DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; INITIATION OF A 5-YEAR STATUS REVIEW OF THE WOOD BISON

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; request for information.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), are initiating a 5-year status review of the wood bison under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). A 5-year status review is based on the best scientific and commercial data available at the time of the review; therefore, we are requesting submission of any new information on this species that has become available since the species was reclassified under the ESA as threatened throughout its range, in 2012.

DATES: To ensure consideration of your comments in our preparation of this 5-year status review, we must receive your comments and information by December 24, 2018. However, we will accept information about the species at any time.

ADDRESSES: Please submit your information by one of the following methods:

• Email: kevin.foley@fws.gov or
• U.S. mail or hand delivery: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Attn: Wood Bison, 4700 BLM Road, Anchorage, AK 99507.

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact the person listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section, as soon as possible.

Instructions: You are free to submit comments at any time, including orally at the meetings, but if you want Committee members to review your comments before the meeting, please submit your comments no later than November 7, 2018. We are particularly interested in the comments on the issues in the “Agenda” section below. You must include “Department of Homeland Security” and the docket number USCG–2018–0878. Comments received will be posted without alteration at http://www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided. For more information about the privacy and docket, review the Privacy and Security Notice for the Federal Docket Management System at https://regulations.gov/privacyNotice.

Docket Search: For access to the docket to read documents or comments related to this notice, go to http://www.regulations.gov, and use the docket number in the “SEARCH” box, press Enter, and then click on the item you wish to view.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Joseph Myers, Alternate Designated Federal Officer for the Commercial Fishing Safety Advisory Committee, Commandant (CG–CC–3), United States Coast Guard Headquarters, 2703 Martin Luther King Junior Avenue, South East, Mail Stop 7501, Washington, DC 20593–7501; telephone 202–372–1249, facsimile 202–372–8385, electronic mail: joseph.d.myers@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Title 5 U.S.C., Appendix.

The Commercial Fishing Safety Advisory Committee is authorized by Title 46 United States Code Section 4508. The Committee’s purpose is to provide advice and recommendations to the United States Coast Guard and the Department of Homeland Security on matters relating to the safe operation of commercial fishing industry vessels.

Agenda

The Commercial Fishing Safety Advisory Committee will meet to review and discuss topics contained in the agenda.

Day 1

The meeting will include, reports, presentations, discussions, as follows:

1. 10 a.m. Introductions, swearing-in of new members, election of Chair and Vice-Chair.
3. U.S. Coast Guard District Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Coordinator reports on activities and initiatives.
4. Industry Updates.
6. Presentation and discussion on casualties, by regions and fisheries, and an update on safety and risk-reduction-related projects by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.
7. Discussion on Fire Extinguishers and Survival Craft.
8. Public Comment Period.
9. Adjournment of meeting.

Day 2

The meeting will primarily be dedicated to information passing to include the topics:

1. U.S. Coast Guard/National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Training and research grant programs.
2. Update on Training Requirements for Operators 46 U.S.C. 4502(g) and 4502(g)(3).
3. New Construction option for vessels 50–79 feet under Title 46 U.S.C section 4503.
4. STCW–F International Maritime Organization summary update.
5. Automatic and Identification System and “Fish Pingers”.
7. Discussion on Presidential Executive Orders 13771 and 13783 De-Regulation Project.
8. Discussion and Final comments from public.
9. Discussion and motions from the Committee.
10. Future plans and goals for the Committee.
11. Next Committee meeting, plans and recommended location.
12. Comments on the meeting from Committee members.
13. Adjournment of meeting.

Public oral comment periods will be held during the meeting after each presentation and at the end of each day. Speakers are requested to limit their comments to 3 minutes. Please note that the public oral comment periods may end before the prescribed ending time following the last call for comments. Contact the individual listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section above to register as a speaker.

A copy of available meeting documentation will be posted to the docket, as noted above, and at https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Assistant-Commandant-for-Prevention-Policy-CG–5P/Inspections-Compliance-CG–5P/Commercial-Vessel-Compliance/Fishing-Vessel-Safety-Division/cfsac/ by October 29, 2018. Post-meeting documentation will be posted to the website, noted above, within 30 days after the meeting, or as soon as possible.

Dated: October 17, 2018.

Jennifer F. Williams, Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Director of Inspections and Compliance.

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For more about submitting information, see Request for Information in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Kevin Foley, Anchorage Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office, by telephone at 907–271–2788. Individuals who are hearing impaired or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 800–877–8339 for TTY assistance.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), are initiating a 5-year status review of the wood bison (Bison bison athabascae) under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.). A 5-year status review is based on the best scientific and commercial data available at the time of the review; therefore, we are requesting submission of any new information on this species that has become available since the species was reclassified under the ESA as threatened throughout its range, in 2012.

Why do we conduct 5-year reviews?
Under the ESA, we maintain Lists of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants (which we collectively refer to as the List) in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17.11 (for animals) and 17.12 (for plants). Section 4(c)(2)(A) of the ESA requires us to review each listed species’ status at least once every 5 years. Further, our regulations at 50 CFR 424.21 require that we publish a notice in the Federal Register announcing those species under active review. For additional information about 5-year reviews, go to http://www.fws.gov/endangered/what-we-do/recovery-overview.html, scroll down to “Learn More about 5-Year Reviews,” and click on the “5-Year Reviews” link.

What information do we consider in our review?
In conducting these reviews, we consider the best scientific and commercial data that have become available since the listing determination or most recent status review, such as:

1. The biology of the species, including but not limited to population trends, distribution, abundance, demographics, and genetics;
2. Habitat conditions, including but not limited to amount, distribution, and suitability;
3. Conservation measures that have been implemented that benefit the species;
4. Threat status and trends in relation to the five listing factors (as defined in section 4(a)(1) of the ESA); and
5. Other new information, data, or corrections, including but not limited to taxonomic or nomenclatural changes, identification of erroneous information contained in the List, and improved analytical methods.

Any new information will be considered during the 5-year review and will also be useful in evaluating the ongoing recovery programs for the species.

Species Under Review
Entity listed: Wood bison (Bison bison athabascae).
Where listed: Wherever found.
Classification: Threatened.
Date listed (publication date for final listing rule): June 2, 1970.
Federal Register citation for final listing rule: 35 FR 8491.

Request for Information
To ensure that a 5-year review is complete and based on the best available scientific and commercial information, we request new information from all sources. See What Information Do We Consider in Our Review? for specific criteria. If you submit information, please support it with documentation such as maps, bibliographic references, methods used to gather and analyze the data, and/or copies of any pertinent publications, reports, or letters by knowledgeable sources. If you submit purported sightings of the species, please also provide supporting documentation in any form to the extent that it is available.

Public Availability of Comments
Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, 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.

Completed and Active Reviews
A list of all completed and currently active 5-year reviews addressing species for which the Alaskan Region of the Service has lead responsibility is available at http://www.fws.gov/alaska/fisheries/endangered/reviews.htm.

Authority
This document is published under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

Dated: October 10, 2018.
Mary Colligan,
Assistant Regional Director, Alaska Region.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service
Endangered Species; Receipt of Recovery Permit Application

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of a permit application; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, have received an application for a permit to conduct activities intended to enhance the propagation and survival of an endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. We invite the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies to comment on this application. Before issuing the requested permit, we will take into consideration any information that we receive during the public comment period.

DATES: We must receive your written comments on or before November 23, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Document availability and comment submission: Submit requests for a copy of the application and related documents and submit any comments by one of the following methods. All requests and comments should specify the applicant name and application number (i.e., U.S. Geological Survey TE–003483–33):
• Email: permitsR1ES@fws.gov.
• U.S. Mail: Marilet Zablan, Program Manager, Restoration and Endangered Species Classification, Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Regional Office, 911 NE 11th Avenue, Portland, OR 97232–4181.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Colleen Henson, Recovery Permit Coordinator, Ecological Services, (503) 231–6131 (phone); permitsR1ES@fws.gov (email). Individuals who are hearing or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 1–800–877–8339 for TTY assistance.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on an application for a permit under section