

Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

Regional Administrator, Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01903-2298 (508/281-9250);

Regional Administrator, Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2532 (813/570-5301); and

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203.

Written data or views, or requests for a public hearing on this request, should be submitted to the Director, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular request would be appropriate.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the Federal Register, NMFS is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR 222.23).

The applicant requests a permit to conduct the following activities annually: Collect biopsy samples from up to 40, conduct blubber thickness assay on up to 40, and inadvertently harass up to 60 Northern right whales (*Eubalaena glacialis*) off the coast of Georgia, Great South Channel, Cape Cod Bay and the Gulf of Maine; specifically import samples from Canada, Arctic, Kazakhstan (Russia), Falklands/South Georgia, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, and opportunistically, import samples from all species of Cetacea and Pinnipedia worldwide; biopsy live stranded minke whales (*Balaenoptera acutorostrata*), finback whales (*B. physalus*), humpback whales (*Megaptera novaengliae*), long-finned pilot whales (*Globicephala melas*), and white-sided dolphins (*Lagenorhynchus acutus*) on Cape Cod.

Dated: December 17, 1996.

Ann D. Terbush,

Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

Dated: December 17, 1996.

Margaret Tieger,

Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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Bureau of Land Management

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Green River Basin Advisory Committee, Colorado and Wyoming; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting of the Green River Basin Advisory Committee (GRBAC).

SUMMARY: This notice announces the dates, time, schedule and initial agenda for a meeting of the Green River Basin Advisory Committee.

DATES: January 15, 1997, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and January 16, 1997, from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Holiday Inn, 300 South Colorado Highway 13, Craig, Colorado.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Terri Trevino, GRBAC Coordinator, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, WY 82003, telephone (307) 775-6020.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The topics for the meeting will include:

- (1) Finalization of GRBAC Sub-Committee Reports
- (2) Discussion of Cumulative Impacts Task Force report
- (3) Construction and review of draft Final Report language
- (4) Discussion of future GRBAC actions
- (5) Public comment

This meeting is open to the public. Persons interested in making oral comments or submitting written statements for the GRBAC's consideration should notify the GRBAC Coordinator at the above address by January 13. The GRBAC will hear oral comments beginning at 4:00 p.m. on January 15, and may establish a time limit for oral statements.

Dated: December 19, 1996.

Mat Millenbach,

Acting Director, Bureau of Land Management.

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National Park Service

Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Lake Crescent Management Plan, Olympic National Park, WA

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of extension of public review period.

SUMMARY: The comment period as specified in the official Notice of Availability (FR, Vol. 61, No. 203, p. 54437) was to end December 17, 1996, but was extended to February 3, 1997 (FR, Vol. 61, No. 223, p. 58702). This present Notice announces that the comment period has been extended until March 19, 1997.

DATES: Comments on the DEIS must be received no later than March 19, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be submitted to the Superintendent, Olympic National Park, 600 E. Park Ave., Port Angeles, WA 98362.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent, Olympic National Park, at the above address or at telephone number (360) 452-4501, ext. 207.

Dated: December 19, 1996.

William C. Walters,

Deputy Field Director, Pacific West Field Area.

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Missouri National Recreational River Advisory Group

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets the schedule for the forthcoming meeting of the Missouri National Recreational River Advisory Group. Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463).

DATE, TIME, AND ADDRESS: Wednesday, January 29, 1997; 1:30 p.m.; Niobrara State Park Group Lodge, Niobrara, Nebraska. In the event of cancellation of the meeting scheduled above, a snow date will be in effect as scheduled as follows:

Snow Date: Wednesday, February 5, 1997; 1:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Niobrara State Park Group Lodge, Niobrara, Nebraska.

AGENDA: (1) Discussion of a group advisory statement concerning the draft general management plan; (2) Public comments to the advisory group; (3) Final discussions and approval of the advisory group statement to the Secretary of the Interior concerning the draft plan; (4) Proposed agenda, date,

and time, of the next Advisory Group meeting. The meeting is open to the public. Interested persons may make oral/written presentation to the Commission or file written statements. Requests for time for making presentations may be made to the Superintendent prior to the meeting or to the Chair at the beginning of the meeting. In order to accomplish the agenda for the meeting, the Chair may want to limit or schedule public presentations.

The meeting will be recorded for documentation and a summary in the form of minutes will be transcribed for dissemination. Minutes of the meeting will be made available to the public after approval by the Commission members. Copies of the minutes may be requested by contacting the Superintendent. An audio tape of the meeting will be available at the headquarters office of the Niobrara/Missouri National Scenic Riverways in O'Neill, Nebraska.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent Warren Hill, Niobrara/Missouri National Scenic Riverways, P.O. Box 591, O'Neill, Nebraska 68763-0591, or by phone at 402-336-3970.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Advisory Group was established by the law that established the Missouri National Recreational River, Public Law 102-50. The purpose of the group, according to its charter, is to advise the Secretary of the Interior on matters pertaining to the development of a management plan, and management and operation of the recreational river. The Missouri National Recreational River is the 39-mile free flowing segment of the Missouri from Fort Randall Dam to the vicinity of Springfield in South Dakota.

Dated: December 17, 1996.

William W. Schenk,

Field Director, Midwest Field Area.

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Bureau of Reclamation

Notice of Request for Approval of an Information Collection

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intentions of the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) to seek approval of an information collection for a voluntary customer

survey. The surveys will be conducted in the Great Plains Region, which includes all of North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, and large portions of Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, and Texas. The mission of the Bureau of Reclamation is to manage, develop, and protect water and related resources in an environmentally and economically sound manner in the interest of the American public. The collections will obtain information for determining the level of satisfaction with the service provided and to identify any areas where improvements in providing service can be made.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by February 24, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

To submit comments on this information collection contact: Bureau of Reclamation, Information Collection Officer, D-7924, P.O. Box 25007, Denver, Colorado 80225-0007; telephone: (303) 236-0305 extension 459; Internet address: infocoll2do.usbr.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of Reclamation, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of Reclamation's estimated burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

Title: Great Plains Region Voluntary Customer Survey to Implement Executive Order 12862.

Description of respondents: Reclamation's customers include individuals from the related water and electrical service utilities, i.e., Federal, State, and local entities, Native Americans, universities, the press, environmental groups, the legal community, consultants, and the general public.

Frequency: Semi-annual questionnaires will be provided to a major sampling of customers.

Estimated completion time: An average of 30 minutes is required to fill out the form.

Annual responses: 7,000.

Annual burden hours: 3,500 hours.

Dated: December 18, 1996.

Robert M. Sims,

Manager, Property and Facilities.

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Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

Notice of Proposed Information Collection

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

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 collections of information for a technical training program course effectiveness evaluation.

DATES: Comments on the proposed information collection must be received by February 24, 1997, 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 210-SIB, Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request a copy of the information collection request, explanatory information and related forms, 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)). This notice identifies information collections that OSM will be submitting to OMB for approval.

OSM will request a 3-year term of approval for the 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 collection of the information. A summary of the public comments will be included in OSM's