DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
Fish and Wildlife Service

Draft Environmental Assessment on Management of Mute Swans in the Atlantic Flyway

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that a Draft Environmental Assessment on the Management of Mute Swans in the Atlantic Flyway is available for public review. Comments and suggestions are requested.


ADDRESSES: Copies of the Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) can be obtained by writing to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Migratory Bird Management, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop MBSP–4107, Arlington, VA 22203. The DEA may also be viewed on the Fish and Wildlife Service home page at http://migratorybirds.fws.gov. Written comments can be sent to the address above, or emailed to MuteSwanEA@fws.gov. All comments must include the name and full mailing address of the person submitting the comments. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the public record. You may inspect comments during normal business hours at the address above.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the DEA is to determine how to respond to applications for permits to take mute swans (Cygnus olor) under authority of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act for the purpose of minimizing the environmental damage that they can cause. The DEA (1) reviews the history, population status, and trends of mute swans in the Atlantic Flyway; (2) summarizes the history of mute swan population management; (3) assesses the effects of mute swans on wetland habitats, native species of fish and wildlife, and human interests; and (4) evaluates the need for continuing management of mute swans in the Atlantic Flyway to minimize environmental damage. Four alternatives, including the proposed action, are considered.

Steve Williams,
Director, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Mississippi River Basin Regional Panel Meeting

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) Task Force Mississippi River Basin Panel. The meeting topics are identified in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

DATES: The Mississippi River Basin Regional Panel will meet from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 10, 2003, and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, July 11, 2003, and a field trip from 2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, July 11, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The Mississippi River Basin Regional Panel meeting will be held at the Hilton Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport, 3800 East 80th Street, Bloomington, MN 55425. Phone 952–854–2100.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jay Rendlall, Mississippi River Basin Panel Chair and Exotic Species Program Coordinator, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources at 651—297–1464 or Sharon Gross, Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force at 703–358–2308.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. I), this notice announces meetings of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Mississippi River Basin Regional Panel. The Task Force was established by the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990. The Mississippi River Basin Regional Panel was established by the ANS Task Force in 2002. The purpose of the Panel is to advise and make recommendations to the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force on issues relating to the Mississippi River Basin region of the United States that includes thirty-two Mississippi River Basin States: Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Georgia, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, Montana, North Carolina, North Dakota, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. The Mississippi River Basin Regional Panel will discuss several topics at this meeting including: aquatic invasive species (Asian carp, New Zealand mudsnail, round goby, water fleas, purple loosestrife, and Eurasian watermilfoil) in the Mississippi River Basin and their management; a discussion on pathways of invasive species spread and prevention methods used for the aquatic plant trade, recreational activities, and effective boater education programs; a discussion on prevention initiatives taken for the dispersal barrier and the summit in Chicago, 100th Meridian initiative, public awareness campaign, Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers, NAISA, and National Invasive Species Council’s rapid response efforts; a discussion on Panel organization and operation and establishment of new Panel Committees for education, policy, control, research, and outreach efforts; and status and discussion of national legislation regarding aquatic invasive species.

Minutes of the meeting will be maintained by the Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Suite 810, 4401 North Fairfax Drive,
Arlington, Virginia 22203–1622, and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Friday.


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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Great Lakes Panel Meeting

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) Task Force Great Lakes Panel. The Great Lakes Panel meeting will be held in conjunction with a workshop entitled “Rapid Response Plan for Great Lakes Aquatic Invasions”. The meeting topics are identified in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

DATES: The Great Lakes Panel will meet from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, July 22, 2003, and from 8 a.m. to noon on Thursday, July 24, 2003. The Rapid Response workshop will be held from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, July 23, 2003, and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, July 24, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The Great Lakes Panel meeting and Rapid Response workshop will be held at the Courtyard Marriott of Arbor, Michigan 48108. Phone (734) 995–5900.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathe Glassner-Shwayder, Project Manager, Great Lakes Commission, at 734–971–9135 or Sharon Gross, Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force at 703–358–2308 or by e-mail at: sharon_gross@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 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 Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Great Lakes Panel. The Task Force was established by the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990.

The Great Lakes Panel, comprised of representatives from federal, State, and local agencies and from private environmental and commercial interests, performs the following activities:

(a) Identifies priorities for the Great Lakes Region with respect to aquatic nuisance species;
(b) Makes recommendations to the Task Force regarding programs to carry out zebra mussel programs;
(c) Assists the Task Force in coordinating Federal aquatic nuisance species program activities in the Great Lakes region;
(d) Coordinates, where possible, aquatic nuisance species program activities in the Great Lakes region that are not conducted pursuant to the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 (as amended, 1996);
(e) Provides advice to public and private individuals and entities concerning methods of controlling aquatic nuisance species; and
(f) Submits an annual report describing activities within the Great Lakes region related to aquatic nuisance species prevention, research, and control.

Topics to be addressed at the panel meeting include: An update on panel products and activities; updates on national issues such as the ANS Task Force, the National Invasive Species Council, and the National Aquatic Invasive Species Act; an overview on the development of ballast water standards; an update on the dispersal barrier project and related concerns on nonindigenous fish invasions; a discussion on the expansion of Ruffe into Lake Michigan; a discussion on the Panel priorities in areas of information, education, research coordination, and policy and legislation; and updates from the Information/Education Committee, the Research Coordination Committee, and the Policy and Legislation Committee. The agenda for the Rapid Response Workshop includes: an overview of the need for early warning and rapid response to new invasive species in the United States; an overview of ANS Task Force and Federal perspectives on ANS Rapid response; an overview of the multi-jurisdictional experience in coordinating responses to chemical spills as a model for ANS rapid response; an overview on the role of monitoring for early detection; discussions during breakout sessions on communication, public outreach, detection and monitoring, decision support and scientific assessment, management options, implementation, and adaptive management as components of a rapid response plan; and an overview of the operational challenges associated with developing and implementing a rapid response plan.

Minutes of the meeting will be maintained by the Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Suite 810, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203–1622, and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Friday.


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

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Inv. No. 337–TA–482]

Certain Compact Disc and DVD Holders; Notice of Commission Issuance of Limited Exclusion Order and Termination of Investigation

AGENCY: International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has issued a limited exclusion order and terminated the above-captioned investigation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Andrea Casson, Esq., Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20436, telephone (202) 205–3105. Copies of the ALJ’s ID and all other nonconfidential documents filed in connection with this investigation are or will be available for inspection during official business hours (8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20436, telephone (202)–205–2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (http://www.usitc.gov). The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission’s electronic docket (EDIS) at http://edis.usitc.gov. Hearing-impaired persons are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission’s TDD terminal on (202)–205–1810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission instituted this investigation on October 22, 2002, based on a complaint filed by DuBois Limited of the United Kingdom (‘‘DuBois’’) against eight respondents, including Wah-De Electron Co., Ltd of Taiwan (‘‘Wah-De’’).