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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Shiew-Mei Huang, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (HFD-850), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-594-5671; or David Green, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (HFM-579), Food and Drug Administration, 1401 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-827-5349.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

FDA is announcing the availability of a guidance for industry entitled "In Vivo Drug Metabolism/Drug Interaction Studies—Study Design, Data Analysis, and Recommendations for Dosing and Labeling." A draft of this guidance was published for comment in the **Federal Register** of November 19, 1998 (63 FR 64269). The guidance has been revised after careful consideration of public comments received between November 1998 and March 1999.

Previous guidance from FDA on the use of in vitro approaches to study metabolism and metabolic drug-drug interactions is available in a document entitled "Drug Metabolism/Drug Interaction Studies in the Drug Development Process: Studies In Vitro" (April 1997). This guidance should be viewed as a companion to this earlier guidance. The earlier guidance addressed techniques and approaches for in vitro studies of drug metabolism and drug interactions and the correlation between in vitro and in vivo studies. This guidance discusses study design, choice of interacting drugs, and data analysis and provides recommendations for dosing and labeling.

This Level 1 guidance document is being issued consistent with FDA's good guidance practices (62 FR 8961, February 27, 1997). It represents the agency's current thinking on drug metabolism and drug-drug interactions. It does not create or confer any rights for or on any person and does not operate to bind FDA or the public. An alternative approach may be used if such approach satisfies the requirements of the applicable statutes, regulations, or both.

II. Comments

Interested persons may, at any time, submit to the Dockets Management Branch (address above) written comments on the guidance. Two copies of any comments are to be submitted, except that individuals may submit one copy. Comments are to be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. The guidance and received comments are available for public examination in the Dockets Management Branch between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

III. Electronic Access

Copies of this guidance for industry are available on the Internet at <http://www.fda.gov/cder/guidance/index.htm>, or <http://www.fda.gov/cber/guidelines.htm>.

Dated: November 17, 1999.

Margaret M. Dotzel,

Acting Associate Commissioner for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

Meeting of Advisory Committee to the Interagency Task Force to Improve Hydroelectric Licensing Processes

AGENCY: Department of the Interior—Office of the Secretary.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this notice advises interested persons that the Advisory Committee to the Interagency Task Force to Improve Hydroelectric Licensing Processes will meet on December 8, 1999 at the Department of the Interior. The purpose of the meeting is to:

(1) Update Committee members on the current activities of the Interagency Task Force (ITF);

(2) Review and discuss the ITF Working Groups' draft products on: (i) Studies, (ii) Collaborative Process Guidelines, and (iii) Economics.

DATES: December 8, 1999; 8:30 a.m.—3 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Department of the Interior, Room 7000, 1849 C St. NW, Washington, DC. Security at the building entrance will issue you a visitor's pass and direct you to Room 7000 upon your arrival.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alex Matthiessen, Office of Secretary,

Department of the Interior. 202-208-6291.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Secretary of the Interior and the Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, with the concurrence of ITF members, established the Advisory Committee to provide a forum for non-Federal entities to review and provide comments on the deliberations of the ITF. Interested parties are invited to attend the meeting and will be given an opportunity to provide comments.

Alex Matthiessen,

Special Assistant to the Designated Federal Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for Designation of Critical Habitat for the Woundfin (*Plagopterus argentissimus*) and Virgin River Chub (*Gila seminuda*) within the Virgin River Basin

AGENCY: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of document availability.

SUMMARY: We, the Fish and Wildlife Service, announce the availability of the Final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for Designation of Critical Habitat for the Woundfin (*Plagopterus argentissimus*) and Virgin River Chub (*Gila seminuda*) within the Virgin River Basin. The proposed Federal action described in the environmental assessment is to formally designate critical habitat for two endangered fishes inhabiting the Virgin River. Both woundfin and Virgin River chub are listed as endangered species under provisions of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The designation of critical habitat for woundfin and Virgin River chub is necessary pursuant to the Act and to comply with a court order to make a final determination with regard to these species. On August 27, 1999, in U.S. District Court, District of Colorado, the Court ordered the Service to proceed with the final designation of critical habitat for woundfin and Virgin River chub. Pursuant to that Court Order, we are proceeding with all necessary steps to finalize critical habitat designation for these two species and providing a notice of availability of the Final EA and FONSI. In accordance with Service

procedures to supplement Council on Environmental Quality regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act, the FONSI must be available for public review if the proposed action is located in a floodplain or wetland, pursuant to Executive Orders 11988 and 11990, respectively. The designation of critical habitat includes the 100-year floodplain, therefore, the Service will allow 30 days for public review before the final designation of critical habitat can be implemented.

DATES: The 30 day public review period ends on December 27, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Reed E. Harris, Utah Field Supervisory, Ecological Services Field Office, Lincoln Plaza, 145 East 1300 South, Suite 404, Salt Lake City, Utah 84115, or at (801) 524-5001. Copies of final documents are available from the Field Office. All comments and materials received regarding the proposed designation of critical habitat will be available upon request for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On August 9, 1999, the Service published in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 43026) a notice of availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment of Designation of Critical Habitat for the Woundfin (*Plagopterus argentissimus*) and Virgin River Chub (*Gila seminuda*) within the Virgin River Basin. At that time we also solicited input on the Draft EA from the public, governmental agencies, the scientific community, industry and other interested parties. Comments were accepted from August 9, 1999, through September 8, 1999. All comments received on the Draft EA were given due consideration during the formulation of the Final EA and FONSI.

Author: The primary author of this notice is Keith L. Rose, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 764 Horizon Drive Suite 228, Grant Junction, CO 81506. Mr. Rose may also be reached at (970) 243-4552.

Authority

The authorities for this action are the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1532 *et seq.*)

Ralph O. Morgenweck,

Regional Director, Region 6, Denver, Colorado.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Wolf Lake Area Natural Gas Project

AGENCY: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Wolf Lake Area Natural Gas Project is available for public review. During the 60-day review and comment period, there will be two public hearings on the DEIS as described below. The DEIS evaluates the potential environmental impacts of constructing a natural gas pipeline, related production facilities, and additional anticipated natural gas development in the Wolf Lake area of the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge, Kenai Peninsula, Alaska. This notice is being furnished pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

DATES: The public hearing dates are:

1. November 30, 1999, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Washington, DC.

2. December 15, 1999, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Soldotna, Alaska.

Written comments must be received by January 19, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The public hearing locations are:

1. Washington, DC—Main Interior Building, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC.

2. Soldotna—Soldotna Senior Center, 197 W. Park Avenue, Soldotna, Alaska.

Comments should be addressed to: Regional Director, Region 7, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1011 E. Tudor Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian L. Anderson (907) 786-3379.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Marathon Oil Company has applied to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) for a right-of-way grant to construct a natural gas pipeline and associated production facilities upon lands of the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge, a Conservation System Unit established by the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) (Sec. 303, Pub. L. 96-487, 16 U.S.C. 668dd). The right-of-way application is being evaluated under regulations (43 CFR 36) implementing Title XI of ANILCA: Transportation and Utility Systems in and Across, and Access into, Conservation System Units in Alaska.

The proposed project would be located in the northwest section of the

Kenai Peninsula, generally between Beaver Lake and the Swanson River Road (T7N, R10W and T7N, R9W, Seward Meridian, Alaska). The surface estate within the project area is owned by the United States and is managed by the USFWS. The subsurface oil, gas and coal mineral estate is owned by Cook Inlet Region Incorporated (CIRI), an Alaska Corporation established under the provisions of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) (Sec 7, Pub. L. 92-203, 43 U.S.C. 1601 *et seq.*). Under Title XI, CIRI is entitled to adequate and feasible access to their valid inholding for economic and other purposes, subject to reasonable regulations necessary to protect the natural and other values of the refuge.

As an operator under lease to CIRI, Marathon Oil Company proposes to develop natural gas production from two or more well sites including the existing Wolf Lake #2 well site, and Galena well site. Development would include construction of a gas gathering pipeline connecting the well sites to existing production facilities at Marathon's Beaver Creek gas field. The applicant's proposed pipeline right-of-way is approximately 5.5 miles long, and would include primary and secondary products pipelines, a water disposal pipeline, and communications and electric power lines, all of which would be buried. Pipeline construction would take place during the 2000/2001 winter season and is anticipated to take 30 to 40 days. No maintained roads would be constructed within the pipeline right-of-way, and the area will be allowed to revegetate naturally. Existing roads would be used for access to the well sites. Several small gas conditioning units and process/control buildings would be located at each well site. The DEIS also addresses the potential impacts of anticipated future gas well development in the vicinity that would utilize the proposed pipeline.

The environmental review is being conducted in accordance with the requirements of NEPA (Public Law 91-190, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4371 *et seq.*) as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality regulations at 40 CFR 1500-1508, and the pertinent regulations of the USFWS.

Concurrently, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is evaluating the proposed project under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344), the public