B. Solicitation of Public Comment

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected parties concerning the collection of information described in Section A on the following:

(1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) The accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;

(3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.


Seth D. Appleton,
Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council; Call for Nominations

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Call for nominations.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of the Interior is seeking nominations for individuals to be considered for membership on the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council (Council).

DATES: Nominations can be submitted by email or mail. Email submissions must be dated March 6, 2020 and mailed submissions must be postmarked.

ADDRESSES: Please address your nomination letters to Ms. Aurelia Skipwith, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Submit your nomination letters via email, U.S. mail, or hand-delivery to Linda Friar, Designated Federal Officer; Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 5275 Leesburg Pike, Mailstop 3C016A–FAC; Falls Church, VA 22041–3803, linda_friar@fws.gov.

For further information contact: Linda Friar, at the above address, via email at linda_friar@fws.gov, or by telephone at (703) 358–2056.

Supplementary Information: The Council advises the Secretary, through the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, on aquatic conservation endeavors that benefit recreational fishery resources and recreational boating and that encourage partnerships among industry, the public, and government. The Council conducts its operations in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.). The Council functions solely as an advisory body. Four current members’ terms expire April 1, 2020.

Council Duties

The Council’s duties and responsibilities, where applicable, are as follows:

a. Providing advice that will assist the Secretary in carrying out the authorities of the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956.

b. Fulfilling responsibilities established by Executive Order 12962: (1) Monitoring specific Federal activities affecting aquatic systems and the recreational fisheries they support. (2) Reviewing and evaluating the relation of Federal policies and activities to the status and conditions of recreational fishery resources.

c. Recommending policies or programs to increase public awareness and support for the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund.

d. Recommending policies or programs that foster conservation and ethics in recreational fishing and boating.

e. Recommending policies or programs to stimulate angler and boater participation in the conservation and restoration of aquatic resources through outreach and education.

f. Advising how the Secretary can foster communication and coordination among government, industry, anglers, boaters, and the public.

g. Providing recommendations for implementation of Secretary’s Order 3347—Conservation Stewardship and Outdoor Recreation, and Secretary’s Order 3356—Hunting, Fishing, Recreational Shooting, and Wildlife Conservation Opportunities and Coordination with States, Tribes, and Territories.

h. Providing recommendations for implementation of regulatory reform initiatives and policies specified in section 2 of Executive Order 13777—Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs; Executive Order 12866—Regulatory Planning and Review, as amended; and section 6 of Executive Order 13563—Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review.

Council Makeup

The Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the President of the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies are ex officio members. The Council may consist of no more than 18 members and up to 16 alternates appointed by the Secretary for a term not to exceed 3 years. Appointees will be selected from among, but not limited to, the following national interest groups:

a. State fish and wildlife resource management agencies (two members— one a Director of a coastal State, and one a Director of an inland State); b. Saltwater and freshwater recreational fishing organizations;

c. Recreational boating organizations;

d. Recreational fishing and boating industries;

e. Recreational fishery resources conservation organizations;

f. Tribal resource management organizations;

g. Aquatic resource outreach and education organizations; and...
h. The tourism industry.

Nomination Method and Eligibility

Members will be senior-level representatives of recreational fishing, boating, and aquatic resources conservation organizations, and must have the ability to represent their designated constituencies. Nominations should include a resume that provides contact information and a description of the nominee’s qualifications that would enable the Department of the Interior to make an informed decision regarding the candidate’s suitability to serve on the Council. Current members whose terms are expiring April 1, 2020 are eligible to be reappointed and reappointed to the Council. Any nominee may also submit the name and resume of a person on their organization’s staff who they would like to be considered as their alternate.

Public Disclosure: Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your nomination, you should be aware that your entire nomination—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2.

David Hoskins,
Assistant Director, Fish and Aquatic Conservation, USFWS.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision and Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Haines Amendment to the Ring of Fire Resource Management Plan

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the availability of the Record of Decision (ROD) and Approved Haines Amendment to the Ring of Fire Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the BLM-managed public lands in the Haines area of Alaska. The State Director signed the ROD on February 7, 2020, which constitutes the BLM’s final decision and makes the ROD effective immediately.

ADDRESSES: The ROD is available on the BLM ePlanning website at https://go.usa.gov/xpUk1. Click on the Documents and Reports link to find the electronic version of these materials. Hard copies of the ROD are available for public inspection at the following locations:

• BLM Glennallen Field Office, Milepost 186.5 Glenn Highway, Glennallen, Alaska 99588; BLM Alaska Public Information Center, Federal Building, 222 West 7th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99513;

• Haines Borough Public Library, 111 3rd Avenue Haines, Alaska 99827;

• Municipality of Skagway Borough, 700 Spring Street, Skagway, Alaska 99840;

• BLM Anchorage District Office, 4700 BLM Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99507; and

• Alaska Resources Library and Information Services, 3211 Providence Drive, Suite 111, Anchorage, Alaska 99507.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bruce Loranger, BLM Anchorage District Office, telephone: 907–267–1221, email: bloranger@blm.gov. People who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1–800–877–8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Haines planning area is located in Southeast Alaska, bounded by the Canadian Border to the north and west, Glacier Bay National Park to the southwest, and the Tongass National Forest to the south and east. This planning area consists mainly of steep and remote mountainous terrain, with bedrock and glaciers that restrict road and trail access. Of the approximately 920,000 total acres within the planning area, the BLM manages approximately 317,000 acres. The size of the planning area has changed since signing of the Ring of Fire RMP Record of Decision (ROD) in 2008 due to the conveyance of several sections of BLM-managed lands to the State of Alaska.

The purpose of this planning effort was to identify which designations, associated management practices, and implementation actions best fulfill the resource and multiple-use needs within the Haines planning area. It also evaluated an Area of Critical Environmental Concern, as required by the Ring of Fire RMP ROD. In addition, this planning effort considered the results of a multi-year, BLM-funded study of goat and bear habitat in the Haines area by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, completed in 2017. This amendment revises the applicable portions of the Ring of Fire RMP and provides a plan which is consistent with evolving law, regulations, and policy.

The BLM prepared an EIS in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 to analyze the direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental impacts associated with the proposed action and the alternatives. The ROD approves the Agency Preferred Alternative identified in the Final EIS. The BLM issued the ROD based on compliance with relevant laws, regulations, policies, and plans, including those guiding agency decisions that may have an impact on resources and their values, services, and functions.

On Oct. 7, 2019, the Notice of Availability (NOA) for the Haines Amendment to the Ring of Fire RMP and Final EIS was published in the Federal Register. The publication of the NOA initiated a 30-day protest period for the proposed land-use-planning decision. NOA publication also initiated a simultaneous 60-day review by the Governor of Alaska to identify inconsistencies with State or local plans, policies, or programs.

At the close of the protest period three protests (of which two were found to have standing) were received. These protests were resolved by the BLM Director; individual protest response letters were sent to all protesting parties. Protest resolution is contained in the Director’s Protest Summary Report, which is available online at https://www.blm.gov/programs/planning-and-nepa/public-participation/protest-resolution-reports. The Alaska Governor’s review found that the RMP Amendment is consistent with state plans, policies, and programs.

(Authority: 16 U.S.C. 3120(a); 40 CFR 1506.6(b))

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State Director, Alaska.

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