

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY****Federal Emergency Management Agency**

[Docket ID FEMA-2015-0006]

**Guidelines for Implementing Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, and Executive Order 13690, Establishing a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard and a Process for Further Soliciting and Considering Stakeholder Input****AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice serves to inform the public that the Department of the Interior held a meeting of the interagency Water Resources Council on Thursday, October 8, 2015, in the John Muir Conference Room, 1849 C St. NW., Washington, DC 20240 at 10 a.m. EDT to consider the recommendations of the Mitigation Framework Leadership Group and vote on the issuance of revised "Guidelines for Implementing Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, and Executive Order 13690, Establishing a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard and a Process for Further Soliciting and Considering Stakeholder Input."

The Water Resources Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Mitigation Framework Leadership Group and issued Guidelines for Implementing Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, and Executive Order 13690, Establishing a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard and a Process for Further Soliciting and Considering Stakeholder Input, effective October 8, 2015.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* October 8, 2015. Please consult the individual agency responsible for a program with questions regarding their time frames and processes for updating their implementing procedures for Executive Order 11988.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Roy Wright, Deputy Associate Administrator, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street SW., Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-2781.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On January 30, 2015, the President signed Executive Order 13690, Establishing a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard and a Process for Further

Soliciting and Considering Stakeholder Input, which amended Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, issued in 1977. Consistent with the President's direction, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, as Chair of the Mitigation Framework Leadership Group, published for public comment in the *Federal Register* Draft Guidelines to provide guidance to agencies on the implementation of Executive Orders 13690 and 11988 (80 FR 6530, February 5, 2015). After an extension, the public comment period lasted 90 days, during which Federal Emergency Management Agency and other members of the Mitigation Framework Leadership Group held eight in-person public listening sessions across the country and one public webinar, to ensure input from stakeholders and the public.

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The Implementing Guidelines are in the docket for this Notice on [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), under Docket ID FEMA-2015-0006.

**Authority:** Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, as amended.

Dated: October 15, 2015.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Fish and Wildlife Service**

[Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2015-0157; FXIA1671090000-156-FF09A300000]

**Draft Environmental Assessment; Dallas Zoo Management; Dallas, Texas****AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of availability; request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, make available the draft environmental assessment under the National Environmental Policy Act regarding a permit application submitted by Dallas Zoo Management, on behalf of the Dallas Zoo, Sedgwick County Zoo, and Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo. The three zoos are requesting authorization under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora to import 18 live African elephants from Swaziland.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, written comments must be received or postmarked on or before November 23, 2015. Comments submitted electronically using the Federal eRulemaking Portal (see ADDRESSES) must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on the closing date. Any comments that we receive after the closing date may not be considered.

**ADDRESSES:****Availability of Documents**

*Internet:* You may obtain copies of the draft environmental assessment and related documents by going to the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. In the Search box, enter FWS-HQ-IA-2015-0157, which is the docket number for this notice. Click the "Open Docket Folder" link.

*In-Person:* Copies of the draft environmental assessment are also available for public inspection and review at the following location, by appointment and written request only, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041.

*Comment submission:* You may submit written comments on the draft environmental assessment by one of the following methods:

*Internet:* Go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. In the Search box, enter FWS-HQ-IA-2015-0157, which is the docket number for this notice. Click the "Open Docket Folder" link. Click