

TABLE 2—METROPOLITAN AREA SAMPLES IN THE 2013 AHS—Continued

| Metropolitan area or division                                 | Years spanned by longitudinal sample      |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Jacksonville, FL Metro Area .....                             | 2013.                                     |
| Las Vegas-Paradise, NV Metro Area .....                       | 2013.                                     |
| Louisville-Jefferson County, KY-IN Metro Area .....           | 2013.                                     |
| Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Miami Beach, FL Metro Area .....        | 1995, 2002, 2007, 2013.                   |
| Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI Metro Area .....      | 1998, 2007, 2013.                         |
| New York Metro Area .....                                     | 1995, 1999, 2003, 2009, 2013.             |
| Nashville-Davidson—Murfreesboro—Franklin, TN Metro Area ..... | 2013.                                     |
| Northern NJ Metro Area .....                                  | 1987, 1991, 1995, 1999, 2003, 2009, 2013. |
| Oklahoma City, OK Metro Area .....                            | 1996, 2004, 2013.                         |
| Orlando-Kissimmee, FL Metro Area .....                        | 2013.                                     |
| Philadelphia, PA Metro Area .....                             | 1995, 1999, 2003, 2009, 2013.             |
| Richmond, VA Metro Area .....                                 | 2013.                                     |
| Rochester, NY Metro Area .....                                | 1998, 2013.                               |
| San Antonio, TX Metro Area .....                              | 1995, 2004, 2013.                         |
| Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA Metro Area .....                  | 1996, 2004, 2009, 2013.                   |
| Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL Metro Area .....          | 1998, 2007, 2013.                         |
| Tucson, AZ Metro Area .....                                   | 2013.                                     |
| Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV Metro Area ..... | 1998, 2007, 2013.                         |

#### D. Redesign Goals of the Metropolitan Longitudinal Samples

Since 2012, HUD has been redesigning the AHS in preparation for the 2015 survey. One area of emphasis during the redesign has been to increase the use and improve usefulness of the metropolitan area data. To do this, we investigated the use of metropolitan area samples in research and evaluated our methodology for determining which metropolitan areas to sample, including our goal of maintaining longitudinal metropolitan area samples by repeating them every four years. The 2015 AHS redesign process has emphasized for HUD the need to develop and maintain constituencies for metropolitan area data.

#### E. Metropolitan Areas of Importance for Housing Policy, Housing Programs, and Other Reasons

In the past, HUD chose which AHS metropolitan areas to sample based mainly on population size. While population size may be a useful criterion, there are at least three other criteria that may be of greater interest or importance to HUD and the AHS user community.

First, certain metropolitan areas may be good candidates for inclusion in the 2015 AHS because of one or more housing policy issues. For instance, some metropolitan areas may have experienced slower recovery from the housing crisis due to different foreclosure processes. Coastal metropolitan areas may be changing housing policy to improve resiliency to climate change.

Second, some metropolitan areas may be good candidates for inclusion in the 2015 AHS because of participation in housing programs, especially

metropolitan areas that are experimenting with different low-income housing program alternatives.

Third, some metropolitan areas may be good candidates for inclusion in the 2015 AHS because of unique demographic or socioeconomic trends related to housing. For instance, some metropolitan areas may be facing fast growth due to energy production and are consequently experiencing housing supply shortages. Other metropolitan areas may be shrinking which could lead to vacant or abandoned housing.

Lastly, it is worth noting that some metropolitan areas may be good candidates for inclusion in the AHS in 2015 and in 2017 or 2019. For instance, in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, HUD surveyed New Orleans in both 2007 and 2009 for the purposes of measuring recovery in the physical housing stock and in the overall housing market. Commenters should feel free to suggest a near-term (2015–2021) schedule for sampling one or more metropolitan areas.

#### F. Request for Comments

HUD is seeking additional information from the public regarding which metropolitan areas should be sampled for the 2015 AHS. Governmental policymakers, academic researchers, and other interested parties are encouraged to participate by submitting comments. Information regarding how to submit comments is stated in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

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**Jean Lin Pao,**

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#### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

##### Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS–HQ–EA–2014–N013; FF09X60000–FVWF97920900000–XXX]

##### Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce a public meeting of the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council (Council). A Federal advisory committee, the Council was created in part to foster partnerships to enhance public awareness of the importance of aquatic resources and the social and economic benefits of recreational fishing and boating in the United States. This meeting is open to the public, and interested persons may make oral statements to the Council or may file written statements for consideration.

**DATES:** The meeting will take place Tuesday, February 25, 2014, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Time). For deadlines and directions on registering to attend the meeting, submitting written material, and/or giving an oral presentation, please see “Public Input” under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Department of the Interior; 1849 C Street, NW.; Room 5160.; Washington, DC 20240.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Douglas Hobbs, Council Coordinator, by U.S. mail at 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Mailstop 3103–AEA, Arlington, VA 22203; by telephone at (703) 358–2336;

by fax at (703) 358-2548; or by email at [doug\\_hobbs@fws.gov](mailto:doug_hobbs@fws.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., we announce that the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council will hold a meeting.

### Background

The Council was formed in January 1993 to advise the Secretary of the Interior, through the Director of the Service, on aquatic conservation endeavors that benefit recreational fishery resources and recreational boating and that encourage partnerships among industry, the public, and government. The Council represents the interests of the public and private sectors of the recreational fishing, boating, and conservation communities and is organized to enhance partnerships among industry, constituency groups, and government. The 18-member Council, appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, includes the Service Director and the president of the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, who both serve in ex officio capacities. Other Council members are directors from State agencies responsible for managing recreational fish and wildlife resources and individuals who represent the interests of saltwater and freshwater recreational fishing, recreational boating, the recreational fishing and boating industries, recreational fisheries resource conservation, Native American tribes, aquatic resource outreach and education, and tourism. Background information on the Council is available at <http://www.fws.gov/sfbpc>.

### Meeting Agenda

The Council will hold a meeting to consider:

- Issues regarding the Boating Infrastructure Grant Program and Clean Vessel Act Grant Program;
- An update on the activities of the Federal Interagency Council on Outdoor Recreation (FICOR) in implementing the America's Great Outdoors Initiative;
- An update from the FWS Fish and Aquatic Conservation Program on progress in implementing Council recommendations to improve program activities;
- An update from the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation on progress in implementing Council recommendations to improve the activities and operations of the Foundation;
- An update on the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program;

- An update on the implementation of the National Wildlife Refuge System Vision, in particular, recommendation 17: Hunting, Fishing and Outdoor Recreation;
- Other Council business.

The final agenda will be posted on the Internet at <http://www.fws.gov/sfbpc>.  
Public Input

| If you wish to                                                                                             | Then you must contact the Council Coordinator (see <b>FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT</b> ) no later than |
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| Attend the meeting ....                                                                                    | Tuesday, February 18, 2014                                                                                |
| Submit written information or questions before the meeting for the council to consider during the meeting. | Tuesday, February 18, 2014                                                                                |
| Give an oral presentation during the meeting.                                                              | Tuesday, February 18, 2014                                                                                |

### Attendance

Because entry to Federal buildings is restricted, all visitors are required to preregister to be admitted. In order to attend this meeting, you must register by close of business on the dates listed in "Public Input" under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. Please submit your name, time of arrival, email address, and phone number to the Council Coordinator (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

### Submitting Written Information or Questions

Interested members of the public may submit relevant information or questions for the Council to consider during the meeting. Written statements must be received by the date listed above in "Public Input," so that the information may be made available to the Council for their consideration prior to the meeting. Written statements must be supplied to the Council Coordinator in one of the following formats: One hard copy with original signature, and one electronic copy via email (acceptable file formats are Adobe Acrobat PDF, MS Word, MS PowerPoint, or rich text file).

### Giving an Oral Presentation

Individuals or groups requesting to make an oral presentation during the meeting will be limited to 2 minutes per speaker, with no more than a total of 30 minutes for all speakers. Interested parties should contact the Council Coordinator, in writing (preferably via email; see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**), to be placed on the public

speaker list for this meeting. To ensure an opportunity to speak during the public comment period of the meeting, members of the public must register with the Council Coordinator. Registered speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements, or those who had wished to speak but could not be accommodated on the agenda, may submit written statements to the Council Coordinator up to 30 days subsequent to the meeting.

### Meeting Minutes

Summary minutes of the meeting will be maintained by the Council Coordinator (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) and will be available for public inspection within 90 days of the meeting and will be posted on the Council's Web site at <http://www.fws.gov/sfbpc>.

**Stephen Guertin,**  
*Acting Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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### Notice of Invitation To Participate; Coal Exploration License Application ALES 57824, Alabama

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Members of the public are invited to participate with Cahaba Resources, LLC, on a pro rata cost-sharing basis in a program for the exploration of coal deposits owned by the United States of America in lands located in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, encompassing 760 acres.

**DATES:** Any party seeking to participate in this exploration program must send written notice to both the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Cahaba Resources, LLC, to the addresses provided in the **ADDRESSES** section below, no later than March 6, 2014, or 10 calendar days after the last publication of this Notice in the *Tuscaloosa News* newspaper, whichever is later. This Notice will be published once a week for 2 consecutive weeks in the *Tuscaloosa News*, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Such written notice must refer to serial number ALES 57824.

**ADDRESSES:** The proposed exploration license and plan are available for review from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through