to communicate meaningfully with recognized Federal Tribes on a
government-to-government basis. In
accordance with Secretarial Order 3206
of June 5, 1997 (American Indian Tribal
Rights, Federal-Tribal Trust
Responsibilities, and the Endangered
Species Act), we readily acknowledge
our responsibilities to work directly
with tribes in developing programs for
healthy ecosystems, to acknowledge that
tribal lands are not subject to the same
controls as Federal public lands, to
remain sensitive to Indian culture, and
to make information available to tribes.
There are no tribes or tribal lands
affected by this proposed rule.

References Cited

A complete list of references cited is
available on the internet at http://
www.regulations.gov under Docket No.
FWS–R4–ES–2019–0081 and upon request
from the Asheville Ecological
Services Field Office (see FOR FURTHER
INFORMATION CONTACT, above).

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The primary authors of this proposed
rule are staff members of the Service’s
Southeastern Region Recovery Team
and the Asheville Ecological Services
Field Office.

List of Subjects in 50 CFR Part 17

Endangered and threatened species,
Exports, Imports, Reporting and
recordkeeping requirements,
Transportation.

Proposed Regulation Promulgation

Accordingly, we propose to amend
part 17, subchapter B of chapter I, title
50 of the Code of Federal Regulations,
as set forth below:

PART 17—ENDANGERED AND
THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS

1. The authority citation for part 17
continues to read as follows:

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1361–1407; 1531–
1544; and 4201–4245, unless otherwise
noted.

§ 17.12 [Amended]

2. Amend § 17.12(h) by removing the
entry for “Hexasstylis naniflora” under
“FLOWERING PLANTS” from the List
of Endangered and Threatened Plants.

Martha Williams,
Principal Deputy Director, Exercising the
Delegated Authority of the Director, U.S. Fish
and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

50 CFR Part 17

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RIN 1018–BE14; 1018–BD01

Reclassifying the Virgin Islands Tree
Boa From Endangered to Threatened
With a Section 4(d) Rule;
Reclassification of Eugenia woodburyana
as Threatened and Section 4(d) Rule

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service,
Interior.

ACTION: Reopening of comment periods;
announcement of public hearing.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and
Wildlife Service (Service), are reopening
the public comment periods on two
proposed rules to allow all interested
parties additional time to comment, and
to conduct a public hearing. The two
relevant proposed rules are our
September 30, 2020, proposed rule to
reclassify the endangered Virgin Islands
tree boa (Chilabothrus granti) as a
threatened species with a rule issued
under section 4(d) of the Endangered
Species Act of 1973 (Act), as amended;
and our October 21, 2020, proposed rule
to reclassify the endangered plant
Eugenia woodburyana (no common
name) as a threatened species with a
rule issued under section 4(d) of the
Act. Comments previously submitted
need not be resubmitted and will be
fully considered in preparation of the
final rules.

DATES: Written comments: The comment
periods for the proposed rules
published on September 30, 2020, at 85
FR 61700, and October 21, 2020, at 85
FR 66906, are reopened. We will accept
comments received or postmarked on or
before May 26, 2021.

Public hearing: On May 12, 2021, we
will hold a public hearing from 6 to 8
p.m., Atlantic Time, using the Zoom
platform (for more information, see
Public Hearing, below).

ADDRESSES: Availability of documents:
You may obtain copies of the proposed
rules and their associated documents on
the internet at http://
www.regulations.gov under the
following docket numbers:

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| Reclassifying the Virgin Islands Tree

Comment submission: You may submit written comments by one of the
following methods:

(1) Electronically: Go to the Federal
eRulemaking Portal: http://
www.regulations.gov. In the Search box,
enter the appropriate docket number
(see table above). Then, click on the
Search button. On the resulting page,
in the Search panel on the left side of the
screen, under the Document Type
heading, click on the Proposed Rule box
to locate the document. You may submit
a comment by clicking on “Comment
Now!” Please ensure you have located
the correct document before submitting
your comments.

(2) By hard copy: Submit by U.S. mail
to: Public Comments Processing. Attn:
[Enter appropriate docket number; see
above]. U.S. Fish and Wildlife
Service, MS: PRB/3W, 5275 Leesburg
Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041–3803.

Please note that comments submitted
electronically using the Federal
eRulemaking Portal must be received by
11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on the closing
date, and comments submitted by U.S.
mail must be postmarked by that date to
e nsideration. We request that
you send comments only by the
methods described above. We will post
all comments on http://
www.regulations.gov. This generally
means that we will post any personal
information you provide us (see Public
Comments, below, for more
information).

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Boquerón, PR 00622. Telephone 787–
405–3641. Persons who use a
telecommunications device for the deaf
rules on the date and at the time listed to provide comments on the two proposed
Public Hearing
October 21, 2020, proposed rule (85 FR 61700).
Eugenia woodburryana
On October 21, 2020, we published in the Federal Register (85 FR 66906) a
proposed rule to downlist Eugenia woodburryana from endangered to
threatened under the Act. The proposed rule opened a 60-day public comment period, ending
November 30, 2020. During the comment period, we received a request for a public hearing. Therefore, we are
announcing a public hearing to allow the public an additional opportunity to provide comments on the proposed rule.
For a description of previous Federal actions concerning the Virgin Islands tree boa and information on the types of comments that would be helpful to us
in proceeding with this rulemaking action, please refer to the September 30, 2020, proposed rule (85 FR 61700).
Eugenia woodburryana
On October 21, 2020, we published in the Federal Register (85 FR 66906) a
proposed rule to downlist Eugenia woodburryana from endangered to
threatened under the Act. The proposed rule opened a 60-day public comment period, ending December 21, 2020.
During the comment period, we received a request for a public hearing. Therefore, we are announcing a public hearing to allow the public an
additional opportunity to provide comments on this proposed rule.
For a description of previous Federal actions concerning Eugenia woodburryana and information on the types of comments that would be helpful to us in proceeding with this rulemaking action, please refer to the October 21, 2020, proposed rule (85 FR 66906).
Public Hearing
We will hold one public hearing to accept comments on the two proposed
rules on the date and at the time listed above under Public hearing in DATES. We are holding the public hearing via
the Zoom online video platform and via teleconference so that participants can attend remotely. The use of a virtual
public hearing is consistent with our regulations at 50 CFR 424.16(c)(3).
For security purposes, anyone intending to listen to and view the hearing via Zoom, listen to the hearing by
telephone, or provide oral public comments at the hearing by Zoom or telephone must register in advance. For
information on how to register, or if you encounter problems joining Zoom on the day of the hearing, visit https://
www.fws.gov/southeast/caribbean. Registrants will receive the Zoom link and the telephone number for the public hearing. Interested members of the
public who are not familiar with the Zoom platform should view the Zoom video tutorials (https://
support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/ 206618765-Zoom-video-tutorials) prior to the public hearing.
The public hearing will provide interested parties an opportunity to present verbal testimony (formal, oral comments) regarding either, or both, of the
proposed rules. The public hearing will not be an opportunity for dialogue with the Service, but rather a forum for
accepting formal verbal testimony. In the event there is a large attendance, the time allotted for oral statements may be
limited. Therefore, anyone wishing to make an oral statement at the public hearing for the record is encouraged to
provide a prepared written copy of that statement to us through the Federal eRulemaking Portal, or U.S. mail (see
ADDRESSES, above). There are no limits on the length of written comments submitted to us.
Reasonable Accommodation
The Service is committed to providing access to the public hearing for all participants. Closed captioning will be available during the public hearing. Participants will also have access to live audio during the public hearing via
their telephone or computer speakers. Persons with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodations to participate in the hearing should contact the person listed under FOR FURTHER
INFORMATION CONTACT at least 5 business days prior to the date of the hearing to help ensure availability. An accessible
version of the Service’s presentation will also be posted online at https://www.fws.gov/southeast/caribbean prior to
the hearing (see DATES, above). See https://www.fws.gov/southeast/caribbean for more information about
reasonable accommodation. Finally, a full audio and video recording and transcript of the public hearing will be
posted online at https://www.fws.gov/southeast/caribbean after the hearing.
Public Comments
If you submit information via http:// www.regulations.gov, your entire
submission—including any personal identifying information—will be posted
on the website. If your submission is made via Zoom, it includes
personal identifying information, you may request at the top of your document
that we withhold this information from public review. However, we cannot
guarantee that we will be able to do so. We will post all hardcopy submissions on http://www.regulations.gov.
Comments and materials we receive, as well as supporting documentation we
used in preparing each proposed rule, will be available for public inspection on
Authors
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Assessment Team staff of the South Atlantic-Gulf Regional Office, U.S. Fish
and Wildlife Service.
Authority
The authority for this action is the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as
amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).
Martha Williams,
Principal Deputy Director, Exercising the
Delegated Authority of the Director, U.S. Fish
and Wildlife Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
50 CFR Part 635
[Docket No. 210419–0083]
RIN 0648–BK35
Atlantic Highly Migratory Species;
Federal Atlantic Tunas Regulations in
Maine State Waters
AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries
Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and
Atmospheric Administration (NOAA),
Commerce.
ACTION: Proposed rule; request for
comments.
SUMMARY: NMFS proposes adding Maine
to the list of states for which NMFS has
determined that Federal Atlantic tunas regulations are applicable within state
waters. NMFS is proposing the addition after considering a request from the
Maine Department of Marine Resources
(MEDMR) and reviewing the state’s
relevant laws and regulations. Most
states and territories bordering the
Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico are
currently included in the list, with the
exception of Maine, Connecticut, and
Mississippi. This proposed addition of
Maine to the list would make Federal
Atlantic tunas regulations—including
but not limited to open and closed
seasons, retention limits, size limits,