

alternatives would lower the normal operating levels of Jamestown Reservoir and include measures to enhance the reservoir's sport fishery. The reservoir's summer target (top of joint-use pool) would be lowered from 1432.7 m.s.l. to 1431.0 m.s.l. The winter target (top of conservation pool) would be lowered from 1429.8 m.s.l. to 1428.0 m.s.l. Fishery enhancements would include planting of suitable vegetation in the upper end of Jamestown Reservoir to create additional spawning and nursery habitat. Three of the six action alternatives would require off-site mitigation, including acquisition of private lands for development as wildlife habitat, to fully mitigate impacts to the refuge.

The preferred alternative is the Mud and Jim Lakes Bypass—Lower Joint-use Pool Alternative. This is the least costly alternative that mitigates for all impacts without requiring any acquisition of private land. Principal new features of this alternative are:

- * New water control structures at each of the four refuge pools.
- * 7.0-mile channel along the east side of Mud Lake.
- * 2.5-mile channel along the east side of Jim Lake.
- * 3.1-mile channel improvement below Depuy Marsh.
- * Three subimpoundments in Mud Lake and one subimpoundment in Jim Lake.
- * Fish barriers at Depuy Dike and approximately 2 miles downstream.
- * Improved road crossings at Mud Lake Dike and 2 miles downstream of Depuy Dike.
- * Jamestown Reservoir joint-use pool lowered 1.8-feet.
- * Fishery enhancements in Jamestown Reservoir.

The principal environmental consequences that would result from implementation of the preferred alternative include:

- * Hydrology. Water management capability would improve at Arrowwood NWR. Jamestown Reservoir elevations would typically be about 2-feet lower during low to moderate flow periods. Flood storage capability in Jamestown Reservoir would increase slightly. There would be no significant change in releases from Jamestown Dam, or river flows in the city of Jamestown or downstream.

- * Water Quality. Decreased depth of refuge pools could slightly increase eutrophication.

- * Habitat. Increased water management capability at the refuge would improve habitat for migratory birds and other wildlife.

* Fish. Fishery enhancements would improve spawning and nursery habitat for sport fish in Jamestown Reservoir. Lower reservoir levels would slightly increase the probability of a fish kill occurring during a prolonged drought.

* Threatened and Endangered Species. Construction activities would not affect any species that are listed or are candidates for listing under the Endangered Species Act.

* Recreation. Lower reservoir levels could affect boat access during a drought. Reclamation would work with the North Dakota Game and Fish Department to ensure that boat ramps remain operational.

* Cultural Resources. Arrowwood Refuge has not been inventoried in its entirety. Construction would involve ground disturbance which could affect historic properties. Consultation would take place as required by the National Historic Preservation Act.

HEARING PROCESS INFORMATION:

Organizations and individuals wishing to present statements should contact the Bureau of Reclamation, Dakotas Area Office, at the above address, to announce their intention to participate. Requests for scheduled presentations will be accepted through 4 p.m. on April 30, 1996.

Oral comments at the hearing will be limited to 10 minutes. The hearing officer may allow any speaker to provide additional oral comments after all persons wishing to comment have been heard. Whenever possible, speakers will be scheduled according to the time preference mentioned in their letter or telephone requests. Speakers not present when called will lose their privilege in the scheduled order and will be recalled at the end of the scheduled speakers.

Written Comments from those unable to attend or those wishing to supplement their oral presentations at the hearing should be received by Reclamation's Dakota's Area Office at the Address above by May 10, 1996, for inclusion in the hearing record.

Dated: March 25, 1996.

J.L. Wedeward,

Acting Regional Director.

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Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Receipt of Application for Permit

The following applicants have applied for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to Section

10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*):

PRT-813109

Applicant: Mr. Robert W. Criswell, Huntingdon, Pennsylvania.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture for photography and release) spotfin chub, *Cyprinella monacha*, amber darter, *Percina antesella*, duskytail darter, *Etheostoma percnurum*, snail darter, *Percina tanasi*, and blue shiner, *Cyprinella caerulea*, throughout waters of Tennessee for the purpose of enhancement of survival of the species.

PRT-813108

Applicant: Dr. Brooks M. Burr and Mr. William J. Poly, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois.

The applicants request a permit to take (capture, mark, and release; and sacrifice selected individuals for food habits and genetic studies) the endangered palezone shiner, *Notropis albizonatus*, from the Little South Fork Cumberland River, Wayne and McCreary Counties, Kentucky and from Paint Rock River, Jackson County, Alabama for the purpose of enhancement of survival of the species.

PRT-812344

Applicant: Mr. Wendell Pennington, Pennington and Associates, Inc., Cookeville, Tennessee.

The applicant requests an amendment to their current application to expand the scope of work to include take (capture, identify, and release) of federally listed fish, mollusks, and arthropods from throughout the species' ranges in Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Texas, Florida, Wisconsin, Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Kansas for the purpose of enhancement of survival of the species.

Written data or comments on these applications should be submitted to: Regional Permit Coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia 30345. All data and comments must be received within 30 days of the date of this publication.

Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S.

Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia 30345 (Attn: David Dell, Permit Biologist). Telephone: 404/679-7313; Fax: 404/679-7081.

Dated: April 4, 1996.

Noreen K. Clough,

Regional Director.

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Silvio Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of The Federal Advisory Committee Act, this notice announces a meeting of the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge Advisory Committee established under the authority of The Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge Act.

DATES: The Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge Advisory Committee will meet from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 15, 1996.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the auditorium of the Oliverian Valley Wildlife Preserve in the village of East Haverhill, New Hampshire.

Summary minutes of the meeting will be maintained in the office of the Coordinator for the Silvio Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge Advisory Committee at 38 Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA 01376.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Committee Coordinator Lawrence Bandolin at 413-863-0209, Fax 413-863-3070.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Committee members will be updated on the status of the Conte Refuge funding, on-going refuge activities, the final Environmental education outreach plan, and the Challenge Cost Share program.

The meetings are open to the public. Interested persons may make oral statements to the Committee or may file written statements for consideration. Summary minutes of the meeting will be available for public inspection during regular business hours (8:30-4:00) Monday through Friday within 30 days following the meeting at the committee coordinator's office listed above. Personal copies may be purchased for the cost of duplication.

Dated: April 2, 1996.

Ronald Lambertson,

Acting Regional Director, Region 5, Hadley, Massachusetts.

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Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

Notice of Proposed Information Collection

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) is announcing its intention to request approval for the continued collection of information on the initial regulatory program; the general requirements for surface coal mining and reclamation operations on Federal lands; and fee collection and coal production reporting for the abandoned mine reclamation fund.

DATES: Comments on the proposed information collection must be received by June 10, 1996, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to John A. Trelease, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1951 Constitution Ave, NW., Room 120-SIB, Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

To request a copy of the information collection proposal, contact John A. Trelease, at (202) 208-2783.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). The information collection that OSM will be submitting to OMB for extension is contained in 30 CFR 872, Abandoned mine land reclamation funds.

OSM has revised burden estimates, where appropriate, to reflect current reporting levels or adjustments based on reestimates of burden or respondents, or programmatic changes. OSM will request a 3-year term of approval for each information collection activity.

Comments are invited on: (1) The need for the collection of information for the performance of the functions of the agency; (2) the accuracy of the agency's burden estimates; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the information collection burden on respondents, such as use of automated means of collecting the information. A summary of the

public comments received will accompany OSM's submission of the information collection request to OMB.

The following information is provided for the information collection: (1) Title of the information collection; (2) OMB control number; (3) summary of the information collection activity; and (4) frequency of collection, description of the respondents, estimated total annual responses, and the total annual reporting and recordkeeping burden for the collection of information.

Title: Abandoned mine land reclamation funds.

OMB Control Number: 1029-0054.

Summary: Sections 401 and 402 of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977, P.L. 95-87, (the Act), provide for the creation of the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund and require the Secretary to make a determination regarding the use of allocated State/Indian tribe funds which have been granted but not expended within a three-year period. Granted funds that have not been expended within three years may be withdrawn if the Director finds in writing that the amounts involved are not necessary to carry out approved reclamation activities. This information collection and subsequent determinations serve as a safeguard to protect States/Indian tribes from automatic or indiscriminate withdrawal of funds.

Frequency of Collection: On occasion.

Description of Respondents: State regulatory authorities.

Total Annual Responses: 1.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 1.

Dated: April 5, 1996.

Gene E. Krueger,

Acting Chief, Office of Technology Development and Transfer.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Clean Air Act

Pursuant to 28 C.F.R. § 50.7, notice is hereby given that a proposed consent decree in *United States v. General Electric Co.*, Civil Action No. 96-10605-DPW, was lodged on March 22, 1996 with the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts. The complaint in this action was filed against the General Electric Company ("GE"), pursuant to Section 113(d) of the Clean Air Act ("Act"), 42 U.S.C. 7413(b). The complaint sought penalties and injunctive relief for violations by GE at its Lynn, Massachusetts facility