

recovery actions are successful, identify and secure additional suitable arroyo toad habitat and populations, conduct research to determine the population dynamics and ecology of the species to guide management efforts and determine the best methods for reducing threats, and develop and implement an outreach program.

Public Comments Solicited

The Service solicits written comments on the recovery plan described. All comments received by the date specified above will be considered prior to approval of this plan.

Authority

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

Michael J. Spear,

Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Availability of a Draft Recovery Plan for the Least Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*) for Review and Comment

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of document availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announces the availability for public review of a draft recovery plan for the least Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*). The breeding distribution of the least Bell's vireo is limited to eight counties in southern California and portions of northern Baja California, Mexico. Historically, this species was widespread throughout riparian woodlands in the Central Valley and low elevation riverine valleys of California and northern Baja California. Least Bell's vireos winter in southern Baja California, Mexico. The Service solicits review and comment from the public on this draft plan.

DATES: Comments on the draft recovery plan must be received on or before July 6, 1998, to be considered by the Service.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the draft recovery plan may receive a copy by contacting the Carlsbad Field Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2730 Loker Avenue West, Carlsbad, California 92008. Written comments and material regarding the plan should also be addressed to the same address above.

Comments and material received are available on request for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the same address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jon Avery, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (see **ADDRESSES**) at 760/431-9440).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Restoring an endangered or threatened animal or plant to the point where it is again secure, self-sustaining member of its ecosystem is a primary goal of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's endangered species program. To help guide the recovery effort, the Service is working to prepare recovery plans for most of the listed species native to the United States. Recovery Plans describe actions considered necessary for conservation of the species, establish criteria for the recovery levels for reclassifying them from endangered to threatened or removing them from the list, and estimate the time and cost for implementing the needed recovery measures.

The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act), as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) Requires the development of recovery plans for listed species unless such a plan would not promote the conservation of a particular species. Section 4(f) of the Act, as amended in 1988, requires that public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment be provided during recovery plan development. The Service will consider all information presented during a public comment period prior to approval of each new or revised Recovery Plan. The Service and other Federal agencies will take these comments into account in the course of implementing approved recovery plans.

The least Bell's vireo was listed as endangered on May 2, 1986. Critical habitat for the species was designated on February 2, 1994. The least Bell's vireo is an obligate riparian species during the breeding season, preferring early successional habitat. This species typically inhabits structurally diverse woodlands along watercourses. Extensive breeding habitat loss and degradation and brood parasitism by the brown-headed cowbird (*Molothrus ater*) have resulted in a rangewide decline of the least Bell's vireo. The objective of this plan is the reclassification of the least Bell's vireo to threatened and ultimately, delisting through recovery.

Public Comments Solicited

The Service solicits written comments on the recovery plan described. All

comments received by the date specified above will be considered prior to approval of the plan.

Authority

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

Dated: March 30, 1998.

Michael J. Spear,

Regional Director, Region 1.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Bay-Delta Advisory Council's Ecosystem Roundtable Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Bay-Delta Advisory Council's (BDAC) Ecosystem Roundtable will meet to discuss several issues including: status of the May 1998 Proposal Solicitation Package, the development of the other programs for FY 98 funding, revised planning process, funding coordination, CVPIA FY 98 budget and other issues. This meeting is open to the public. Interested persons may make oral statements to the Ecosystem Roundtable or may file written statements for consideration.

DATES: The BDAC Ecosystem Roundtable meeting will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Friday, May 15, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The Ecosystem Roundtable will meet at the Resources Building, 1416 Ninth Street, Room 1131, Sacramento, CA 95814.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cindy Darling, CALFED Bay-Delta Program, at (916) 657-2666. If reasonable accommodation is needed due to a disability, please contact the Equal Employment Opportunity Office at (916) 653-6952 or TDD (916) 653-6934 at least one week prior to the meeting.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary (Bay-Delta system) is a critically important part of California's natural environment and economy. In recognition of the serious problems facing the region and the complex resource management decisions that must be made, the state of California and the Federal government are working together to stabilize, protect, restore, and enhance the Bay-Delta system. The

State and Federal agencies with management and regulatory responsibilities in the Bay-Delta system are working together as CALFED to provide policy direction and oversight for the process.

One area of Bay-Delta management includes the establishment of a joint State-Federal process to develop long-term solutions to problems in the Bay-Delta system related to fish and wildlife, water supply reliability, natural disasters, and water quality. The intent is to develop a comprehensive and balanced plan which addresses all of the resource problems. This effort, the CALFED Bay-Delta Program (Program), is being carried out under the policy direction of CALFED. The Program is exploring and developing a long-term solution for a cooperative planning process that will determine the most appropriate strategy and actions necessary to improve water quality, restore health to the Bay-Delta ecosystem, provide for a variety of beneficial uses, and minimize Bay-Delta system vulnerability. A group of citizen advisors representing California's agricultural, environmental, urban, business, fishing, and other interests who have a stake in finding long-term solutions for the problems affecting the Bay-Delta system has been chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) as the BDAC to advise CALFED on the program mission, problems to be addressed, and objectives for the Program. BDAC provides a forum to help ensure public participation, and will review reports and other materials prepared by CALFED staff. BDAC has established a subcommittee called the Ecosystem Roundtable to provide input on annual work plans to implement ecosystem restoration projects and programs.

Minutes of the meeting will be maintained by the CALFED Bay-Delta Program, Suite 1155, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Friday within 30 days following the meeting.

Dated: April 30, 1998.

Kirk Rodgers,

Deputy Regional Director, Mid-Pacific Region.
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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Summary of Commission Practice Relating to Administrative Protective Orders

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Summary of Commission practice relating to administrative protective orders.

SUMMARY: Since February 1991, the U.S. International Trade Commission ("Commission") has issued an annual report on the status of its practice with respect to violations of its administrative protective orders ("APOs") in investigations under Title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930 in response to a direction contained in the Conference Report to the Customs and Trade Act of 1990. Over time, the Commission has added to its report discussions of APO breaches in Commission proceedings other than Title VII and violations of the Commission's rule on bracketing business proprietary information ("BPI") (the "24-hour rule"), 19 CFR 207.3(c). This notice provides a summary of investigations of breaches and violations of the 24-hour rule for the period ending in 1997. The Commission intends that this report educate representatives of parties to Commission proceedings as to some specific types of APO breaches and 24-hour rule violations encountered by the Commission and the corresponding types of actions the Commission has taken.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carol McCue Verratti, Esq., Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, telephone (202) 205-3088. Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal at (202) 205-1810. General information concerning the Commission can also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Representatives of parties to investigations conducted under Title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930 may enter into APOs that permit them, under strict conditions, to obtain access to BPI of other parties. See 19 U.S.C. 1677f; 19 CFR 207.7. The discussion below describes APO breach investigations that the Commission has completed including a description of actions taken in response to breaches. The discussion covers breach investigations completed during calendar year 1997.

Since 1993, the report has also included a summary of the Commission's investigations involving violations of the 24-hour rule, which provides that during the 24-hour period after a Commission deadline for a party submission in an antidumping or countervailing duty proceeding, changes are permitted to the proprietary version to correct the bracketing of BPI; no other changes are permitted under that rule. See 19 CFR 207.3(c). The discussion below covers investigations of violations of this rule completed during 1997.

In recent years, the Commission has expanded the report to include APO breaches in other types of proceedings as well. In 1997, no APO investigations were completed in proceedings other than Title VII investigations.

Since 1991, the Commission has published annually a summary of its actions in response to violations of Commission APOs and the "24-hour" rule. See 56 *FR* 4846 (Feb. 6, 1991); 57 *FR* 12,335 (Apr. 9, 1992); 58 *FR* 21,991 (Apr. 26, 1993); 59 *FR* 16,834 (Apr. 8, 1994); 60 *FR* 24,880 (May 10, 1995); 61 *FR* 21,203 (May 9, 1996), and 62 *FR* 13,164 (March 19, 1997). This report does not provide an exclusive list of conduct that will be deemed to be a breach of the Commission's APOs. APO breach inquiries are considered on a case-by-case basis.

As part of the effort to educate practitioners about the Commission's current APO practice, the Commission Secretary issued in April 1996 a revised edition of *An Introduction to Administrative Protective Order Practice in Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Investigations* (Pub. No. 2961). This document is available upon request from the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436, telephone (202) 205-2000.

I. In General

The current APO form for antidumping and countervailing duty investigations, which the Commission has used since March 1995, requires the applicant to swear that he or she will:

- (1) Not divulge any of the BPI obtained under the APO and not otherwise available to him, to any person other than—
 - (i) Personnel of the Commission concerned with the investigation,
 - (ii) The person or agency from whom the BPI was obtained,
 - (iii) A person whose application for disclosure of BPI under this APO has been granted by the Secretary, and
 - (iv) Other persons, such as paralegals and clerical staff, who (a) are employed or supervised by and under the