

boating from wildlife-dependent users. However, a drawback of the no-wake zone changes would be to increase the amount of time it would take wildlife-dependent users to reach high-quality wildlife areas.

Alternative 4

Alternative 4 is the most protective alternative providing wildlife restrictions not found in Alternatives 1–3. To reduce disturbance to feeding and resting wildlife, only boating at no-wake speeds would be allowed on Lake Lowell. All emergent beds and the southeast end of the lake would be closed to public use to protect nesting and feeding waterbirds, waterfowl, and shorebirds. The entire lake would continue to be closed for wintering and migrating birds from October 1 to April 14 each year. An increase in habitat enhancement through invasive species removal and vegetation manipulation is proposed. Increases in wildlife and habitat research and assessments would be focused on providing a strong scientific base for future management decisions.

Under Alternative 4, there are numerous actions which would alter when, where, and how public uses would be allowed on the Lake Lowell Unit. Boating would be allowed at no-wake speeds on all areas of the lake open to the public from April 15 to September 30. Several portions of the Refuge would be closed to all public activity. The Refuge would not be open to nonwildlife-dependent activities including horseback riding, dog walking, or bicycling.

Alternative 4 includes several elements to protect wildlife and enhance the Refuge recreational experience. To minimize conflicts with and improve the quality of the waterfowl hunt program, upland game hunting would no longer be allowed at the Lake Lowell Unit. Waterfowl hunting would be allowed on the south side of the Lake Lowell Unit from Parking Lots 1–8 with a 25-shotgun-shell limit.

Refuge staff would emphasize management of the Snake River Islands by increasing wildlife inventory and monitoring efforts and increasing invasive species control (following the Integrated Pest Management Plan) and restoration efforts. Island management would be prioritized using several factors and managed accordingly. Island closure dates would be adjusted to better protect nesting geese, wading birds, and gulls and terns. An array of management techniques may be used including prescribed fire and aerial application of herbicide and/or seed.

Existing public uses would continue on the Snake River Islands and include wildlife observation and deer, upland and waterfowl hunting on 1,219 acres. Most of the Snake River Islands Unit would be open for off-trail, free-roam activities, including shoreline fishing, from June 15 to January 31. Heron and gull-nesting islands (4–6 islands) would be open for off-trail, free-roam activities from July 1 to January 31.

Public Availability of Documents

In addition to methods in **ADDRESSES**, you can view or obtain documents at the following locations.

Our Web site: <http://www.fws.gov/deerflat/refugeplanning.html>.
 Caldwell Public Library, 1010 Dearborn St., Caldwell, ID 83605
 Homedale Public Library, 125 W Owyhee Ave, Homedale, ID 83628
 Lizard Butte District Library, 111 3rd Ave W, Marsing, ID 83639
 Nampa Public Library, 101 11th Ave S, Nampa, ID 83651
 Payette Public Library, 24 S 10th St., Payette, ID 83661
 Ada County District Library, 10664 W Victory Rd, Boise, ID 83709

Submitting Comments

Public comments are requested, considered, and incorporated throughout the planning process; please see **DATES** for due dates. Comments on the Draft CCP/EIS will be analyzed by the Service and addressed in final planning documents.

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 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.

Dated: February 7, 2013.

Richard R. Hannan,

*Acting Regional Director, Pacific Region,
Portland, Oregon.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Draft Revised Recovery Plan for Pallid Sturgeon

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of document availability for review and comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces the availability of a draft revised recovery plan for the pallid sturgeon (*Scaphirhynchus albus*). This species is federally listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The Service solicits review and comment from the public on this draft revised plan.

DATES: Comments on the draft revised recovery plan must be received on or before May 14, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the draft revised recovery plan are available by request from the Northern Rockies Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2900 4th Avenue North, Room 301, Billings, MT 59101; telephone 406-247-7365. Submit comments on the draft recovery plan to the Project Leader at this same address. An electronic copy of the draft recovery plan is available at <http://www.fws.gov/endangered/species/recovery-plans.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Project Leader, at the above address, or telephone 406-247-7365.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Restoring an endangered or threatened animal or plant to the point where it is again a secure, self-sustaining member of its ecosystem is a primary goal of the Service's endangered species program. To help guide the recovery effort, the Service prepares recovery plans for the federally listed species native to the United States where a plan will promote the conservation of the species. Recovery plans describe site-specific actions necessary for the conservation of the species, establish objective, measurable criteria which, when met, would result in a determination that the species no longer needs the protection of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and provide estimates of the time and cost for implementing the needed recovery measures.

The Act requires recovery plans for listed species unless such a plan would not promote the conservation of a particular species. The original plan for the species was approved in 1993. Section 4(f) of the Act, as amended in 1988, requires that public notice and opportunity for public review and comment be provided during recovery plan development. The Service will consider all information received during a public comment period when preparing each new or revised recovery plan for approval. The Service and other Federal agencies also will take these comments into consideration in the course of implementing approved recovery plans. It is our policy to request peer review of recovery plans. We will summarize and respond to the issues raised by the public and peer reviewers in an appendix to the approved recovery plan.

The pallid sturgeon (*Scaphirhynchus albus*), found in the Missouri and Mississippi River basins of the United States, was listed as an endangered species on September 6, 1990 (55 FR 36641). At the time of listing, the species was threatened by habitat destruction and modification, overutilization, and inadequacy of existing regulatory mechanisms, as well as other natural or manmade factors.

The recovery of pallid sturgeon will rely on effective conservation responses to the issues facing the species, which remain varied and complex. The pallid sturgeon is native to the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers and adapted to the pre-development habitat conditions that historically existed in these rivers. These conditions generally can be described as large, free-flowing, warm-water, and turbid rivers with a diverse assemblage of physical habitats that were in a constant state of change. Limiting factors include: (1) Activities that affect connectivity and the natural form, function, and hydrologic processes of rivers; (2) illegal harvest; (3) impaired water quality and quantity; (4) entrainment in water diversion structures; and (5) life history attributes of the species (i.e., delayed sexual maturity, females not spawning every year, and larval drift requirements). The degree to which these factors affect the species varies among river reaches. The recovery strategy for the pallid sturgeon focuses on the need to better understand certain life history traits and the complex interactions between these traits and altered habitats in the contemporary Missouri and Mississippi River basins, threats abatement, population management, research, and monitoring. We emphasize conserving extant genetic viability through a

conservation augmentation program to prevent localized extirpation, researching and implementing habitat improvement as appropriate; monitoring habitat conditions; and monitoring population status.

Request for Public Comments

The Service solicits public comments on the draft revised recovery plan. All comments received by the date specified in **DATES** will be considered prior to approval of the plan. Written comments and materials regarding the plan should be addressed to the Field Supervisor (see **ADDRESSES** section). Comments and materials received will be available, by appointment, for public inspection during normal business hours at the above address. All public comment information provided voluntarily by mail, by phone, or at meetings (e.g., names, addresses, letters of comment, input recorded during meetings) becomes part of the official public record. If requested under the Freedom of Information Act by a private citizen or organization, the Service may provide copies of such information.

Authority

The authority for this action is section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533(f).

Dated: January 28, 2013.

Noreen E. Walsh,

Regional Director, Denver, Colorado.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Announcement of National Geospatial Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Geospatial Advisory Committee (NGAC) will meet on April 3, 2013, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST. The meeting will be held via Web conference and teleconference.

The NGAC, which is composed of representatives from governmental, private sector, non-profit, and academic organizations, has been established to advise the Chair of the Federal Geographic Data Committee on management of Federal geospatial programs, the development of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure, and the implementation of Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

Circular A-16. Topics to be addressed at the meeting include:

- Leadership Dialogue
- FGDC Guidance to the NGAC
- NSDI Strategic Plan
- FGDC Update

Members of the public who wish to attend the meeting must register in advance. Please register by contacting Arista Maher at the Federal Geographic Data Committee (703-648-6283, amaher@fgdc.gov). Meeting registrations are due by March 29, 2013. Meeting information (web conference and teleconference instructions) will be provided to registrants prior to the meeting. While the meeting will be open to the public, attendance may be limited due to web conference and teleconference capacity.

The meeting will include an opportunity for public comment. Attendees wishing to provide public comment should register by March 29. Please register by contacting Arista Maher at the Federal Geographic Data Committee (703-648-6283, amaher@fgdc.gov). Comments may also be submitted to the NGAC in writing.

DATES: The meeting will be held on April 3, 2013, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Mahoney, U.S. Geological Survey (206-220-4621).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Meetings of the National Geospatial Advisory Committee are open to the public. Additional information about the NGAC and the meeting are available at www.fgdc.gov/ngac.

Dated: March 7, 2013.

Ivan DeLoatch,

Executive Director, Federal Geographic Data Committee.

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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: As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will issue an appealable decision to Chugach Alaska Corporation. The