Fish and Wildlife Service

ACTION: Call for nominations; reopening.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of the Interior and the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service seek nominations for membership on the Hunting and Shooting Sports Conservation Council (Council). This is a reopening of the call for nominations published in the Federal Register on March 5, 2020, at 85 FR 12940. Nominations via email must be date stamped no later than July 27, 2020.

DATES: The nomination period announced on March 5, 2020, at 85 FR 12940 is reopened. Nominations via email must be date stamped no later than July 27, 2020.

ADDRESS: Please address nomination letters to Ms. Aurelia Skipwith, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. You may email nominations to Douglas Hobbs, Designated Federal Officer, at doug_hobbs@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Douglas Hobbs, Designated Federal Officer, at the email address in ADDRESSES, or by telephone at (703) 358–2336. Individuals who are hearing impaired or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 800–877–5283 for TTY assistance.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

National Park Service

Notice of Termination of the Environmental Impact Statement for a Grizzly Bear Restoration Plan, North Cascades Ecosystem, Washington

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service and National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Termination.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and National Park Service (NPS) have terminated the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a proposal to develop and implement a Grizzly Bear Restoration Plan for the North Cascades ecosystem, a portion of the species’ historical range. The Agencies have discontinued the proposal.

DATES: This Notice takes effect on the date of its publication in the Federal Register.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS (NOI) was published in the Federal Register on February 19, 2015 (80 FR 8894), initiating a public scoping period. The NOI detailed the proposal and identified the FWS and NPS as joint lead Agencies for preparation of the EIS. The FWS and NPS released a Draft EIS for public review and comment in January 2017 (82 FR 4336; 82 FR 4416). The Agencies held a number of public meetings during the public review and comment period and participated in outreach activities with interested parties. The FWS and NPS provided an additional public review and comment period on the Draft EIS from July to October, 2019 (84 FR 36099) and held one public meeting during that time. The FWS and NPS have decided to discontinue the proposal to develop and implement a Grizzly Bear Restoration Plan for the North Cascades Ecosystem. Because the Agencies are no longer proposing to take a proposal, the EIS process has been terminated.

George Wallace, Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks.