DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
49 CFR Parts 573, 577, and 579
[Docket No. NHTSA—2012–0068; Notice 3]
RIN 2127–AK72
Early Warning Reporting, Foreign Defect Reporting, and Motor Vehicle and Equipment Recall Regulations; Meeting
AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).
SUMMARY: On August 20, 2013, NHTSA published a final rule requiring certain vehicle manufacturers to allow the secure electronic transfer of manufacturer recall data to NHTSA when a consumer submits VIN information to the agency’s Web site for purposes of learning recall information about the vehicle. NHTSA will host a public meeting on the technical specifications that vehicle manufacturers will need in order to support the VIN-based safety recalls look-up tool that will be housed on the NHTSA Web site www.safercar.gov. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the details of the technical specifications, answer any technical concerns or questions, and hear feedback on the technical specifications.
DATES: The meeting will be held on January 22, 2014, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. EST.
ADDRESSES: The meeting will be an online web meeting available at https://www.teleconference.att.com/servlet/AWMlogin. Attendees must register by C.O.B. January 17, 2014. To register please send an email to alexander.ansley@dot.gov with the names of your participants and how many web meeting connections you require (e.g., 5 participants logging in between 2 computers). In order to permit sufficient access to all those that wish to attend, we request that each manufacturer, company, or group, as applicable, limit the number of its meeting connections to three.

Login instructions will be provided to registered attendees on or about January 21, 2014.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Timian, Chief, Recall Management Division, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, telephone 202–366–0209, email jennifer.timian@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 20, 2013, NHTSA published a final rule requiring certain vehicle manufacturers to allow the secure electronic transfer of manufacturer recall data to NHTSA when a consumer submits VIN information to the agency’s Web site for purposes of learning vehicle recall information. See 78 FR 51382, 51401. This requirement applies to manufacturers who manufacture 25,000 light vehicles annually or 5,000 motorcycles annually. Further information about the requirement to transfer recall data to NHTSA based upon a consumer’s VIN may be found in the August 20, 2013 final rule. Id.

Manufacturers with early warning reporting (EWR) accounts may obtain a copy of the VIN look-up interface technical specifications through the agency’s Web site. To obtain the technical specifications, these manufacturers should use their EWR account credentials to access the secure Web page at http://www.odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/ewr/login.cfm. After logging in to the EWR system, the document labeled “NEW—Technical Specifications for VIN Lookup Interface” can be found on the next page. For any manufacturer, company, or group that does not have an EWR account, please contact Alex Ansley at alexander.ansley@dot.gov to receive a copy of the technical specification.

The public meeting will be hosted online at https://www.teleconference.att.com/servlet/AWMlogin. However, if there is sufficient interest, we may also host meeting at the DOT headquarters in Washington, DC in tandem with the online web meeting. When registering for the meeting on January 22nd, attendees should indicate if they plan to attend in-person.

Meeting access instructions will be sent to registered participants on or about January 21, 2014.

Please note this meeting will not include discussion or review of the web-based recalls portal manufacturers will soon utilize to manage safety recalls. We will publish another public notice in the Federal Register once the recalls portal is developed and we are able to offer the requisite training.

Frank S. Borris II,
Director, Office of Defects Investigation,
NHTSA.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service
50 CFR Part 17
RIN 1018–AY53
Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Proposed Threatened Status for the Western Distinct Population Segment of the Yellow-Billed Cuckoo (Coccyzus americanus)
AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.
ACTION: Proposed rule; reopening of comment period.
SUMMARY: On October 3, 2013, we, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announced a proposal to list the yellow-billed cuckoo in the western portion of the United States, Canada, and Mexico (western yellow-billed cuckoo) as a threatened distinct population segment (DPS) under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). We now announce the reopening of the comment period for our October 3, 2013, proposed rule to ensure the public has sufficient time to comment on the proposal for this species.
DATES: The comment period for the proposed rule published October 3, 2013 (78 FR 61621), is reopened. We request that comments on this proposal be submitted by the close of business on February 24, 2014.
Comment Submission: You may submit comments by one of the following methods:
(1) Electronically: Go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov. In the Search box,
enter FWS–R8–ES–2013–0104, which is the docket number for this rulemaking. Then, in the Search panel on the left side of the screen, under the Document Type heading, click on the Proposed Rule link to locate the document. You may submit a comment by clicking on “Comment Now!”

(2) By hard copy: Submit by U.S. mail or hand-delivery to: Public Comments Processing, Attn: FWS–R8–ES–2013–0104; Division of Policy and Directives Management; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, MS 2042–PDM; Arlington, VA 22203.

We request that you send comments only by the methods described above. We will post all comments on http://www.regulations.gov. This generally means that we will post any personal information you provide us (see the Information Requested section below for more information).


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On October 3, 2013, we published in the Federal Register a proposed rule to list the western yellow-billed cuckoo as a threatened species under the Act (78 FR 61621). During the public comment period, we received numerous requests from Federal and State agencies, and the public to extend or reopen the public comment period on the proposed rule beyond the December 2, 2013, due date. In order to ensure that the public has an adequate opportunity to review and comment on our proposed rule, we are reopening the comment period for an additional 60 days.

Information Requested

We intend that any final action resulting from this proposed rule will be based on the best scientific and commercial data available and be as accurate and as effective as possible. Therefore, we request comments or information from other concerned Federal and State agencies, the scientific community, or any other interested party. We are proposing a listing rule. Please see the Information Requested section of the October 3, 2013, proposed listing for a list of the comments that we particularly seek (78 FR 61621).

For more background on our proposed listing, see the October 3, 2013, Federal Register (78 FR 61621). The proposed rule is available at the Federal eRulemaking Portal at http://www.regulations.gov (see ADDRESSES section above).

If you previously submitted comments or information on the proposed rule, please do not resubmit them. We have incorporated them into the public record, and we will fully consider them in our final rulemakings. Our final determination concerning this proposed rulemaking will take into consideration all written comments and any additional information we receive. Please note that submissions merely stating support for or opposition to the action under consideration without providing supporting information, although noted, will not be considered in making a determination, as section 4(b)(1)(A) of the Act directs that determinations as to whether any species is an endangered or threatened species, must be made “solely on the basis of the best scientific and commercial data available.”

You may submit your comments and materials concerning the proposed rule by one of the methods listed in ADDRESSES. We request that you send comments only by the methods described in the ADDRESSES section. If you submit information via http://www.regulations.gov, your entire submission—including any personal identifying information—will be posted on the Web site. If your submission is made via a hardcopy that includes personal identifying information, you may request at the top of your document that we withhold this information from public review. However, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. We will post all hardcopy submissions on http://www.regulations.gov. Please include sufficient information with your comments to allow us to verify any scientific or commercial information you include.

Comments and materials we receive, as well as supporting documentation we used in preparing the proposed listing, will be available for public inspection on http://www.regulations.gov, or by appointment, during normal business hours, at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office (see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT). You may obtain copies of the proposed rule on the Internet at http://www.regulations.gov at Docket No. FWS–R8–ES–2013–0104, or contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office (see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT), or by mail from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office (see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT).

Authority

The authority for this action is the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).


Rowan W Gould, Acting Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 635

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Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; 2006 Consolidated Highly Migratory Species Fishery Management Plan; Amendment 7

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of additional public hearing conference call and webinar.

SUMMARY: On August 22, 2013, NMFS published a notice of public hearings for Draft Amendment 7 to the 2006 Consolidated Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Fishery Management Plan (2006 Consolidated HMS FMP), which included 10 public hearings. Due to the government shut down and NMFS’ inability to respond to constituents on this complex rule during that time frame and based on the comments received to date requesting an extension due to the complexity and interplay of the measures covered in the DEIS, NMFS extended the comment period for this action until January 10, 2014. To provide an additional opportunity for interested members of the public from all geographic areas to submit verbal comments, NMFS will host a public hearing conference call and webinar. In this notice, NMFS announces the date, time, and call-in information for the conference call and webinar for management measures proposed in Draft Amendment 7. On August 21, 2013, NMFS published the proposed rule for Draft Amendment 7 to the 2006 Consolidated HMS Fishery Management Plan to control bluefin incidental catch