habitat for the arroyo toad would not remain for conservation and management, thereby providing no benefit to the species in the project area.

(3) Under the No Action Alternative, no arroyo toad habitat would be impacted or conserved.

Our Preliminary Determination

The Service has made a preliminary determination that approval of the proposed HCP qualifies as a categorical exclusion under NEPA, as provided by the Department of the Interior Manual (516 DM 2 Appendix 1 and 516 DM 6 Appendix 1) and as a “low-effect” plan as defined by the Habitat Conservation Planning Handbook (November 1996).

We base our determination that a HCP qualifies as a low-effect plan on the following three criteria:

(1) Implementation of the HCP would result in minor or negligible effects on federally listed, proposed, and candidate species and their habitats, including designated critical habitat;

(2) Implementation of the HCP would result in minor or negligible effects on other environmental values or resources; and

(3) Impacts of the HCP, considered together with the impacts of other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable similarly situated projects, would not result, over time, in cumulative effects to environmental values or resources that would be considered significant.

Based upon this preliminary determination, we do not intend to prepare further NEPA documentation. We will consider public comments in making the final determination on whether to prepare such additional documentation.

Next Steps

We will evaluate the proposed HCP and comments we receive to determine whether the permit application meets the requirements and issuance criteria under section 10(a) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.). We will also evaluate whether issuance of a section 10(a)(1)(B) incidental take permit would comply with section 7 of the Act by conducting an intra-Service consultation. We will use the results of this consultation, in combination with the above findings, in our final analysis to determine whether or not to issue a permit. If the requirements and issuance criteria under section 10(a) are met, we will issue the permit to the applicant for incidental take of arroyo toad.

Public Comments

If you wish to comment on the permit application, proposed HCP, and associated documents, you may submit comments by any of the methods noted in the ADDRESSES section.

Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, email 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.

Authority

We provide this notice under section 10 of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) and NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

Karen A. Goebel,
Acting Field Supervisor, Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office, Carlsbad, California.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS–HQ–NWRS–2014–N251; FXRS126309WHHC0–FF09R8100–156]

Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, announce a public meeting of the Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council (Council). The Council provides advice about wildlife and habitat conservation endeavors that benefit wildlife resources; encourage partnership among the public, the sporting conservation organizations, the States, Native American tribes, and the Federal Government; and benefit recreational hunting.

DATES: Meeting: Tuesday January 13, 2015, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Wednesday January 14, 2015, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Eastern standard time). For deadlines and directions on registering to attend, requesting reasonable accommodations, submitting written material, and giving an oral presentation, please see “Public Input” under SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the South Penthouse Room, Main Interior Building, 1849 C St. NW., Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joshua Winchell, Council Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Wildlife Refuge System, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041–3803; telephone (703) 358–2639; or email joshua_winchell8@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., we announce that Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council will hold a meeting.

Background

Formed in February 2010, the Council provides advice about wildlife and habitat conservation endeavors that:

1. Benefit wildlife resources;

2. Encourage partnership among the public, the sporting conservation organizations, the states, Native American tribes, and the Federal Government; and


The Council advises the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture, reporting through the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), in consultation with the Director, Bureau of Land Management (BLM); Director, National Park Service (NPS); Chief, Forest Service (USFS); Chief, Natural Resources Service (NRCS); and Administrator, Farm Services Agency (FSA). The Council’s duties are strictly advisory and consist of, but are not limited to, providing recommendations for:

1. Implementing the Recreational Hunting and Wildlife Resource Conservation Plan—A Ten-Year Plan for Implementation;

2. Increasing public awareness of and support for the Wildlife Restoration Program;

3. Fostering wildlife and habitat conservation and ethics in hunting and shooting sports recreation;

4. Stimulating sportsmen and women’s participation in conservation and management of wildlife and habitat resources through outreach and education;

5. Fostering communication and coordination among State, tribal, and Federal governments; industry; hunting and shooting sportsmen and women; wildlife and habitat conservation and management organizations; and the public;

6. Providing appropriate access to Federal lands for recreational shooting and hunting;

7. Providing recommendations to improve implementation of Federal conservation programs that benefit...
wildlife, hunting, and outdoor
recreation on private lands; and
8. When requested by the Designated
Federal Officer in consultation with the
Council Chairperson, performing a
variety of assessments or reviews of
policies, programs, and efforts through
the Council’s designated subcommittees
or workgroups.

Background information on the
Council is available at http://
www.fws.gov/whhcc.

Meeting Agenda
The Council will convene to consider
issues including:
1. Land and Water Conservation
Fund; 2. BLM Land Use Planning
Processes; and
3. Other Council business.
The final agenda will be posted on the
Internet at http://www.fws.gov/whhcc.

Public Input
If you wish to
You must contact the Council Coor-
dinator (see FOR
FURTHER IN-
FORMATION CONTACT) no later than
January 2, 2015.

Attend the meeting ............
Submit written information
or questions before the
meeting for the council
to consider during the
meeting.
Give an oral presentation
during the meeting.
January 2, 2015.

Attendance
To attend this meeting, register by
close of business on the dates listed in
“Public Input” under SUPPLEMENTARY
INFORMATION. Please submit your name,
time of arrival, email address, and
phone number to the Council
Coordinator (see FOR
FURTHER IN-
FORMATION CONTACT).

Submitting Written Information or
Questions
Interested members of the public may
submit relevant information or
questions for the Council to consider
during the public meeting. Written
statements must be received by the date
above, so that the information may be
made available to the Council for their
consideration prior to this meeting.
Written statements must be supplied to
the Council Coordinator in both of the
following formats: One hard copy with
original signature, and one electronic
copy via email (acceptable file formats
are Adobe Acrobat PDF, MS Word, MS
PowerPoint, or rich text file).

Giving an Oral Presentation
Individuals or groups requesting to
make an oral presentation at the meeting
will be limited to 2 minutes per speaker,
with no more than a total of 30 minutes
for all speakers. Interested parties
should contact the Council Coordinator,
in writing (preferably via email; see FOR
FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT), to
be placed on the public speaker list for this
meeting. Nonregistered public speakers
will not be considered during the
meeting. Registered speakers who wish
to expand upon their oral statements, or
those who had wished to speak but
could not be accommodated on the agenda,
may submit written statements to the
Council Coordinator up to 30
days subsequent to the meeting.

Meeting Minutes
Summary minutes of the conference
will be maintained by the Council
Coordinator (see FOR
FURTHER IN-
FORMATION CONTACT). They will be
available for public inspection within
90 days of the meeting, and will be
posted on the Council’s Web site at

Rowan W. Gould,
Acting Director.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management
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Alaska Native Claims Selection
AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.
ACTION: Notice of Decision Approving Lands for Conveyance.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will issue an
appealable decision approving the conveyance of the surface estate in the
lands described below to NANA Regional Corporation, Inc., Successor in Interest to Kivalina Sinuakmeut Corporation. Kivalina Sinuakmeut Corporation was the original ANCSA corporation for the village of Kivalina, but merged with NANA Regional Corporation, Inc., in 1976 under the
authority of Public Law 94–204. The lands are in the vicinity of Kivalina, Alaska, and are described as:

Kateel River Meridian, Alaska
T. 26 N., R. 25 W.,
Sec. 24.
Containing 5.39 acres.

T. 28 N., R. 25 W.,
Secs. 9 and 10.
Containing 1.280 acres.

T. 29 N., R. 25 W.,
Sec. 23.
Containing 640 acres.

T. 28 N., R. 27 W.,
Sec. 21.
Containing 16.06 acres.
Aggregating 1,041.45 acres.

Notice of the decision will also be published once a week for four
consecutive weeks in the Arctic
Sounder.

Any party claiming a property interest in the lands affected by the decision