

abdominalis). Take would occur during completion of a residential housing development in the City of Colton, California. The applicant for this incidental take permit is John Laing Homes (California), Incorporated. The application includes a Habitat Conservation Plan for the Delhi Sands flower-loving fly and an Implementing Agreement. The Implementing Agreement does not include "No Surprises" assurances (62 FR 29091). The Habitat Conservation Plan was prepared by the applicant and does not reflect the view of the Service relative to the site being occupied by the Delhi Sands flower-loving fly. In response to the permit application, the Service has prepared an Environmental Assessment pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. This assessment and the permit application are available for public review and comment. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the administrative record and may be made available to the public.

DATES: Written comments on the Environmental Assessment, Habitat Conservation Plan, and Implementing Agreement should be received by the Service on or before September 10, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be submitted to Mr. Gail Kobetich, Field Supervisor, Fish and Wildlife Service, 2730 Loker Avenue West, Carlsbad, California 92008. Written comments also may be sent by facsimile to (760) 431-9618.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Pete Sorensen, Assistant Field Supervisor, at the above address, telephone (760) 431-9440.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Availability of Documents

Individuals wishing copies of the documents should immediately contact the applicant's consultant, Mr. Larry Munsey, Larry Munsey International, 15901 Redhill Avenue, Suite 01, Tustin, California 92780, telephone (714) 440-8255. Documents also will be available for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday) at the Service's Carlsbad office (see **ADDRESSES** section above), and at the City of Colton Public Library, 656 North 9th Street, Colton, California, telephone (909) 370-5083.

Background Information

The Service listed the Delhi Sands flower-loving fly as an endangered species on September 23, 1993 (58 FR 49881). As an endangered species, the

Delhi Sands flower-loving fly is protected against take pursuant to section 9 of the Act; that is, no one may harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture or collect the species, or attempt to engage in such conduct (16 U.S.C. 1538). Under certain circumstances, however, the Service may issue permits to take endangered wildlife species incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Regulations governing permits for endangered species are at 50 CFR 17.22.

The applicant proposes to complete construction of a residential development project in the City of Colton, San Bernardino County. The proposed project is partially located in undeveloped areas that are either known to support the endangered Delhi Sands flower-loving fly or are considered suitable habitat for the species. Completion of the partially constructed project would result in the permanent loss of 36 acres of vacant land, including 3.4 acres of habitat for the Delhi Sands flower-loving fly.

John Laing Homes proposes to compensate for incidental take of the Delhi Sands flower-loving fly by donating \$125,000 to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to be used for the purchase and preservation of offsite habitat occupied by the species. In turn, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation has committed to provide additional matching funds in an amount no less than \$175,000. The combined total of at least \$300,000 would be used to purchase approximately 4 to 10 acres of land selected to contribute to one of the Recovery Units established in the Recovery Plan for the Delhi Sands flower-loving fly.

Environmental Assessment

The Environmental Assessment considers the effects to the human environment of the proposed action and two alternatives. Under the No Action alternative, the Service would not issue an incidental take permit for the completion of the Cantara residential project as proposed by John Laing Homes. Under this alternative, John Laing Homes would redesign its project to avoid habitat of the Delhi Sands flower-loving fly onsite. No measures would be taken to secure the conservation of suitable habitat onsite for the Delhi Sands flower-loving fly. Under the Mitigation Bank alternative, John Laing Homes also would redesign its project to avoid habitat of the Delhi Sands flower-loving fly, and would secure the conservation of suitable habitat for this species onsite and would sell credits to others needing mitigation

for other projects that adversely affect the species.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(a) of the Act and Service regulations for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (40 CFR 1506.6). The Service will evaluate the application, associated documents, and comments submitted thereon to determine whether the application meets the requirements of the Act. If the Service determines that the requirements are met, a permit will be issued for the incidental take of the Delhi Sands flower-loving fly. The final decision on permit issuance will be made no sooner than 30 days from the date of this notice.

Dated: August 5, 1997.

Michael J. Spear,

Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Alaska Native Claims Selection

In accordance with Departmental regulation 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that a decision to issue conveyance under the provisions of section 14(h)(1) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of December 18, 1971, 43 U.S.C. 1601, 1613(h)(1), will be issued to Calista Corporation for approximately 14.47 acres. The lands involved are in the vicinity of Nunivak Island, Alaska.

Seward Meridian, Alaska

T. 3 S., R. 96 W.,

Sec. 25.

T. 2 N., R. 98 W.,

Sec. 2;

Sec. 15.

A notice of the decision will be published once a week, for four (4) consecutive weeks, in the *Anchorage Daily News*. Copies of the decision may be obtained by contacting the Alaska State Office of the Bureau of Land Management, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599 (907) 271-5960.

Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision, an agency of the Federal government or regional corporation, shall have until September 10, 1997 to file an appeal. However, parties receiving service by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal. Appeals must be filed in

the Bureau of Land Management at the address identified above, where the requirements for filing an appeal may be obtained. Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4, subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

Patricia A. Baker,

Land Law Examiner, ANCSA Team, Branch of 962 Adjudication.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Request for Information Collection

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the National Park Service's intention to request approval for information collection in support of its Concession Management Program.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by September 10, 1997.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact Laurie Shaffer, Concessions Program Center, National Park Service, 12795 West Alameda Parkway, Denver, CO 80225-0287 or 303-987-6911.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Comparable Rates Database Survey for River Operations, Livery Operations and Mountaineering Operations.

Type of Request: Approval for information collection.

Abstract: The National Park Service (NPS) authorizes private businesses known as concessioners to provide necessary and appropriate visitor facilities and services in areas of the National Park System. 16 U.S.C. 20 Section 3 © requires that "The reasonableness of concessioner's rates and charges to the public shall unless otherwise provided in the contract, be judged primarily be comparison with those current for facilities and services of comparable character under similar conditions, with due consideration for length of season, provision for peakloads, average percentage of occupancy, accessibility, availability and cost of labor and materials, type of patronage, and other factors deemed significant by the Secretary."

This information collection is a survey that requests operators within and outside of the National Park Areas provide information on their operations and the rates that they charge. This

information will be used to establish a comparable database that can be utilized by park personnel in establishing rates in their park areas. The collection of this information is required by law and has been performed on a park by park basis. This collection is an effort to streamline that collection and provide a resource to park managers in the fulfillment of that requirement.

Estimate of Burden: Approximately 1 hour per response.

Estimated Number of Respondents: Approximately 1500.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: One.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1500 hours.

Copies of the survey forms are available upon request. Send comments regarding the accuracy of the burden estimate, way to minimize the burden, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology or any other aspect of this collection of information to Laurie Shaffer, Concessions Program Center, National Park Service, 12795 West Alameda Parkway, Denver, CO 80225-0287 or 303-987-6911.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval.

All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: July 23, 1997.

Robert K. Yearout,

Concession Program Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Public Notice

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Public Notice.

SUMMARY: Public notice is hereby given that the National Park Service proposes to award a concession contract authorizing ferry services for the public at Fire Island National Seashore for a period of ten (10) years from date of contract execution.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 10, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties should contact National Park Service, Fire Island National Seashore, 120 Laurel Street, Patchogue, New York 11772 to obtain a copy of the prospectus describing the requirements of the proposed contract.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This contract has been determined to be

categorically excluded from the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act and no environmental document will be prepared.

The existing concessioner has performed its obligations to the satisfaction of the Secretary under an existing contract which expired by limitation of time on December 31, 1996, and therefore pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of the Act of October 9, 1965 (79 Stat. 969; 16 U.S.C. § 20), is entitled to be given preference in the renewal of the contract and in the negotiation of a new contract, providing that the existing concessioner submits a responsive offer (a timely offer which meets the terms and conditions of the Prospectus). This means that the contract will be awarded to the party submitting the best offer, provided that if the best offer was not submitted by the existing concessioner, then the existing concessioner will be afforded the opportunity to match the best offer. If the existing concessioner agrees to match the best offer, then the contract will be awarded to the existing concessioner.

If the existing concessioner does not submit a responsive offer, the right of preference in renewal shall be considered to have been waived, and the contract will then be awarded to the party that has submitted the best responsive offer.

The Secretary will consider and evaluate all proposals received as a result of this notice. Any proposal, including that of the existing concessioner, must be received by the Senior Concessions Program Manager, Concession Management Division, not later than the sixtieth (60th) day following publication of this notice to be considered and evaluated.

Dated: July 10, 1997.

Chrysandra L. Walter,

Acting Field Director, Northeast Field Area.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Public Notice

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Public Notice.

SUMMARY: Public notice is hereby given that the National Park Service proposes to award a concession contract authorizing marina facilities and services for the public at Staten Island