

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Office of the Secretary**

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**Notice of Request for Nominees for the U.S. Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (USEITI) Advisory Committee**

**AGENCY:** Policy, Management and Budget, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of request for nominees.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of the Interior (Interior) is seeking nominations for individuals to be considered as Committee members and/or alternates to serve on the U.S. Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (USEITI) Advisory Committee. This notice solicits nominees from: (1) the Industry sector as a result of a vacancy created by the recent resignation of a previously-appointed Industry sector member; and (2) from all three sectors: Government, Civil Society, and Industry, so that the Department can create a roster of eligible, qualified candidates to facilitate the appointment process should future vacancies occur. Nominations should include a resume providing an adequate description of the nominee's qualifications, including information that would enable the Department of the Interior to make an informed decision regarding meeting the membership requirements of the Committee and permit the Department of the Interior to contact a potential member.

Parties are strongly encouraged to work with and within stakeholder sectors (including industry, civil society, and government sectors as defined by the EITI process) to jointly consider and submit nominations that, overall, reflect the diversity and breadth of their sector. Nominees are strongly encouraged to include supporting letters from constituents, trade associations, alliances, and/or other organizations that indicate the support by a meaningful constituency for the nominee.

**DATES:** Submit nominations to the Committee by May 24, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit nominations to the Committee by any of the following methods.

- Mail or hand-carry nominations to Ms. Shirley Conway; Department of the Interior; 1849 C Street NW., MS 4211, Room 4217; Washington, DC 20240.
- Email nominations to [USEITI@ios.doi.gov](mailto:USEITI@ios.doi.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Shirley Conway at (202) 513-0598; fax (202) 513-0682; email [Shirley.Conway@onrr.gov](mailto:Shirley.Conway@onrr.gov); or via mail at: Department of the Interior; 1849 C Street NW.; MS 4211, Room 4217; Washington, DC 20240.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The U.S. Department of the Interior (Interior) established the U.S. Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (USEITI) Advisory Committee (Committee) on July 26, 2012. The Committee serves as the initial USEITI Multi-Stakeholder Group and provides advice to the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) on the design and implementation of the initiative.

The Committee was established in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended (5 U.S.C. App. 2), and with the concurrence of the General Services Administration.

The Committee:

- Serves as the initial Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG) to oversee the U.S. implementation of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI), a global standard for governments to publicly disclose revenues received from oil, gas, and mining assets belonging to the government, with parallel public disclosure by companies of payments to the government (e.g. royalties, rents, bonuses, taxes, or other payments).
- Develops and recommends to the Secretary a fully-costed work plan, containing measurable targets and a timetable for implementation, and incorporating an assessment of capacity constraints. This plan shall be developed in consultation with key EITI stakeholders and published upon completion.

• Provides opportunities for collaboration and consultation among stakeholders.

• Advises the Secretary and posts for consideration by other stakeholders proposals for conducting long-term oversight and other activities necessary to achieve EITI candidate and compliant status.

Members of the Committee will include individuals representing each of the following stakeholder sectors:

1. Industry, including non-Federal representatives from the extractive industry, including oil, gas, and mining companies and industry-related trade associations.
2. Civil society, including organizations with an interest in extractive industries, transparency, and government oversight; members of the public; and public and/or private investors.

3. Government, including Federal, State, local, and Tribal governments, and individual Indian mineral owners.

In addition to honoring the EITI principle of self-selection within the stakeholder sectors described above, the following criteria will be considered in making final selections:

- (1) Understanding of and commitment to the EITI process
- (2) Ability to collaborate and operate in a multi-stakeholder setting
- (3) Access to and support of a relevant stakeholder constituency and authority to make decisions on its behalf
- (4) Basic understanding of the extractive industry and/or revenue collection, or willingness to be educated on such matters

(5) Ability to represent U.S. based constituents, organizations, and institutions, or companies with significant operations in the U.S.

No individual who is currently registered as a Federal lobbyist is eligible to serve as a member of the Committee.

The Committee will meet quarterly or at the request of the Designated Federal Officer. Non-Federal members of the Committee will serve without compensation. However, we may pay the travel and per diem expenses of Committee members, if appropriate, under the Federal Travel Regulations.

To learn more about USEITI please visit the official Web site at [www.USEITI.gov](http://www.USEITI.gov).

Dated: April 22, 2013.

**Rhea Suh,**

*Assistant Secretary—Policy, Management and Budget.*

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

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**Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Announcement of Active 5-Year Status Review of the Southwest Alaska Distinct Population Segment of the Northern Sea Otter**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Announcement of active review; request for information.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, are announcing an active 5-year status review under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), of the southwest Alaska Distinct Population Segment (DPS) of

the northern sea otter (*Enhydra lutris kenyoni*). A 5-year status review is based on the best scientific and commercial data available at the time of the review; therefore, we are requesting submission of any such information that has become available since the last review for the species.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, we are requesting submission of new information no later than June 25, 2013. However, we will continue to accept new information about any listed species at any time.

**ADDRESSES:** Please submit your information in writing by any one of the following methods:

- *U.S. mail:* Deborah Pierce Williams, Chief, Marine Mammals Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, attention: Northern Sea Otter 5-year Review, 1011 E. Tudor Road, Anchorage, AK 99503;
- *Hand-delivery:* U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1011 E. Tudor Road, Anchorage, AK 99503;
- *Fax:* 907-786-3816; or
- *Email:*

FW7\_Sea\_Otter\_5yr@fws.gov.

For more about submitting information, see "Request for Information" in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Frances Mann, Sea Otter Program Lead, Marine Mammals Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, by telephone at 907-786-3668, or at the above address, fax number, or email address. Individuals who are hearing impaired or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339 for TTY assistance.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Why do we conduct a 5-year review?**

Under the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), we maintain Lists of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants (which we collectively refer to as the List) in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17.11 (for animals) and 17.12 (for plants). Section 4(c)(2) of the Act requires us to review each listed species' status at least once every 5 years. Our regulations at 50 CFR 424.21 require that we publish a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing those species that are under active review.

For additional information about 5-year reviews, refer to our factsheet at <http://www.fws.gov/angered/what-we-do/recovery-overview.html>.

##### **What information do we consider in our review?**

A 5-year review considers all new information available at the time of the

review. In conducting these reviews, we consider the best scientific and commercial data that have become available since the listing determination or most recent status review, such as:

(A) Species biology, including but not limited to population trends, distribution, abundance, demographics, and genetics;

(B) Habitat conditions, including but not limited to amount, distribution, and suitability;

(C) Conservation measures that have been implemented that benefit the species;

(D) Threat status and trends in relation to the five listing factors (as defined in section 4(a)(1) of the Act); and

(E) Other new information, data, or corrections, including but not limited to taxonomic or nomenclatural changes, identification of erroneous information contained in the List, and improved analytical methods.

Any new information will be considered during the 5-year review and will also be used to evaluate the ongoing recovery programs for the species.

#### **Species Under Review**

This notice announces our active review of the southwest Alaska Distinct Population Segment (DPS) of the northern sea otter, which is currently listed as Threatened under the Endangered Species Act. The final listing rule for this DPS of the northern sea otter was published on August 9, 2005 (70 FR 46366). A draft recovery plan for this DPS of the northern sea otter was completed in August 2010 and is available at <http://alaska.fws.gov/fisheries/mmm/seaotters/recovery.htm>.

#### **Request for Information**

To ensure that a 5-year review is complete and based on the best available scientific and commercial information, we request new information from all sources. See "What Information Do We Consider in Our Review?" for specific criteria. If you submit information, please support it with documentation such as maps, bibliographic references, methods used to gather and analyze the data, and/or copies of any pertinent publications, reports, or letters by knowledgeable sources.

#### **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.

Comments and materials received will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the offices where the comments are submitted.

#### **Completed and Active Reviews**

A list of all completed and currently active 5-year reviews addressing species for which the Alaska Region of the Service has lead responsibility is available at <http://alaska.fws.gov/fisheries/angered/reviews.htm>.

#### **Authority**

This document is published under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: April 19, 2013.

**Geoffrey L. Haskett,**

*Regional Director, Alaska Region.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

### **Fish and Wildlife Service**

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### **Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Permit Applications**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of permit applications; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), invite the public to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (Act) prohibits activities with endangered and threatened species unless a Federal permit allows such activity. The Act requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

**DATES:** We must receive any written comments on or before May 28, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments by U.S. mail to the Regional Director, Attn: Lisa Mandell, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, 5600 American Blvd. West, Suite 990, Bloomington, MN 55437-1458; or by electronic mail to [permitsR3ES@fws.gov](mailto:permitsR3ES@fws.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lisa Mandell, (612) 713-5343.