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- *By U.S. mail or hand delivery:* Public Comments Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS–R5–ES–2015–0001, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS: BPHC, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041–3803.

We request that you send comments only by the methods described above. We will post all comments on <http://www.regulations.gov>. This generally means that we will post any personal information provided to us (see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for more information).

**Document availability:** Comments and materials we receive, as well as supporting documentation we used in preparing the proposed rule, will be available for public inspection on <http://www.regulations.gov> under Docket No. FWS–R5–ES–2015–0001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Martin Miller, Northeast Regional Office, telephone 413–253–8615; or Mark McCollough, Maine Field Office, telephone 207–866–3344, extension 115. Individuals who are hearing impaired or speech impaired may call the Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877–8339 for TTY assistance 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On June 17, 2015, we published a proposed rule (80 FR 34595) to remove the eastern puma (=cougar) from the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife based on a thorough review of the best available scientific and commercial data, which indicate that this species is extinct and no longer meets the definition of an endangered or a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). We sought comments and information from the public regarding the proposal during a 60-day comment period ending August 17, 2015. We are reopening the comment period on that proposed rule for an additional 30 days (see **DATES**, above). We will accept written comments and information during this reopened comment period. We are specifically soliciting comments from peer reviewers (see *Peer Review*, below). Please refer to the proposed rule for more information on our proposed action and the specific comments and information we seek.

You may submit your comments and information concerning the proposed rule by one of the methods listed in **ADDRESSES**. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. All comments and recommendations, including names and addresses, will become part of the administrative record.

If you submit information via <http://www.regulations.gov>, your entire comment—including any personal identifying information—will be posted on the Web site. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

If you mail or hand deliver a hardcopy comment that includes personal identifying information, you may request at the top of your document that we withhold this information from public review, but we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. To ensure that the electronic docket for this rulemaking is complete and all comments we receive are publicly available, we will post all hardcopy submissions on <http://www.regulations.gov>.

#### Peer Review

In accordance with our policy published in the **Federal Register** on July 1, 1994 (59 FR 34270), and the Office of Management and Budget's Final Information Quality Bulletin for Peer Review, dated December 16, 2004, we are soliciting the expert opinions of at least three appropriate and independent specialists regarding the science in our proposed rule published on June 17, 2015 (80 FR 34595). The purpose of such review is to ensure that we base our decisions on scientifically sound data, assumptions, and analyses. We are sending peer reviewers copies of the proposed rule and inviting them to comment, during this reopened public comment period, on the specific assumptions and conclusions regarding the proposed delisting. We will summarize the opinions of these reviewers in the final decision document, and we will consider their input and any additional information we receive as part of our process of making a final decision on the proposal. Such communication may lead to a final decision that differs from the proposal.

Dated: June 20, 2016.

**Stephen Guertin,**

*Acting Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### 50 CFR Part 226

[Docket No. 150817733–6519–02]

**RIN 0648–BF32**

#### Endangered and Threatened Species; Critical Habitat for the Endangered Carolina and South Atlantic Distinct Population Segments of Atlantic Sturgeon; Correction

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; correction.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS published in the **Federal Register** of June 3, 2016, a document proposing to designate critical habitat for the endangered Carolina distinct population segment of the Atlantic sturgeon (Carolina DPS of Atlantic sturgeon) and the endangered South Atlantic distinct population segment of the Atlantic sturgeon (South Atlantic DPS of Atlantic sturgeon) pursuant to section 4 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA). This correction clarifies what types of man-made structures are not included in the proposed designation.

**DATES:** Comments on this proposal must be received by September 1, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by the docket number NOAA–NMFS–2015–0157, by either of the following methods:

- *Electronic Submissions:* Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to [www.regulations.gov/#/docketDetail;D=NOAA-NMFS-2015-0157](http://www.regulations.gov/#/docketDetail;D=NOAA-NMFS-2015-0157) click the “Comment Now” icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.

- *Mail:* Assistant Regional Administrator, Protected Resources Division, NMFS, Southeast Regional Office, 263 13th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701. Instructions: You must submit comments by one of the above methods to ensure that we receive, document, and consider them. Comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or

received after the end of the comment period, may not be considered. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted to <http://www.regulations.gov> without change. All Personal Identifying Information (for example, name, address, etc.) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information. NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter "N/A" in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**Correction**

The proposed rule that published in the **Federal Register** on June 3, 2016 (81 FR 36078), contained misleading language regarding what areas were not to be considered part of the proposed designation. The original language inadvertently identified "marinas" and "maintained channels" as examples of areas not included. Because marinas and maintained channels may contain the physical features essential for the conservation of the species, these areas should be included in critical habitat. Further, the original language did not specify a date by which such structures would have to be in place to be considered "existing". Therefore, we are clarifying what is meant by the term "man-made structures," and we are inserting an effective date by which such structures would be covered under this provision.

**Correction**

In proposed rule FR Doc. 2016-12744 beginning on page 36078 in the issue of

June 3, 2016, make the following correction.

**§ 226.226 [Corrected]**

On page 36101 in the third column, paragraph (d) of § 226.226 is corrected to read as follows:

“(d) *Areas not Included in Critical Habitat*. Pursuant to ESA section 3(5)(A)(i), critical habitat does not include areas containing existing (already constructed), as of [EFFECTIVE DATE OF FINAL RULE], federally authorized or permitted man-made structures where the physical features are not expected to be found, such as aids-to- navigation (ATONs), artificial reefs, boat ramps, docks, or pilings within the legal boundaries.”

Dated: June 17, 2016.

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*Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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