DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service

Marine Mammal Annual Report
Availability, Calendar Years 1997 and 1998

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of marine mammal annual reports for calendar years 1997 and 1998.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Biological Resources Division of the U.S. Geological Survey, have issued our 1997 and 1998 annual reports on marine mammals under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Department of the Interior, as required by section 103(f) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972. Our reports are for January 1 to December 31, 1997, and January 1 to December 31, 1998. We submitted the reports to Congress on May 2, 2001. By this notice, we are informing you, the public, that the reports are available and that copies may be obtained on request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

ADDRESSES: You should submit written requests for copies to: Publications Unit, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Conservation Training Center, Route 1, Box 1666, Shepherd Grade Road, Shepherdstown, WV 25443. You may also contact that office by telephone at (304) 876–7203.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeffrey L. Horwath, Division of Fish and Wildlife Management Assistance in Arlington, Virginia at telephone (703) 358–1718.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Department of the Interior is responsible for eight species of marine mammals, as assigned by the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972. These species are polar bear, sea and marine otters, walrus, three species of manatee, and dugong. Administrative actions discussed in our two reports include appropriations, marine mammals in Alaska, endangered and threatened marine mammal species, law enforcement activities, scientific research and public display permits, certificates of registration, research, Outer Continental Shelf environmental studies and international activities.


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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Forest Service

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Bureau of Land Management

Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Advisory Committee; Notice of Intent to Establish and Call for Nominations

AGENCIES: Bureau of Land Management, Interior; Forest Service, Agriculture.


SUMMARY: The Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Act of 2000 (Act) requires the Secretaries of Interior and Agriculture to establish a National Monument Advisory Committee (Committee) to advise them on resource management issues associated with the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument. This notice requests the public to submit nominations for membership on the Committee. The Committee will be managed under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

DATES: Submit nominations to one of the addresses listed below no later than July 2, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Send nominations to: Advisory Committee Nominations, Mr. James G. Kenna, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 581260, North Palm Springs, California 92258, 760–251–4800 or Mr. Fran Colwell, Forest Service, 1824 S. Commercenter Circle, San Bernardino, California 92408, 909–884–6634 x 3144.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As directed by the Act, the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture are jointly establishing an advisory committee for the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument (Monument). The Committee’s purpose is to advise the Secretaries with respect to the preparation and implementation of a management plan for the Monument. The Committee will meet periodically at the request of the designated Federal officer, or his or her designee, to gather and analyze information, conduct studies and field examinations, hear public testimony, ascertain facts, and, in an advisory capacity only, develop recommendations concerning planning for the management and uses of the National Monument. The Committee will normally meet twice annually, but in no case less than once annually. Additional meetings may be called by the designated Federal officer or his or her designee in connection with special needs for advice. A Committee Chairperson and Vice Chairperson will be elected by the Committee from among its members annually.

Any individual or organization may nominate one or more persons to serve on the Committee. Individuals may nominate themselves for Committee membership. You may obtain nomination forms from the BLM or Forest Service by contacting the individuals listed in ADDRESSES above. To make a nomination, you must submit a completed nomination form, letters of reference from the represented interests or organizations, and any other information that speaks to the nominee’s qualifications, to the offices listed above. You may make nominations for the following categories of interest, as specified in the Act: (1) A representative with expertise in natural science and research selected from a regional college or university; (2) a representative of the California Department of Fish and Game or the California Department of Parks and Recreation; (3) a representative of the County of Riverside, California; (4) a representative from each of the following cities: Palm Springs, Cathedral City, Rancho Mirage, La Quinta, Palm Desert, and Indian Wells; (5) a representative of the Agua Caliente