

Carolina State Habitat Conservation Plans, sand mining and beach renourishment activities and policy statement development, ecosystem management-report to Congress, National Coalition for Marine Conservation report on prey/predator interactions and management implications, marine fiber optic cable placement, Gray's Reef State of the Reef Report, dolphin/ wahoo essential fish habitat, marine reserves and marine protected areas, and deepwater port development.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice, and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

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Dated: August 2, 2000.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

[Docket No. 000712204-0204-01]

SUBJECT: Further Extension of NEXRAD Information Dissemination Service (NIDS) Agreement until December 31, 2000

AGENCY: National Weather Service (NWS), NOAA, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The NWS is in the process of replacing the NIDS with a Government operated Radar Product Central Collection/ Distribution Service (RPCCDS). Once the RPCCDS is operational, it will be accessible by all users. To allow for a successful transition to this service, the NIDS Agreement with three private vendors distributing WSR-88D products to

external users, will be extended through December 31, 2000.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 8, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Michael Carelli, NWS NIDS Administrator, at (301) 713-1724 ext. 184, or e-mail: Michael.Carelli@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NWS is in the process of replacing the NIDS with a Government operated Radar Product Central Collection/Distribution Service (RPCCDS). Once the RPCCDS is operational, it will be accessible by all users. The NIDS Agreement with three private vendors distributing WSR-88D products to external users was extended through September 30, 2000. The amended NIDS Agreement provides for additional extensions, beyond September 30, 2000, in 90-day increments, as necessary, until the NWS has completed the transition to the replacement RPCCDS.

The RPCCDS has been developed by the NWS and preliminary testing is in progress. The NWS Advanced Weather Interactive Processing System network is used to collect the WSR-88D products from the NWS, Federal Aviation Administration, and Department of Defense WSR-88D sites and deliver them to central radar collection servers that are integrated in the NWS Telecommunication Gateway in Silver Spring, Maryland. The NWS has developed a Demonstration Plan for the RPCCDS to validate the operational readiness of the RPCCDS. The Demonstration Plan is available in "pdf" format on the NWS RPCCDS web page at <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/oso/rpccds.html>.

In order to provide an adequate period of operational testing and sufficient advance notification to all users of the transition to the RPCCDS, the NIDS Agreement is further extended until December 31, 2000. Once the RPCCDS is operational, the NIDS Agreement will be terminated, but no sooner than December 31, 2000. Once operational, the NWS RPCCDS will provide an open distribution of radar products to all users without data redistribution restrictions.

Dated: July 31, 2000.

John E. Jones, Jr.,

Deputy Assistant Administrator for Weather Services.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

[CPSC Docket No. 00-C0011]

Royal Sovereign Corp., a Corporation, Provisional Acceptance of a Settlement Agreement and Order

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: It is the policy of the Commission to publish settlements which it provisionally accepts under the Federal Hazardous Substances Act in the **Federal Register** in accordance with the terms of 16 CFR 1118.20(e). Published below is a provisionally-accepted Settlement Agreement with Royal Sovereign Corp., a corporation, containing a civil penalty of \$20,000.

DATES: Any interested person may ask the Commission not to accept this agreement or otherwise comment on its contents by filing a written request with the Office of the Secretary by August 23, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to comment on this Settlement Agreement should send written comments to the Comment 00-C0011, Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Margaret H. Plank, Trial Attorney, Office of Compliance and Enforcement, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207; telephone (301) 504-0626, 1450.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The text of the Agreement and Order appears below.

Dated: August 3, 2000.

Sadye E. Dunn,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Comprehensive Analysis of the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes Drawdown and Habitat Enhancement Project, Kissimmee, FL

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The Jacksonville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), the

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and the South Florida Water Management District intend to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on the feasibility of implementing a plan for extreme drawdowns and habitat enhancement activities for the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes, Florida.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions about the proposed action and DEIS may be addressed to Ms. Heather Carolan or Ms. Lizabeth R. Mannors, U.S. Army Engineer District, P.O. Box 4970, Jacksonville, Florida 32232-0019; Telephone 904-232-2016/3923.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Proposed Project

a. The Kissimmee Chain of Lakes is located in Central Florida. These lakes have previously undergone seven extreme drawdowns; Lake Tohopekaliga in 1971, 1979 and 1987; Lake Kissimmee in 1977 and 1996; East Lake Tohopekaliga in 1990 and Lake Alligator in 2000. The drawdowns were designed to improve aquatic habitat that had been negatively impacted by flood control practices and nutrient enrichment. Following refill of the lakes the number of fish food organisms, sport fish and forage fish increased; new desirable aquatic vegetation communities became established; and organic sediments decreased in the lakes.

b. The purpose of this project is to restore the environmental ecosystem of the lakes, which will provide habitat for fisheries, birds and other wildlife. Beneficial effects associated with the drawdown plan include bottom substrate improvements as organic build-up is reduced. This will lead to an increase in diversity and density of desirable vegetation. The drawdown will also allow the control of nuisance aquatic plants, such as hydrilla, water hyacinth, cattails, alligator weed, smartweed and pickerelweed, which proliferate under the unnatural static lake level conditions. In addition, the water quality of the lakes will be enhanced by the nutrient uptake and filtration abilities by the recruitment of native plant species. Restoring littoral habitat, which favors bass, will increase native fish species.

c. Drawdown and in-lake habitat enhancement efforts in the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes should be conducted on a regular basis to mimic natural processes that would benefit the natural resources of these lakes. Enhancement activities may include muck removal, burning, discing and herbicide

application to reduce dense vegetation, tussock formation and organic build-up on lake bottoms.

d. In an effort to mimic natural processes the proposed cycle is for each lake to be drawn down every seven to ten years, which would mean rotating between lakes once a year. The rotating schedule will provide the benefit of supplying sportfish species somewhere in the area consistently and limit access problems to one area at a time.

2. Alternatives

a. Several drawdown alternatives will be identified and evaluated during the study.

b. Potential environmental resources and issues to be evaluated in the DEIS include project impacts on:

- (1) Fish and wildlife resources.
- (2) Wetlands resources.
- (3) Wildlife habitat & values.
- (4) Vegetation.
- (5) Water quality.
- (6) Surface & groundwater resources.
- (7) Endangered or threatened species.
- (8) Historical or archeological resources.
- (9) Aesthetics.
- (10) Nuisance and exotic plant species.
- (11) Downstream effects.
- (12) Air quality & noise.
- (13) Soils.
- (14) Navigation and recreation.
- (15) Freeze protection.
- (16) Local tropical fish farms.

c. Because of the magnitude and duration of this project the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the South Florida Water Management District have determined that a DEIS should be prepared for the Project pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

3. Scoping

The scoping process as outlined by the Council on Environmental Quality will be followed to involve Federal, State, and local agencies; and other interested persons and organizations. A scoping letter will be sent to interested Federal, State, local agencies and interested parties requesting comments and concerns regarding issues to consider during the study. Responses to this letter will help identify potential environmental impacts to be evaluated in the DEIS. Additional comments are welcome and may be provided to the above address. Public meetings may be held in the future. Exact dates, times, and locations will be published in local papers.

4. Schedule

It is estimated that the DEIS will be available to the public by the spring of 2001.

Gregory D. Showalter,

Army Federal Register, Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 10, 2000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, *e.g.* new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the