

declining and is likely to be listed as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, [as amended] (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) [the “ESA”], within the foreseeable future; or (C) which is listed as a threatened species or endangered species under the [ESA], or is designated as depleted under [the MMPA]” 16 U.S.C. 1362(19).

Stock Assessment Report History for the Northern Sea Otter in Washington

The Washington sea otter SAR was last revised in August 2008. The Washington sea otter is not a strategic stock, thus the Service is required to

review the stock assessment at least once every 3 years. The Service reviewed the Washington sea otter SAR in 2011 and concluded that a revision was not warranted because the status of the stock had not changed, nor could it be more accurately determined. However, upon review in 2016, the Service determined that revision was warranted because of changes in population estimates and distribution.

Summary of Draft Revised Stock Assessment Report for the Northern Sea Otter in the State of Washington

The following table summarizes some of the information contained in the draft revised SAR for northern sea otters in Washington State, which includes the stock’s N_{min} , R_{max} , F_r , PBR, annual estimated human-caused mortality and serious injury, and status. After consideration of any public comments we receive, the Service will revise and finalize the SAR, as appropriate. We will publish a notice of availability and summary of the final SAR, including responses to submitted comments.

SUMMARY—DRAFT STOCK ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE NORTHERN SEA OTTER IN WASHINGTON STATE

Stock	N_{min}	R_{max}	F_r	PBR	Annual estimated human-caused mortality and serious injury	Stock status
Northern Sea Otter (Washington State).	1,806	0.20	0.1	18	Figures by specific source, where known, are provided in the SAR.	Non-Strategic.

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.

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Authority

The authority for this action is the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*).

Dated: November 30, 2017.

James W. Kurth,

Deputy Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Exercising the Authority of the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

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Indian Gaming; Approval of an Amendment to a Tribal-State Class III Gaming Compact in the State of Washington

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Puyallup Tribe of the Puyallup Reservation negotiated the Fifth Amendment to the Tribal-State Compact for Class III Gaming between the Puyallup Indian Tribe and the State of Washington governing Class III

gaming; this notice announces approval of the amended Compact.

DATES: This compact takes effect on January 17, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Paula L. Hart, Director, Office of Indian Gaming, Office of the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219-4066.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) requires the Secretary of the Interior to publish in the **Federal Register** notice of approved Tribal-State compacts that are for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands. See Public Law 100-497, 25 U.S.C. 2701 *et seq.* All Tribal-State Class III compacts, including amendments, are subject to review and approval by the Secretary under 25 CFR 293.4. The Fifth Amendment to the Tribal-State Compact for Class III Gaming between the Puyallup Indian Tribe and the State of Washington amends the previous compact. The Amendment adds to and revises the definition section; modifies Appendix X2 to increase the Tribe's allocation of player terminals; changes the calculation of State regulatory costs; clarifies the timing for payment to Problem Gambling and Smoking Cessation and Prevention Programs; and prohibits the acceptance of Electronic Benefit Cards. The Fifth Amendment to the Tribal-State Compact for Class III Gaming between the Puyallup Indian Tribe and the State of Washington is approved. See 25 U.S.C. 2710(d)(8)(A).

Dated: December 22, 2017.

John Tahsuda,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Exercising the Authority of the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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Office of the Secretary

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Documenting, Managing and Preserving Department of the Interior Museum Collections Housed in Non-Federal Repositories

AGENCY: Office of Acquisition and Property Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for public comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we,

the Office of Acquisition and Property Management, Office of the Secretary, Department of the Interior are proposing to renew an information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before March 19, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments on this information collection request (ICR) by mail to Elizabeth Varner, Office of Acquisition and Property Management, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW, MS 4262-MIB, Washington, DC 20240; fax (202) 513-7634; or by email to Elizabeth_Varner@ios.doi.gov. Please reference OMB Control Number 1084-0034 in the subject line of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this ICR, contact Elizabeth Varner by email at Elizabeth_Varner@ios.doi.gov, or by telephone at (202) 513-7564.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

We are soliciting comments on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is the collection necessary to the proper functions of the Office of Acquisition and Property Management; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Office of Acquisition and Property Management enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Office of Acquisition and Property Management minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. 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.

Abstract: The Department of the Interior (DOI) owns and manages over 204 million artifacts, scientific specimens, and documents in trust for the American public. This diverse collection consists of archaeological artifacts, archives, art, biological specimens, ethnographic objects, geological specimens, historic objects, and paleontological specimens that are held by ten of DOI's bureaus and offices. The majority of DOI's collections are housed in bureau facilities; however, over ten percent (more than 25 million objects and 19,000 cubic feet of objects) are housed by at least 882 non-Federal repositories, the majority of which are museums associated with, or departments of, U.S. colleges and universities. Most are scientific collections from the disciplines of archaeology, biology, geology, and paleontology and include associated archival records.

DOI museum collections, regardless of where they are housed, must be managed according to preservation, documentation, educational, and other requirements in the public interest. These requirements are mandated by a number of Federal laws, notably: Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470aa-mm); Paleontological Resources Preservation Act of 2009 (16 U.S.C. 470aaa-4); Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918 (16 U.S.C. 703-712); Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1361-1407); Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543); Lacey Act of 1900 (16 U.S.C. 3371-3378; 18 U.S.C. 43-44); Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 (25 U.S.C. 3001-3013); Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended (40 U.S.C. 524); National Park Service Organic Act of 1916 (54 U.S.C. 100101); Management of Museum Properties Act of 1955, as amended (54 U.S.C. 102501-102504); National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (54 U.S.C. 300101 *et seq.*); Historic Sites Act of 1935 (54 U.S.C. 320101-320104, 320106); and Monuments, Ruins, Sites, and Objects of Antiquity (Act for the Preservation of American Antiquities of 1906 ("Antiquities Act")) (54 U.S.C. 320301-320303). Pertinent regulations are Curation of Federally-Owned and Administered Archaeological Collections (36 CFR part 79); Federal Management Regulation, Subchapter B: