DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Approval of SGS North America, Inc., as a Commercial Gauger


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http://cbp.gov/xp/cgov/import/support/labs_scientific_svcs/commercial_gaugers/

DATES: The approval of SGS North America, Inc., as commercial gauger became effective on April 18, 2007. The next triennial inspection date will be scheduled for April 2010.


Dated: April 7, 2008.

Ira S. Reese,
Executive Director, Laboratories and Scientific Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Amendment to the Incidental Take Permit for the San Bruno Mountain Habitat Conservation Plan in San Mateo County, CA

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability and receipt of application.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce that the County of San Mateo and the City of Brisbane, acting on the behalf of the County of San Mateo and Cities of Brisbane, Daly City, and South San Francisco (Applicants or Permittees), have applied for an amendment to an incidental take permit under the Federal Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). We are considering the issuance of an amended permit to the Applicants that would add the authorization for take of the federally endangered callippe silverspot butterfly (Speyeria callippe callippe) (callippe) and the federally threatened bay checkerspot butterfly (Euphydra editha bayensis) (bay checkerspot) incidental to the Applicant’s activities outlined in their proposed amendments to the 1982 San Bruno Mountain Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) in San Mateo County, California. The HCP amendments would adjust the boundaries of Conserved Habitat within the 228-acre Northeast Ridge (Administrative Parcel 1–07) and provide supplemental HCP funding provisions that would allow additional habitat management and monitoring activities to occur on the approximately 2,828 acres of habitat conserved and managed under the HCP on San Bruno Mountain.

We request comments from the public on the permit application and an Environmental Assessment. The permit application includes the Biological Study and Analysis of Conserved Habitat for Amendments to the Habitat Conservation Plan for San Bruno Mountain and Incidental Take Permit PRT 2–9818 (Study). The Study describes the proposed changes to the 1982 HCP as it was last amended in 1989, and the measures that the Applicants would undertake to minimize and mitigate take of the covered species.

DATES: We must receive your written comments on or before June 16, 2008.
The proposed HCP permittees, an amendment to an existing incidental take permit for the callippe silverspot and bay checkerspot for the adopted HCP, which includes the 1989 VTM for Northeast Ridge and continuation of habitat management activities under the existing funding program. With the No Action alternative, there would be no issuance of an amendment to the existing incidental take permit to add take coverage for the callippe silverspot and bay checkerspot. The proposed reconfiguration of the Northeast Ridge would not occur, nor would the supplementary funding for vegetation management on the Mountain be provided. Under the No Action alternative, certain types of habitat management activities for conserved habitats on the Mountain would not have take authorization.

Public Review

We invite the public to review the Plan, Implementing Agreement and Environmental Assessment during a 60-day public comment period (see DATES). Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

We provide this notice pursuant to section 10(a) of the Act and the regulations for implementing NEPA, as amended (40 CFR 1506.6). We will evaluate the application, associated documents, and comments submitted thereon to determine whether the application meets the requirements of NEPA regulations and section 10(a) of the Act. If we determine that those requirements are met, we will issue a permit to the Applicant for the incidental take of the covered species.

We will make our final permit decision no sooner than 60 days from the date of this notice.
SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) intend to serve as co-lead agencies in the preparation of a joint EIS/EIR for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP). The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) will serve as the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Reclamation will serve as the administrative lead for all actions related to this Federal Register Notice. The BDCP is a conservation plan being prepared to meet the requirements of the Federal Endangered Species Act (FESA), the California Endangered Species Act (CESA), and the State of California’s Natural Communities Conservation Planning Act (NCCPA). DWR and State and Federal water contractors intend to apply for FESA and CESA incidental take permits (ITP) for water operations and management activities in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. These incidental take authorizations would allow the incidental take of threatened and endangered species resulting from covered activities and conservation measures that will be identified through the planning process including those associated with water operations of the Federal Central Valley Project (CVP), as operated by Reclamation, the California State Water Project (SWP), as operated by DWR, as well as operations of certain Mirant Delta LLC (Mirant Delta) power plants. Additionally, the BDCP will, if feasible, be used as the basis for FESA compliance by Reclamation, including compliance with Section 7 of FESA in coordination with FWS and NMFS. Ultimately, the BDCP is intended to secure authorizations that would allow projects that restore and protect water supply and reliability, water quality, and ecosystem health to proceed within a stable regulatory framework.

On January 24, 2008, FWS and NMFS issued a NOI to conduct public scoping and prepare an EIR/EIS regarding the BDCP for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, California (73 FR 4178). As the BDCP effort has progressed, Reclamation has determined it has a substantive interest in the development and ultimate implementation of the BDCP. Specifically, Reclamation seeks to improve water supply reliability for its Federal water contractors, while meeting its FESA obligations. Environmental constraints, including measures to protect endangered species in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, impair that water supply reliability. The BDCP will recommend actions and conservation measures for implementation to improve both environmental conditions in the Delta and water supply reliability. Reclamation expects the recommended actions and conservation measures to include activities that are within Reclamation’s responsibilities. The NOI is, therefore, being reissued to include Reclamation as a co-lead agency, update the status of the BDCP planning process, correct an error in the January 24, 2008, NOI, and to provide notice of scoping meetings. As the Federal lead agencies continue to refine the purpose and need for the project, additional public notices regarding scoping will be issued and additional scoping meetings will be held.

DATES: Ten public scoping meetings will be held at various times and locations throughout California. See SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section for public scoping meeting dates.

Written comments on the scope of the BDCP or issues to be addressed in the EIS/EIR must be received no later than May 30, 2008. The scoping period on the initial Notice of Intent published jointly by FWS and NMFS on January 24, 2008 (73 FR 4178), is scheduled to close on March 24, 2008. Comments submitted under that NOI need to be resubmitted, as all comments will be consolidated and incorporated under this NOI for review and response by the co-lead agencies (i.e., Reclamation, FWS, and NMFS).

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Patti Idlof, Bureau of Reclamation, 2800 Cottage Way, MP–150, Sacramento, CA 95825, e-mail to pidlof@mp.usbr.gov, or fax to (916) 978–5055.

See SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section for public scoping meeting dates.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patti Idlof, Natural Resource Specialist, Reclamation, at the above address or 916–978–5056; Lori Rinek, FWS, 916–414–6600; or Rosalie del Rosario, NMFS, 916–930–3600.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Scoping Meeting Dates

Public scoping meetings will be held on the following dates and times:

- Monday, April 28, 2008, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sacramento, CA.
- Tuesday, April 29, 2008, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Chico, CA.
- Wednesday, April 30, 2008, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Stockton, CA.
- Monday, May 5, 2008, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Stockton, CA.
- Tuesday, May 6, 2008, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., San Jose, CA.
- Wednesday, May 7, 2008, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Los Banos, CA.
- Thursday, May 8, 2008, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Los Angeles, CA.
- Monday, May 12, 2008, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., San Diego, CA.
- Tuesday, May 13, 2008, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Fresno, CA.
- Wednesday, May 14, 2008, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Bakersfield, CA.

Public Scoping Meeting Addresses

Public scoping meetings will be held at the following locations:

- Sacramento—California Resources Building Auditorium, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, CA 95816.
- Chico—Chico Masonic Family Center, 1110 West East Avenue, Chico, CA 95926.
- Stockton—San Joaquin Farm Bureau, 3290 North AdArt Road, Stockton, CA 95215.
- San Jose—Santa Clara Valley Water District, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, CA 95118.
- Los Banos—City of Los Banos, Public Services Department Main Office Senior Center—Miller & Lux Building, 830 6th Street, Los Banos, CA 93635.
- San Jose—Junipero Serra State Office Building, 320 West Fourth, Carmel Room 225, Los Angeles, CA 90013.
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