m. on Thursday, October 19, 2000.

PLACE: The meeting will be held at the Best Western Miner’s Inn, 122 East Miner Street Yreka, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Ronald A. Iverson, 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 Task Force, please refer to the notice of their initial meeting that appeared in the Federal Register on July 8, 1987 (52 FR 25639).


Elizabeth H. Stevens,

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of approved Tribal-State Compact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA), Pub. L. 100–497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the Federal Register, notice of approved Tribal-State Compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority, has approved the Tribal-State Compact for Class III Gaming Between the Sauk Suiattle Indian Tribe and the State of Washington, which was executed on April 20, 2000.

DATES: This action is effective September 22, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George T. Skibine, Director, Office of Indian Gaming Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219–4066.