

following statement: "WARNING—failure to register this PLB with NOAA could result in a monetary forfeiture order being issued to the owner."

(f) To enhance protection of life and property it is mandatory that each 406.025 MHz PLB be registered with NOAA and that information be kept up-to-date. In addition to the identification plate or label requirements contained in §§ 2.925 and 2.926 of this chapter, each 406.025 MHz PLB must be provided on the outside with a clearly discernable permanent plate or label containing the following statement: "The owner of this 406.025 MHz PLB must register the NOAA identification code contained on this label with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) whose address is: NOAA, NOAA/SARSAT Operations Division, E/SP3, Federal Building 4, Washington, DC 20233." Owners shall advise NOAA in writing upon change of PLB ownership, or any other change in registration information. NOAA will provide registrants with proof of registration and change of registration postcards.

(g) For 406.025 MHz PLBs with identification codes that can be changed after manufacture, the identification code shown on the plate or label must be easily replaceable using commonly available tools.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

48 CFR Part 30

Changes in Cost of Accounting Practices

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Director of Defense Procurement, in conjunction with the National Contract Management Association, is sponsoring additional public meetings to discuss alternatives to the Cost Accounting Standards Board's Supplemental Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (SNPRM-II) regarding "Changes in Cost Accounting Practices," published in the **Federal Register** at 64 FR 45700 on August 20, 1999. The Office of the Director of Defense Procurement would like to hear the views of interested parties on the current version of their recommended alternative to the approach proposed by the Cost Accounting Standards Board in SNPRM-II. The current version is available on the Internet Home Page of the Office of Cost, Pricing, and Finance at <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dp/cpf>.

The Office of the Director of Defense Procurement is particularly interested in obtaining comments concerning three areas of its recommended alternatives:

1. The definition of "similar functions" and "similar activities."
2. The proper treatment of pool combinations, pool split-outs, and functional transfers that occur between two viable operating segments or that involve different organizational levels within the company.
3. Whether an exemption is necessary, and if so, the criteria needed to implement such an exemption.

The Office of the Director of Defense Procurement will evaluate the input received and, if determined necessary, provide a revised or amended version of its alternative to the Chairman of the Cost Accounting Standards Board for the Board's consideration.

DATES: The next public meeting will be held on February 10, 2000, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Based on the nature and extent of input received, additional public meetings may be held in the days and weeks following February 10. The dates and times of those meetings will be made available on <http://www.acq.mil/dp/cpf>, as soon as they are scheduled.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Contract Management Association, 1912 Woodford Drive, Vienna, VA 22182. Directions may be found on the Internet at <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dp/cpf>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. David Capitano, Office of Cost, Pricing, and Finance, by telephone at (703) 695-7249, by FAX at (703) 693-9616, or by e-mail at capitadj@acq.osd.mil; or Ms. Claudia Low, National Contract Management Association, by telephone at (703) 734-5440.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

50 CFR Part 17

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants, Notice of Reopening of Comment Period on the Proposed Endangered Status of the Cowhead Lake tui chub

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule, notice of reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), provides notice of the reopening of the comment period for the proposed endangered status for the Cowhead Lake tui chub (*Gila bicolor vaccaceps*). The comment period has been reopened by request from signatories of a conservation agreement for the Cowhead Lake tui chub, including private landowners, the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG), and the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

DATES: Comments from all interested parties must be received by February 16, 2000. All comments received by the closing date will be considered in the final decision on this proposal.

ADDRESSES: Written comments, materials, data, and reports concerning this proposal should be sent to the Field Supervisor, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, W 2605, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California 95825. Comments and materials received will be available for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Catherine Hibbard at the address above (telephone 916/414-6600, facsimile 916/414-6710).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Background

The Cowhead Lake tui chub is a fish in the minnow family and can be primarily distinguished from other tui chubs by the number of bony projections in the gills. It is now found only in pump canals in the lakebed of Cowhead Lake and in Cowhead Slough in extreme northeastern Modoc County, California. Prior to hydrological modification of the Cowhead Lake watershed, including drainage of the lake for agricultural purposes, Cowhead Lake is thought to have contained the majority of the Cowhead Lake tui chub population, especially in wet years. The entire population now appears to occur only the 5.4 kilometers (3.4 miles) of Cowhead Slough and pump canals in the bed of Cowhead Lake. Habitat protection is required to conserve this subspecies, which is threatened throughout its range by a variety of impacts including loss of habitat from agricultural activities, risk of disease and contamination, loss of genetic variability, and naturally occurring random events.