

burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

This notice also lists the following information:

*Title of Proposal:* Renewal Communities Annual Progress Reporting.

*OMB Approval Number:* 2506-0173.

*Form Numbers:* None.

*Description of the Need for the Information and Its Proposed Use:* Renewal Communities are required to submit annual reports to HUD on the

progress of their Tax Incentive Utilization Plan in assisting State and local governments and community-based organizations in their outreach to the business community and residents.

*Frequency of Submission:* On occasion, annually.

	Number of respondents	Annual responses	×	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
Reporting Burden .....	40	2		20		1,600

*Total Estimated Burden Hours:* 1,600.

*Status:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Authority:** Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 35, as amended.

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**Lillian L. Deitzer,**

*Departmental Paperwork Reduction Act  
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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

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### Yukon Flats National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of reopening of the public comment period for the draft Environmental Impact Statement for a Proposed Land Exchange in Yukon Flats National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska.

**SUMMARY:** On January 25, 2008, the Fish and Wildlife Service published a **Federal Register** Notice (73 FR 4617) announcing the availability of the *Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for a Proposed Land Exchange in the Yukon Flats National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska*, and the beginning of a 60-day comment period. In response to numerous requests from Tribal Governments, non-governmental organizations, and the general public we are reopening the comment period for an additional 30 days. We will consider these public comments when revising the document.

**DATES:** We must receive your comments on or before May 19, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be mailed to: Yukon Flats EIS Project

Office, c/o ENSR, 1835 S. Bragaw Street, Suite 490, Anchorage, AK 99508-3438 or submitted on-line at <http://yukonflatseis.ensr.com>. To request a paper copy or compact disk of the DEIS, contact: Cyndie Wolfe, Project Coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1011 East Tudor Road, MS-231, Anchorage, AK 99503, or [yukonflats\\_noi@fws.gov](mailto:yukonflats_noi@fws.gov) or at 907-786-3463. You may view or download a copy of the DEIS at: <http://yukonflatseis.ensr.com>. Copies of the DEIS may be viewed at the Yukon Flats National Wildlife Refuge Office in Fairbanks, Alaska and at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Regional Office in Anchorage, Alaska.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cyndie Wolfe at the above address.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R9-FHC-2008-N0084; 13410-1124-0000-K2]

### Marine Mammal Protection Act; Stock Assessment Report

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of draft revised marine mammal stock assessment report for the northern sea otter stock in Washington State; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has developed a draft revised marine mammal stock assessment report for the northern sea otter (*Enhydra lutris kenyoni*) stock in Washington State,

which is available for public review and comment.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by July 16, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the draft revised stock assessment report for the northern sea otter in Washington State are available from the Manager, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Western Washington Fish and Wildlife Office, 510 Desmond Drive, SE., Suite 102, Lacey, WA 98503, (360) 753-9440. It can also be viewed in Adobe Acrobat at <http://www.fws.gov/westwafwo>.

If you wish to submit comments on the draft revised stock assessment report for the northern sea otter in Washington State, you may do so by any of the following methods:

1. You may mail or hand-deliver (during normal business hours) written comments to the Manager, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Western Washington Fish and Wildlife Office, 510 Desmond Drive, SE., Suite 102, Lacey, WA 98503.
2. You may fax your comments to (360) 753-9405.
3. You may send comments by electronic mail (e-mail) to [waseaottersar@fws.gov](mailto:waseaottersar@fws.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** One of the goals of the MMPA is to ensure that stocks of marine mammals occurring in waters under the jurisdiction of the United States do not experience a level of human-caused mortality and serious injury that is likely to cause the stock to be reduced below its optimum sustainable population level (OSP). OSP is defined as “\* \* \* the number of animals which will result in the maximum productivity of the population or the species, keeping in mind the carrying capacity of the habitat and the health of the ecosystem of which they form a constituent element.”

To help accomplish the goal of maintaining marine mammal stocks at their OSPs, section 117 of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361-1407) requires the Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to prepare

stock assessment reports for each marine mammal stock that occurs in waters under the jurisdiction of the United States. These stock assessments are to be based on the best scientific information available and are, therefore, prepared in consultation with established regional scientific review groups. Each stock assessment must include: (1) A description of the stock and its geographic range; (2) minimum population estimate, maximum net productivity rate, and current population trend; (3) estimate of human-caused mortality and serious injury; (4) commercial fishery interactions; (5) status of the stock; and (6) potential biological removal level (PBR). The PBR is defined as “ \* \* \* the maximum number of animals, not including natural mortalities, that may be removed from a marine mammal stock while allowing that stock to reach or maintain its OSP.” The PBR is the product of the minimum population estimate of the

stock ( $N_{min}$ ), one-half the maximum theoretical or estimated net productivity rate of the stock at a small population size ( $R_{max}$ ); and a recovery factor ( $F_r$ ) of between 0.1 and 1.0, which is intended to compensate for uncertainty and unknown estimation errors.

Section 117 of the MMPA also requires the Service and the NMFS to review and revise the stock assessment reports: (A) At least annually for stocks that are specified as strategic stocks; (B) at least annually for stocks for which significant new information is available; and (C) at least once every 3 years for all other stocks.

A strategic stock is defined in the MMPA as a marine mammal stock: (A) For which the level of direct human-caused mortality exceeds the potential biological removal level; (B) which, based on the best available scientific information, is declining and is likely to be listed as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as

amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), within the foreseeable future; or (C) which is listed as a threatened or endangered species under the Endangered Species Act, or is designated as depleted under the MMPA.

A summary of the draft revised stock assessment report for northern sea otters in Washington State is presented in Table 1. The table lists the stock's  $N_{min}$ ,  $R_{max}$ ,  $F_r$ , PBR, annual estimated human-caused mortality and serious injury, and the status. After consideration of any public comments received, the Service will revise the stock assessment, as appropriate. We will publish a notice of availability and summary of the final stock assessment, including responses to the comments received.

In accordance with the MMPA, a list of the sources of information or public reports upon which the assessment is based is included in this notice.

TABLE 1.—SUMMARY OF DRAFT REVISED STOCK ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE NORTHERN SEA OTTER STOCK IN WASHINGTON STATE

Stock	$N_{min}$	$R_{max}$	$F_r$	PBR	Annual estimated average human-caused mortality	Stock status
Northern sea otters (Washington State) .....	790	0.20	0.1	8	Unknown .....	Non-Strategic.

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