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Federal Sport Fish Restoration; California Department of Fish and Game Fish Hatchery and Stocking Program

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comments: draft environmental impact report/environmental impact statement (EIR/EIS).

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) announces the availability of the draft EIR/EIS for the California Department of Fish and Game’s (CDFG) Fish Hatchery and Stocking Program (Program). FWS is lead agency under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, for the draft EIR/EIS jointly prepared with CDFG. Under the Sport Fish Restoration Act (SFRA), FWS proposes to fund actions associated with the operation of CDFG’s 14 trout hatcheries and the Mad River Hatchery for the anadromous steelhead, and stocking from the 15 hatcheries. The Federal action does not include funding CDFG’s other anadromous fish hatcheries and associated stocking, nor its issuance of private stocking permits. SFRA funding may also support CDFG’s Fishing in the City and Classroom Aquarium Education Programs. CDFG is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and proposes to implement hatchery operations and stocking funded by FWS, as well as all other components of the CDFG Program, including anadromous fish hatchery operations and associated stocking, and issuance of stocking permits to private parties seeking to stock fish in California’s inland waters. We invite and encourage interested persons to review the draft EIR/EIS and submit written comments regarding alternatives addressed in the document.

DATES: We must receive written comments at the address below on or before November 30, 2009. We will hold

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“Spotted Owl Programmatic Safe Harbor Agreement.”

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Richard Szlemp (see SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION below), telephone (503) 231–6179. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 800/877–8339, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Document Availability

You may obtain copies of the draft documents by contacting the State Supervisor, Oregon Fish and Wildlife Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2600 SE. 98th Ave., Suite 100, Portland, OR 97266; telephone (503) 231–6179; facsimile (503) 231–6195; or by making an appointment to view the documents at the above address during normal business hours. You may also view the documents on the Internet at http://www.fws.gov/oregonfw/species/. The Service is furnishing this notice to provide the public, other State and Federal agencies, and interested Tribes an opportunity to review and comment on the draft documents.

Public Availability of Comments

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 can 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.

The Service will evaluate the permit application, associated documents, and comments submitted thereon to determine whether the permit application meets the requirements of section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act and that other applicable requirements have been satisfied. If we determine that all requirements are met, we will sign the Agreement and issue an enhancement of survival permit under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act to ODF for the take of northern spotted owls, incidental to otherwise lawful activities in accordance with the terms of the Agreement. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Act and NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

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