Saddlebunch Keys, Little Pine Key, and Water Keys, Monroe County, Florida.

Applicant: Michael Matthew Gangloff, Auburn University, Alabama, permit number TE079863–0.

The applicant requests to take (capture, examine, release, and collect relic shells) the fat threeridge (Amblema neislerii), Anthony’s riversnail (Athearia anthonyi), slender campeloma (Campeloma decampi), fanshell (Cyprogenia stegaria), dromedary pearl mussel (Dromus dromas), lacy elimia (Elminia crenatella), Chipola slabshell (Elliptio chipolensis), purple bankclimber (Elliptoidea sloatianus), yellow blossom (Epioblasma florentina florentina), upland combshell (Epioblasma metastriata), catspaw (Epioblasma obliquata obliquata), southern acorn shell (Epioblasma othcaloogensis), southern combshell (Epioblasma penita), tubercled blossom (Epioblasma torulosa torulosa), turrid blossom (Epioblasma turgida), shiny pigtoe (Fuscionia cor), fineryed pigtoe (Fuscionia canevolise), cracking pearl mussel (Hemistena latia), pink mucket (Lampsilis abrupta), fine-lined pocketbook (Lampsilis altifolius), shirnyayed pocketbook (Lampsilis subangulata), Alabama lampmussel (Lampsilis viresens), birdwing pearl mussel (Lemios rhomos), round rocksnail (Leptoxis ampla), plicate rocksnail (Leptoxis plicata), painted rocksnail (Leptoxis taeniata), flat pebblesnail (Lepyrium showalteri), cylindrical lioplax (Lioplax cylindrella), Alabama moccasin shell (Medionidus acutissimus), Coosa moccassin shell (Medionia parvulus), Gulf moccasin shell (Medionidus penicillatus), ring pink (Obovaria retusa), littlewing pearl mussel (Pegias fibula), white wartyback (Plethobasus cicatricosus), orangefoot pimpleback (Plethobasus copperianus), clubshell (Pleurobema clava), black clubshell (Pleurobema curtan), southern clubshell (Pleurobema decimus), dark pigtoe (Pleurobema furvum), southern pigtoe (Pleurobema georgianum), flat pigtoe (Pleurobema marshalli), ovate clubshell (Pleurobema perovatum), rough pigtoe (Pleurobema plenum), oval pigtoe (Pleurobema pruviforme), heavy pigtoe (Pleurobema taittianum), inflated heel splitter (Potamilus inflatus), triangular kidneyshell (Ptychobranchus greeni), armored marstonia (Pyrgulopsis pachyta), winged mapleleaf (Quadrula fragosa), Cumberland monkeyface (Quadrula intermedia), stirrupshell (Quadrula laeilliput), Toxolasma cylindrellus), tulotoma snail (Tulotoma magnifica), and Cumberland bean (Villosa trabalis) while conducting presence and absence surveys. The proposed activities would primarily occur in the rivers, lakes, and streams in the Mobile, Tennessee, and Appalachian rivers, but also in other drainages within Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Mississippi.

Applicant: Environmental Services, Inc., Steven M. Jones, Lithonia, Georgia, permit number TE078880–0.

The applicant requests authorization to take (capture, examine, photograph, temporarily hold, and release) the gray bat (Myotis grisescens) while conducting a presence/absence survey at a proposed development site in Bartow County, Georgia.

Applicant: Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department, Little Rock, Arkansas, permit number TE079883–0.

The applicant requests authorization to take (capture, exam, and release) the gray bat (Myotis grisescens), Indiana bat (Myotis sodalis), Louisiana black bear (Ursus americanus luteolus), Arkansas fat mucket (Lampsilis powelli), Curtis pearlmussel (Epioblasma florentina curtisii), fanshell (Cyprogenia stegaria), fat pocketbook (Potamilus capax), Ouachita rock-pocketbook (Arkansa wheeleri), pink mucket (Lampsilis abrupta), scaleshell (Leptodea leptocon), speckled pocketbook (Lampsilis streckeri), turrid-blossom (Epioblasma turgida), winged mapleleaf (Quadrula fragosa), magazine mountain shagreen (Mesodon magazinensis), American burying beetle (Nicrophorus americanus), cave crayfish (Cambarus aulacambrium), and cave crayfish (Cambarus zophonastes) while conducting presence/absence surveys. The proposed activities will take place along the coastline of the State of Georgia.

Applicant: Mr. Donald Roboehm, Sea Chick Mississippi Inc., Escatawpa, Mississippi, permit number TE08009–0.

The applicant requests authorization to take (harass, conduct research using non-lethal aversion techniques) the endangered brown pelican, Pelecanus occidentalis, at Sea Chick’s facility in Jackson County, Mississippi, for the purpose of reducing fish predation at a commercial fish farming operation.


J. Mitch King,
Deputy Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Hanford Reach National Monument Federal Advisory Committee Meetings

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Hanford Reach National Monument Federal Planning Advisory Committee meetings.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is announcing three meetings of the Hanford Reach National Monument Federal Planning Advisory Committee (Committee). In these meetings, the Committee will continue its work on making recommendations to the Service and the Department of Energy (DOE) on the preparation of a Comprehensive Conservation Plan and associated Environmental Impact

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
(Office of the Secretary)

Notice of Final Rulemaking – Pipeline Safety Improvement Act of 2002

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Pipeline Safety Improvement Act of 2002, this final rule is establishing new requirements for the testing and repair of certain pipelines, including the testing of certain repairs by pressure testing. The final rule is in addition to the Office of the Secretary's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking of December 5, 2001, and the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking of April 25, 2002.
Statement (CCP/EIS) which will serve as
a long-term management plan for the
Hanford Reach National Monument. The
Committee’s recommendations will
focus on identifying and reconciling
land management issues, while meeting
the directives of Presidential
Proclamation 7319 establishing the
monument.

DATES: The Committee has scheduled
the following meetings:
1. Thursday, January 15, 2004, 9:30
a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Richland,
Washington.
2. Wednesday, February 25, 2004,
9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Richland,
Washington.
3. Thursday, April 29, 2004, 9:30 a.m.
to 4:30 p.m., Richland, Washington.

ADDRESSES: All three meetings will be
held at the Washington State University
Tri-Cities Consolidated Information
Center, 2770 University Drive, Rooms
120 and 120A, Richland, Washington.

Written comments may be submitted
to Mr. Greg Hughes, Designated Federal
Official for the Hanford Reach National
Monument Federal Planning Advisory
Committee, Hanford Reach National
Monument/Saddle Mountain National
Wildlife Refuge, 3250 Port of Benton
Blvd., Richland, Washington, 99352; fax
(509) 375–0196. Copies of the draft
meeting agenda may be obtained from
the Designated Federal Official.
Comments may be submitted via email
to hanfordreach@fws.gov. Additional
information regarding the monument
and the CCP is available on the
monument’s Internet site at http://
hanfordreach.fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
For further information concerning the
meetings, contact Mr. Greg Hughes,
Designated Federal Official, via
telephone at (509) 371–1801, or fax at
(509) 375–0196.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Committee meetings are open to the
public. Verbal comments may be
submitted during the course of the
meetings, and written comments may be
submitted at the close of the meetings,
mailed to the monument office address,
or submitted via e-mail. Over the next
several months, the Committee will
receive information from the Planning
Team on the Draft CCP/EIS, and present
to the Service and DOE on draft
products for the CCP/EIS. The
Committee will also nominate and elect
a chair and a vice-chair after new
Committee members are appointed.

David J. Wesley,
Acting Regional Director, U.S. Fish and
Wildlife Service, Portland, Oregon.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Office of Federal Acknowledgment;
Final Determination Against Federal
Acknowledgment of the Snohomish
Tribe of Indians

AGENCY: Assistant Secretary for Indian
Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of final determination.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 83.10(m),
notice is hereby given that the Assistant
Secretary—Indian Affairs (AS–IA)
decides to acknowledge a group known as
the Snohomish Tribe of Indians (STI),
c/o Mr. William Matheson, Suite 201,
144 Railroad Avenue, Edmunds,
Washington 98020, as an Indian tribe
within the meaning of Federal law. This
notice is based on a determination that
the petitioning group does not satisfy all
seven of the criteria set forth in part 83
title 25 of the Code of Federal
Regulations (25 CFR part 83),
specifically criteria 83.7(a),(b),(c), and
(e), and therefore does not meet the
requirements for a government-to-
government relationship with the
United States.

DATES: This determination is final and
will become effective March 9, 2004,
pursuant to section 83.10(l)(4), unless a
request for reconsideration is filed
pursuant to section 83.11.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: R.
Lee Fleming, Director, Office of Federal
Acknowledgment. (202) 513–7650.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This
notice is published in the exercise of
authority delegated by the Secretary of
the Interior to the AS–IA by 209 DM 8.
A notice of the proposed finding (PF)
was published in the Federal Register
on April 11, 1983 (48 FR 15540–1).

This final determination (FD) is made
following a review of the STI’s response
to the PF, the public comments on the
PF, and the STI’s response to the public
comments. It reaches conclusions based
on a review and analysis of the existing
record, incorporating the evidence
considered for the PF, and new
evidence in the form of documentation
and arguments received from the
petitioning party. This notice is based on a determination that
the group does not satisfy all seven
mandatory criteria for acknowledgment
at sections 83.7(a)–(g).

Criterion 83.7(a): Criterion 83.7(a)
requires that the petitioner be identified
as an American Indian entity on a
substantially continuous basis since
1900. The petitioner has not
demonstrated that it meets the
requirements before 1950. The
petitioner claims that its mostly
off-reservation ancestors were part of
the historical Snohomish tribe primarily
based at the Tulalip Reservation and
remained so until 1935, when the
historical Snohomish tribe and other
tribes at this reservation reorganized as
the Tulalip Tribes of the Tulalip
Reservation under the Indian
Reorganization Act (IRA). Available
evidence, however, shows that the
petitioner’s ancestors were not part of
the historical Snohomish tribe. Thus,
identifications of the historical
Snohomish tribe on the Tulalip
Reservation before 1935 did not
constitute identifications for the
petitioner. In addition, there was no
identification of an off-reservation group
of STI ancestors between 1900 and
1935.

References to a claims organization
called the “Snohomish Tribe of
Indians,” which included a few of the
STI’s off-reservation ancestors, occurred
in the available evidence only in 1917.
The organization was referred to as a
Snohomish Indian entity only by a few
of its members and a lawyer hired as its
spokesperson, which is not evidence
within the meaning of 83.7(a). External
observers did not identify this group as
an American Indian entity. Some of
the petitioner’s off-reservation ancestors
were part of another claims organization
called the “Snohomish Tribe of
Indians” that existed from 1926 to 1935.
This organization’s membership
included reservation Snohomish, off-
reservation ancestors of the petitioning
party, and other non-reservation
Snohomish descendants. External
observers identified this group mainly
in its capacity as a claims organization
that represented individuals with Indian
ancestry. Thus identifications of the
1926 Snohomish claims organization
did not constitute identifications of a
predecessor group of the petitioner. The
1926 Snohomish claims organization
ceased to exist in 1935.

There are no available identifications
as an entity of a separate group of
the petitioner’s ancestors from 1935 to 1949,
when the petitioner claims such an
entity existed following the
reorganization of the Tulalip Tribes of
the Tulalip Reservation under the IRA.
The evidence shows that the petitioner
has not been identified as an American