

facilities by submitting a formal written request to CBP. This application process is authorized by Section 613 of Public Law 103-182 (NAFTA Implementation Act), codified at 19 U.S.C. 1499, which directs CBP to establish a procedure to accredit privately owned testing laboratories. The information collected is used by CBP in deciding whether to approve individuals or businesses desiring to measure bulk products or to analyze importations. Instructions for completing these applications are accessible at: <http://www.cbp.gov/about/labs-scientific/commercial-gaugers-and-laboratories>. CBP Form 6478 is accessible at: http://www.cbp.gov/sites/default/files/documents/CBP%20Form%206478_0.pdf.

Current Actions: This submission is being made to extend the expiration date with a change to the burden hours based on updated estimates of the number of applicants and record keepers associated with this information collection. There are no changes to the information collected.

Type of Review: Extension (with change).

Affected Public: Businesses.

Applications for Commercial Testing and Approval of Commercial Gaugers: Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 8.

Estimated Time per Response: 1.25 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 10.

Record Keeping Associated with Applications for Commercial Testing and Approval of Commercial Gaugers: Estimated Number of Respondents: 180.

Estimated Time per Response: 1 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 180.

Dated: March 10, 2015.

Tracey Denning,

Agency Clearance Officer, U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Draft Revised Recovery Plan for the Piping Plover

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of document availability for review and comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces the availability of a draft revised recovery plan for the Northern Great Plains piping plover population. This population is federally listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The Service solicits review and comment from the public on this draft revised plan.

DATES: Comments on the draft revised recovery plan must be received on or before May 16, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the draft revised recovery plan are available by request from the North Dakota Field Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 3425 Miriam Avenue, Bismarck, ND 58501; telephone 701-250-4481. Submit comments on the draft recovery plan to the Project Leader at this same address or to pipingplovercomments@fws.gov. An electronic copy of the draft recovery plan is available at <http://www.fws.gov/ endangered/species/recovery-plans.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Project Leader, at the above address, or telephone 701-250-4481.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Restoring an endangered or threatened animal or plant to the point where it is again a secure, self-sustaining member of its ecosystem is a primary goal of the Service's endangered species program. To help guide the recovery effort, the Service prepares recovery plans for the federally listed species where a plan will promote the conservation of the species. Recovery plans describe site-specific actions necessary for the conservation of the species; establish objective, measurable criteria which, when met, would result in a determination that the species no longer needs the protection of the Act; and provide estimates of the time and cost for implementing the needed recovery measures.

The original plan for the species was approved in 1988. This draft revised recovery plan would replace the current version. Section 4(f) of the Act, as amended in 1988, requires that public notice and opportunity for public review and comment be provided during recovery plan development. The Service will consider all information received during a public comment period when preparing each new or revised recovery plan for approval. The Service and other Federal agencies also

will take these comments into consideration in the course of implementing approved recovery plans. It is also our policy to request peer review of recovery plans. We will summarize and respond to the issues raised by the public and peer reviewers in an appendix to the approved recovery plan.

The Northern Great Plains population of the piping plover was listed as threatened under the provision of the Endangered Species Act on January 10, 1986 (50 FR 50726). The breeding population of the Northern Great Plains piping plover extends from Nebraska north along the Missouri River through South Dakota, North Dakota, and eastern Montana, and on alkaline (salty) lakes along the Missouri River Coteau (a large plateau extending north and east of the Missouri River) in North Dakota, Montana, and extending into Canada. The majority of piping plovers from Prairie Canada winter along the south Texas coast, while breeding piping plovers from the United States are more widely distributed along the Gulf Coast from Florida to Texas, with a small percentage of the population wintering along the Atlantic Coast and in the Bahamas.

Recovery of this species will require restoration of ecosystem functions on both the breeding and wintering grounds so that the population can persist into the foreseeable future without extensive human intervention. Since some human activities are likely to continue to impact piping plovers and their habitat, there will likely be continued public outreach, education, and partnerships for long-term protection and management even after recovery. Recovery actions are designed to protect the species' habitat and increase the knowledge of the species' genetics, life history, and population dynamics; the relationship of the piping plover to its environment; and its responses to identified threats.

Request for Public Comments

The Service solicits public comments on the draft revised recovery plan. All comments received by the date specified in **DATES** will be considered prior to approval of the plan. Written comments and materials regarding the plan should be addressed to the Project Leader (see **ADDRESSES**). Comments and materials received will be available, by appointment, for public inspection during normal business hours at the address under **ADDRESSES**. All public comment information provided voluntarily by mail or by phone becomes part of the official public record. If requested under the Freedom

of Information Act by a private citizen or organization, the Service may provide copies of such information.

Authority

The authority for this action is section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533(f).

Dated: March 7, 2016.

Matt Hogan,

Deputy Regional Director, Denver, Colorado.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council; Call for Nominations

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) and Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service (Director) seek nominations for individuals to be considered for membership in the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council (Council). The Council advises the Secretary, through the Director, on aquatic conservation endeavors that benefit recreational fishery resources and recreational boating and that encourage partnerships among industry, the public, Native American tribes, States, and the Federal Government. **DATES:** Written nominations must be postmarked by Thursday, March 31, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Please address nomination letters to Mr. Daniel Ashe, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Mail nominations to: Brian Bohnsack, Designated Federal Officer and Coordinator, Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Mailstop 3C016A-FAC, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian Bohnsack, at the above address, via email at brian_bohnsack@fws.gov, or by telephone at (703) 358-2435.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Secretary and Director seek nominations for individuals to be considered for membership in the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council (Council). The Council advises the Secretary, through the Director, on aquatic conservation endeavors that benefit recreational fishery resources and

recreational boating and that encourage partnerships among industry, the public, Native American tribes, States, and the Federal government. Members terms are not staggered, and the current Council members' terms expire June 3, 2016. The Secretary will appoint members for 2-year terms that will run from 2016 to 2018.

Council Duties

The Council conducts its operations in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.). It reports to the Secretary of the Interior through the Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service. The Council functions solely as an advisory body. The duties of the Council include:

a. Providing advice that will assist the Secretary in carrying out the authorities of the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956.

b. Fulfilling responsibilities established by Executive Order 12962:

(1) Monitoring specific Federal activities affecting aquatic systems and the recreational fisheries they support.

(2) Reviewing and evaluating the relation of Federal policies and activities to the status and conditions of recreational fishery resources.

c. Recommending policies or programs to increase public awareness and support for the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund.

d. Recommending policies or programs that foster conservation and ethics in recreational fishing and boating.

e. Recommending policies or programs to stimulate angler and boater participation in the conservation and restoration of aquatic resources through outreach and education.

f. Advising how the Secretary can foster communication and coordination among government, industry, anglers, boaters, and the public.

Council Makeup

The Council consists of no more than 18 members, appointed for 2-year terms, which are not staggered. Members must be senior-level representatives of their organizations and/or have the ability to represent their designated constituency. The Secretary will select discretionary members from among the national interest groups listed below.

a. State fish and wildlife resource management agencies (two members: One a Director of a coastal State, and one a Director of an inland State);

b. Saltwater and freshwater recreational fishing organizations;

c. Recreational boating organizations;

d. Recreational fishing and boating industries;

e. Recreational fishery resources conservation organizations;

f. Tribal resource management organizations;

g. Aquatic resource outreach and education organizations; and

h. Tourism industry.

Nomination Method and Eligibility

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 to contact a potential member. Current members can be renominated and reappointed to the Council. Individuals who are federally registered lobbyists are ineligible to serve on all FACA and non-FACA boards, committees, or councils in an individual capacity. The term "individual capacity" refers to individuals who are appointed to exercise their own individual best judgment on behalf of the government, such as when they are designated Special Government Employees, rather than being appointed to represent a particular interest.

Dated: February 3, 2016.

Stephen Guertin,

Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered Species Recovery Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of permit applications; request for comment.

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. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (Act) prohibits activities with endangered and threatened species unless a Federal permit allows such activity. The Act also requires that we invite public comment before issuing recovery permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species.

DATES: Comments on these permit applications must be received on or before April 15, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the Endangered