anticipated impacts to the eelgrass beds from climate change?

- How can we reduce marine debris and derelict fishing gear on and adjacent to the refuge?
- How can we reduce the risks of and impacts from oil spills and other contaminants on the refuge?
- Which invasive species should be our highest priorities for monitoring and control measures? How can we prevent the introduction and dispersal of invasive plants and animals?
- How should we address the anticipated impacts of climate change and sea level rise on the refuge’s wildlife and habitat in the CCP and environmental document?
- What research or monitoring studies are needed to improve wildlife and habitat management?
- How can we reduce human-caused wildlife disturbance impacts on and adjacent to the refuge, and improve compliance with refuge regulations?
- How can we improve the refuge’s environmental and cultural education and interpretation programs, partnerships, and other priority public uses that are compatible with the refuge’s conservation purposes? How can we enhance opportunities for people with disabilities to experience refuge resources?

Public Meetings

We will give the public an opportunity to provide input at a public meeting. You can obtain the schedule from our Web site or the project leader (see ADDRESSES). We will also announce the public meeting through other media outlets. In addition, you may send comments anytime during the planning process by mail, e-mail, or fax (see ADDRESSES).

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.

Dated: August 16, 2011.
Robyn Thorson,
Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Final Recovery Plan, Bexar County Karst Invertebrates

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of document availability.

SUMMARY: We, the Fish and Wildlife Service, announce the availability of our final recovery plan, for the nine Bexar County Karst Invertebrates under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). These species occur in Bexar County, Texas.

ADDRESSES: You may download the recovery plan from the internet at http://www.fws.gov/endangered/species/recovery-plans.html, or you may obtain a copy from Cyndee Watson, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite #200, Austin, TX (512–490–0057 ext. 223).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Adam Zerrenner, at the above address; by phone at 512–490–0057, ext. 249; or by e-mail at Adam_Zerrenner@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Recovering endangered or threatened animals and plants to the point where they are again secure, self-sustaining members of their ecosystems is a primary goal of our endangered species program and the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.). Recovery means improvement of the status of listed species to the point at which listing is no longer appropriate under the criteria set out in section 4(a)(1) of the Act. The Act requires the development of recovery plans for listed species, unless such a plan would not promote the conservation of a particular species.

Species’ History

The following nine Bexar County karst invertebrates were listed as endangered species on December 26, 2000 (65 FR 81419): *Rhadinexilis, R. infernalis, Batrakodes venivi, Texella cokendolpheri, Neoleptoneta microps, Cucurina bonaria, C. madia, C. venii, and C. vespera*. These invertebrates are troglobites, spending their entire lives underground. They inhabit caves and mesocaverns (humanly impassable voids in karst limestone) in Bexar County, Texas. They are characterized by small or absent eyes and pale coloration.

Final Recovery Plan

The final recovery plan includes scientific information about the species and provides objectives and actions needed to recover the Bexar County karst invertebrates and to ultimately remove them from the list of threatened and endangered species. It also has incorporated public and peer review comments as applicable. Recovery actions designed to achieve these objectives include reducing threats to the species by securing an adequate quantity and quality of habitat. This includes selecting caves or cave clusters that represent the range of the species and potential genetic diversity for the nine species, and then preserving these karst habitats, including their drainage basins and surface communities upon which they rely. Some of the changes from the draft recovery plan include changes in the acreage requirements for medium and high quality preserves as well as the configuration of the preserves required to meet the recovery criteria. Because many aspects of the population dynamics and habitat requirements of the species are poorly understood, recovery is also dependant on incorporating research findings into adaptive management actions. Because three of these species are known to occur in only one cave, full recovery may not be possible for these species.

Authority

We developed our final recovery plan under the authority of section 4(f) of the Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533(f). We publish this notice under section 4(f) Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.

Dated: September 13, 2011.
Joy E. Nicholopoulos,
Acting Regional Director, Southwest Region, Fish and Wildlife Service.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

Notice of Public Meeting, Las Cruces District Resource Advisory Council Meeting, New Mexico

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Public Meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Board System, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is holding a public meeting to discuss the upcoming work of the Las Cruces District Resource Advisory Council (RAC). The meeting is open to all interested parties. BLM seeks the input and advice of RAC members to help identify future management needs and issues for the district. BLM staff will provide an overview of the meeting agenda and answer questions from attendees.

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