DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service

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U.S. Coral Reef Task Force Public Meeting and Public Comment

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce a public business meeting of the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force (USCRTF) on February 24, 2011, and a request for written comments. This meeting, the 25th biannual meeting of the USCRTF, provides a forum for coordinated planning and action among Federal agencies, State and territorial governments, and nongovernmental partners. Please register in advance by visiting the Web site under SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION. Advance public comment must be submitted by February 19, 2011, to Liza Johnson at the e-mail, fax, or mailing address listed below. This meeting has time allotted for sharing of in-person public comments, which must be submitted in written format by March 12, 2011.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place at the Department of Interior, Main Interior Building Auditorium, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240. The meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday, February 24, 2011. Registration is required for the business meeting. Registration online prior to the meeting date is recommended. 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.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Established by Presidential Executive Order 13089 in 1998, the USCRTF has a mission to lead, coordinate, and strengthen U.S. government actions to better preserve and protect coral reef ecosystems. The Departments of Commerce and the Interior co-chair the USCRTF, whose members include leaders of 12 Federal agencies, 7 U.S. States and territories, and 3 freestyle associated States. For more information about the meeting, draft agendas, and how to register, go to http://www.coralreef.gov. A written summary of the meeting will be posted on the Web site within 2 months after the meeting.

Public Comments

Comments may address the meeting, the role of the USCRTF, or general coral reef conservation issues.

Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail 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.

Tom Strickland, Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks.

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Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, announce a public meeting of the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council (Council).

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, March 3, 2011, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday, March 4, 2011, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Eastern time). Members of the public wishing to participate in the meeting must notify Douglas Hobbs by close of business on Tuesday, February 22, 2011, per instructions under SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION. Written statements must be received by Monday, February 28, 2011.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW., Room 5160, Washington, DC 20240; telephone (703) 358–2336.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Douglas Hobbs, Council Coordinator, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Mailstop 3103–AEA, Arlington, VA 22203; telephone (703) 358–2336; fax (703) 358–2548; or via e-mail at doug_hobbs@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., we announce that the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council will hold a meeting on Thursday, March 3, 2011, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday, March 4, 2011, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Eastern time).

Background

The Council was formed in January 1993 to advise the Secretary of the Interior, through the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, on nationally significant recreational fishing, boating, and aquatic resource conservation issues. The Council represents the interests of the public and private sectors of the sport fishing, boating, and conservation communities and is organized to enhance partnerships among industry, constituency groups, and government. The 15-member Council, appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, includes the Director of the Service and the president of the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, who both serve in ex officio
capacities. Other Council members are Directors from State agencies responsible for managing recreational fish and wildlife resources and individuals who represent the interests of saltwater and freshwater recreational fishing, recreational boating, the recreational fishing and boating industries, recreational fisheries resource conservation, Native American tribes, aquatic resource outreach and education, and tourism. Background information on the Council is available at http://www.fws.gov/sfbpc.

Meeting Agenda

The Council will convene to consider: (1) The Council’s 2010 to 2012 Strategic Work Plan; (2) progress in implementing the Council’s assessment of the Sport Fish Restoration Boating Access Program; (3) progress in implementing the Council’s assessment of the Fish and Wildlife Service Fisheries Program; (4) progress in implementing the Council’s assessment of the activities of the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation; (5) issues related to Marine Protected Areas and implementation of the National Ocean Policy; (6) updates on activities of the Service’s Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program and Fisheries Program; and (7) other Council business. The final agenda will be posted on the Internet at http://www.fws.gov/sfbpc.

Procedures for Public Input

Interested members of the public may submit relevant written or oral information for the Council to consider during the public meeting. Questions from the public will not be considered during this period. Speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements or those who had wished to speak but could not be accommodated on the agenda are invited to submit written statements to the Council. Individuals or groups requesting an oral presentation at the public Council meeting will be limited to 2 minutes per speaker, with no more than a total of 30 minutes for all speakers. Interested parties should contact Douglas Hobbs, Council Coordinator, in writing (preferably via e-mail; see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT), by Tuesday, February 22, 2011, to be placed on the public speaker list for this meeting. Written statements must be received by Monday, February 28, 2011, so that the information may be made available to the Council for their consideration prior to this meeting. Written statements must be supplied to the Council Coordinator in both of the following formats: One hard copy with original signature, and one electronic copy via e-mail (acceptable file format: Adobe Acrobat PDF, WordPerfect, MS Word, MS PowerPoint, or Rich Text files in IBM-PC/Windows 98/2000/XP format).

In order to attend this meeting, you must register by close of business Tuesday, February 22, 2011. Because entry to Federal buildings is restricted, all visitors are required to pre-register to be admitted. Please submit your name, time of arrival, e-mail address, and phone number to Douglas Hobbs. Mr. Hobbs’ e-mail address is doug_hobbs@fws.gov, and his phone number is (703) 358–2336. Summary minutes of the conference will be maintained by the Council Coordinator at 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, MS–3103–AEA, Arlington, VA 22203, and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours within 30 days following the meeting. Personal copies may be purchased for the cost of duplication.

Dated: January 26, 2011.

Jeffrey L. Underwood,
Acting Deputy Director.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service


Endangered Species; Marine Mammals; Receipt of Applications for Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species, marine mammals, or both. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) prohibits activities with listed species unless a Federal permit is issued that allows such activities. Both laws require that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

DATES: We must receive comments or requests for documents on or before March 14, 2011. We must receive requests for marine mammal permit public hearings, in writing, at the address shown in the ADDRESSES section by March 14, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Brenda Tapia, Division of Management Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 212, Arlington, VA 22203; fax (703) 358–2280; or e-mail DMAFR@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brenda Tapia, (703) 358–2104 (telephone); (703) 358–2280 (fax); DMAFR@fws.gov (e-mail).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Comment Procedures

A. How do I request copies of applications or comment on submitted applications?

Send your request for copies of applications or comments and materials concerning any of the applications to the contact listed under ADDRESSES. Please include the Federal Register notice publication date, the PRT-number, and the name of the applicant in your request or submission. We will not consider requests or comments sent to an e-mail address not listed under ADDRESSES. If you provide an email address in your request for copies of applications, we will attempt to respond to your request electronically.

Please make your requests or comments as specific as possible. Please confine your comments to issues for which we seek comments in this notice, and explain the basis for your comments. Include sufficient information with your comments to allow us to authenticate any scientific or commercial data you include.

The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are: (1) Those supported by quantitative information or studies; and (2) Those that include citations to, and analyses of, the applicable laws and regulations. We will not consider or include in our administrative record comments we receive after the close of the comment period (see DATES) or comments delivered to an address other than those listed above (see ADDRESSES).

B. May I review comments submitted by others?

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the address listed under ADDRESSES. The public may review documents and other information applicants have sent in support of the application unless our allowing viewing would violate the Privacy Act or Freedom of Information Act. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may