DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service
Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force 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. The meeting is open to the public. The meeting topics are identified in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section.

DATES: The ANS Task Force will meet from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, November 7 and Wednesday, November 8, and from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Thursday, November 9, 2006.

ADDRESSES: The ANS Task Force meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Arlington, 4610 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203; (703) 243–9800. Minutes of the meeting will be maintained by the Chief, Division of Environmental Quality, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Suite 322, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203, and will be made available for public inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Friday. The minutes can also be viewed on the ANS Task Force Web site at: http://anstaskforce.gov/meetings.php.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott Newsham, ANS Task Force Executive Secretary, at (703) 358–1796, or by e-mail at Scott.Newsham@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.), this notice announces meetings of the ANS Task Force. The ANS Task Force was established by the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990.

Topics to be covered during the ANS Task Force meeting include: responding to invasive species, invasive species related databases, ANS Task Force Strategic Plan, and Committee and Regional Panel reports. The agenda and other related meeting information can be viewed on the ANS Task Force Web site at: http://anstaskforce.gov/meetings.php.

Dated: October 6, 2006.
Lisa J. Lierheimer, Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service
Draft Management and Control Plan for Asian Carps in the United States

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of document availability and request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of the draft “Management and Control Plan for Asian Carps in the United States.” This draft document was prepared by the Asian Carp Working Group of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force. We are seeking public comments on this draft document. Comments received will be considered during the preparation of the final national management and control plan, which will guide cooperative and integrated management of Asian carps in the United States.


ADDRESSES: The draft document is available from the Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203; FAX (703) 358–1800. It also is available on our webpage at http://www.anstaskforce.gov/. Comments may be hand-delivered, mailed, or sent by fax to the address listed above. You may send comments by e-mail to: AsianCarpPlan@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott Newsham, Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, at scott_newsham@fws.gov or (703) 358–1796.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: There are many carps native to Asia, including seven that have been introduced to the United States. For the purposes of this document the term “Asian carps” refers to four species: black carp (Mylopharyngodon piceus), bighead carp (Hypophthalmichthys nobilis), grass carp (Ctenopharyngodon idella), and silver carp (H. molitrix). Feral blackhead, grass, and silver carps have all established reproducing populations in several major rivers of the United States. To date, there have been six confirmed collections of adult black carp by commercial fishers in the United States and unconfirmed reports of repeated captures of adult black carp in the Mississippi River and its tributaries over the past 13 years. There have been no collections of black carp eggs and larvae or observations of spawning.

The Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, which is authorized by the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 4701 et seq.), and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service organized an Asian Carp Working Group (Working Group) to develop a comprehensive national Asian carp management and control plan. The Working Group agreed that the desired endpoint of the plan is the extirpation of Asian carps in the wild, except for non-reproducing grass carp within planned locations [i.e., areas where nuisance aquatic vegetation can be controlled using planned introductions of sterile (triploid) fish contained within a designated area]. The Working Group was charged with developing a plan that first and foremost protects our Nation’s natural resources. The Working Group was also charged with developing solutions that would allow for a viable aquaculture industry when implemented. Therefore, a framework for the responsible use of domestic stocks of Asian carp is described throughout the plan. It is in this context that the Working Group developed strategies and recommendations that address seven goals to protect the Nation’s natural resources. This collaborative process was highly successful and nearly all issues were resolved. The Working Group developed 46 strategies and 129 recommendations to manage and control Asian carps (see Table I, page viii, of the draft plan). However, two issues were not resolved within the Working Group. In-depth discussions for these two issues are presented in Recommendation 3.1.15.10 (page 50), “Use of triploid black carp on aquaculture facilities,” and Recommendation 3.1.18.1 (page 59), “Commercial, domestic transport of live farm-raised bighead and grass carps,” in the draft plan. The discussion presented for each of these two issues includes a series of management questions that remain to be resolved before strategies and recommendations can be formulated to effectively address these unresolved issues.

Risk levels for potential pathways of introduction were proposed based on both the likelihood for an introduction to occur and the potential for adverse
ecological and/or economic effects (see Table 3.1.1, page 30, of the draft plan). However, the Working Group did not agree on the use of pathway risk levels or the majority of the proposed risk levels. To effectively implement the plan, the Working Group recommends (see Recommendation 3.7.1.3, page 111, in the draft plan) additional efforts to integrate, sequence, and prioritize recommendations from among all sections of this plan.

We are seeking public comments on the two unresolved issues mentioned above, as well as all aspects of the draft plan. Submit your comments by the date listed under DATES using one of the methods listed under ADDRESSES.

Authority: The authority for this action is the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 4701 et seq.).


Everett Wilson,
Acting Co-Chair, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Acting Assistant Director—Fisheries & Habitat Conservation.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV–055–5853–EU]

Proposed Information Collection—Alternative Land-Use Planning Scenarios for the Upper Las Vegas Wash Conservation Transfer Area

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Withdraw of Notice Published on October 12, 2006.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management Las Vegas Field Office is withdrawing the Federal Register Notice published on October 12, 2006 on the Proposed Information Collection Notice of Request for Comments. This Proposed Information Collection Notice of Request for Comments will be published at a later date.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You may contact Gayle Marrs-Smith, Project Manager at (702) 515–5156, or by e-mail at Gayle_Marrs-Smith@nv.blm.gov.


Juan Palma,
Field Manager, Las Vegas Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[Wy–920–1310–Ei; WYW147286]

Wyoming: Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of 30 U.S.C. 188(d) and (e), and 43 CFR 3108.2–3(a) and (b)(1), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received a petition for reinstatement from E. C. Yegen for competitive oil and gas lease WYW147286 for land in Campbell County, Wyoming. The petition was filed on time and was accompanied by all the rentals due since the date the lease terminated under the law.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bureau of Land Management, Pamela J. Lewis, Chief, Branch of Fluid Minerals Adjudication, at (307) 775–6176.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The lessee has agreed to the amended lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of $10.00 per acre, or fraction thereof, per year and 16 2/3 percent, respectively. The lessee has paid the required $500 administrative fee and $163 to reimburse the Department for the cost of this Federal Register notice. The lessee has met all the requirements for reinstatement of the lease as set out in Sections 31(d) and (e) of the Mineral Lands Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188), and the Bureau of Land Management is proposing to reinstate lease WYW147286 effective February 1, 2006, under the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above. BLM has not issued a valid lease affecting the lands.

Pamela J. Lewis,
Chief, Branch of Fluid Minerals Adjudication.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management


Montana: Filing of Plat of Survey

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Montana State Office, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Filing of Plat of Survey.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will file the plat of survey of the lands described below in the BLM Montana State Office, Billings, Montana, 30 days from the date of publication in the Federal Register.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Martin Bonorden, Cadastral Surveyor, Branch of Cadastral Survey, Bureau of Land Management, 5001 Southgate...