

**INFORMATION CONTACT)** no later than November 23, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** The Council and Advisory Group meetings will take place at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Headquarters, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, Virginia 22041.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sarah Mott, Council/Advisory Group Coordinator, by phone at 703-358-1784; by email at [dbhc@fws.gov](mailto:dbhc@fws.gov); or by U.S. mail at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 5275 Leesburg Pike MS: MB, Falls Church, Virginia 22041. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Council meets two to three times per year to select. The Council will consider Canadian, Mexican, and U.S. Standard NAWCA grant proposals for recommendation to the Commission. Council meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may present oral or written statements. The Advisory Group for the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act (NMBCA) grants program meets once a year. The Advisory Group will discuss the strategic direction and management of the NMBCA program. This meeting is also open to the public, and interested persons may present oral or written statements.

#### About the Council

In accordance with NAWCA (Pub. L. 101-233, 103 Stat. 1968, December 13, 1989, as amended), the State-private-Federal Council meets to consider wetland acquisition, restoration, enhancement, and management projects for recommendation to, and final funding approval by, the Commission. NAWCA provides matching grants to organizations and individuals who have developed partnerships to carry out wetlands conservation projects in the United States, Canada, and Mexico. These projects must involve long-term protection, restoration, and/or enhancement of wetlands and associated uplands habitats for the benefit of all wetlands-associated migratory birds. Project proposal due dates, application instructions, and eligibility requirements are available on the NAWCA Web site at [www.fws.gov/birds/grants/north-american-wetland-conservation-act.php](http://www.fws.gov/birds/grants/north-american-wetland-conservation-act.php).

#### About the Advisory Group

In accordance with NMBCA (Pub. L. 106-247, 114 Stat. 593, July 20, 2000), the Advisory Group will hold its meeting to discuss the strategic direction and management of the NMBCA program and provide advice to the Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service. NMBCA promotes long-term conservation of neotropical migratory birds and their habitats through a competitive grants program by promoting partnerships, encouraging local conservation efforts, and achieving habitat protection in 36 countries. The goals of NMBCA include perpetuating healthy bird populations, providing financial resources for bird conservation, and fostering international cooperation. Because the greatest need is south of the U.S. border, at least 75 percent of NMBCA funding supports projects outside the United States. Project proposal due dates, application instructions, and eligibility requirements are available on the NMBCA Web site at <http://www.fws.gov/birds/grants/neotropical-migratory-bird-conservation-act.php>.

#### Public Input

##### *Submitting Written Information or Questions*

Interested members of the public may submit relevant information or questions to be considered during the public meetings. If you wish to submit a written statement so information may be made available to the Council or Advisory Group for their consideration prior to the meetings, you must contact the Council/Advisory Group Coordinator by the date in **DATES**. Written statements must be supplied to the Council/Advisory Group Coordinator in both 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 at the meetings 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/Advisory Group Coordinator by the date in **DATES**, in writing (preferably via email; see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**), to be placed on the public speaker list for either of these meetings. Nonregistered public speakers will not be considered during the Council or the Advisory Group meeting. 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, are invited to submit written statements to the Council or Advisory Group within 30 days following the meeting.

#### Meeting Minutes

Summary minutes of the Council and Advisory Group meetings will be maintained by the Council/Advisory Group Coordinator at the address under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Meeting notes will be available by contacting the Council/Advisory Group Coordinator within 30 days following the meeting. Personal copies may be purchased for the cost of duplication.

**Jerome Ford,**

*Assistant Director, Migratory Birds.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

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#### Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; 5-Year Status Review of the Red Wolf

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

**ACTION:** Notice of initiation of review; request for information.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), are initiating a 5-year status review for the red wolf (*Canis rufus*) under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). A 5-year review is an assessment of the best scientific and commercial data available at the time of the review. We are requesting submission of information that has become available since the last review of this species.

**DATES:** To allow us adequate time to conduct this review, we must receive your comments or information on or before December 30, 2016. However, we will continue to accept new information about any listed species at any time.

**ADDRESSES:** For instructions on how to submit information and review information we receive on the red wolf, see "Request for New Information."

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Aaron Valenta, Chief, Division of Restoration and Recovery, 404-679-4144.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### Why do we conduct a 5-year review?

Under the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), we maintain lists of endangered and threatened wildlife and plant species in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17.11 (for wildlife) and 17.12 (for plants). Section 4(c)(2)(A) of the Act requires us to review each listed species' status at least once every 5 years. Our regulations at 50 CFR 424.21 require that we publish a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing those species under active review. For additional information about 5-year reviews, go to <http://www.fws.gov/endangered/what-we-do/recovery-overview.html>, scroll down to "Learn More about 5-Year Reviews," and click on our factsheet.

### Species Under Review

This notice announces our active review of the red wolf (*Canis rufus*), which is currently listed as endangered.

### What information do we consider in our review?

In conducting a 5-year review, the Service considers the best scientific and commercial data that have become available since the current listing determination or most recent status review of each species, such as:

A. Species biology, including but not limited to population trends, distribution, abundance, demographics, and genetics;

B. Habitat conditions, including but not limited to amount, distribution, and suitability;

C. Conservation measures that have been implemented to benefit the species;

D. Threat status and trends (see five factors under heading "How Do We Determine Whether a Species Is Endangered or Threatened?"); and

E. Other new information, data, or corrections, including but not limited to taxonomic or nomenclatural changes, identification of erroneous information contained in the Lists of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants, and improved analytical methods.

New information will be considered in the 5-year review and ongoing recovery programs for the species.

### Definitions

A. *Species* means any species or subspecies of fish, wildlife, or plant, and any distinct population segment of any species of vertebrate which interbreeds when mature.

B. *Endangered* means any species that is in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range.

C. *Threatened* means any species that is likely to become an endangered

species within the foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of its range.

### How do we determine whether a species is endangered or threatened?

Section 4(a)(1) of the Act establishes that we determine whether a species is endangered or threatened based on one or more of the following five factors:

A. The present or threatened destruction, modification, or curtailment of its habitat or range;

B. Overutilization for commercial, recreational, scientific, or educational purposes;

C. Disease or predation;

D. The inadequacy of existing regulatory mechanisms; or

E. Other natural or manmade factors affecting its continued existence.

### Request for New Information

To do any of the following, contact Aaron Valenta at the Service's Southeast Regional Office, 1875 Century Boulevard, Atlanta, GA 30345; fax 404-679-7081; email at [aaron\\_valenta@fws.gov](mailto:aaron_valenta@fws.gov):

A. To get more information on the red wolf;

B. To submit information on the red wolf; or

C. To review information we receive, which will be available for public inspection by appointment, during normal business hours at the Southeast Regional Office, Ecological Services Division, at the address above.

We request any new information concerning the status of the red wolf. See "What information do we consider in our review?" above for specific criteria. Information submitted should be supported by documentation such as maps, bibliographic references, methods used to gather and analyze the data, and/or copies of any pertinent publications, reports, or letters by knowledgeable sources.

### Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that the entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. 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.

### Authority

We publish this document under the authority of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: September 23, 2016.

**Mike Oetker,**

*Acting Regional Director, Southeast Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

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### Indian Gaming; Tribal-State Class III Gaming Compact Taking Effect in the State of California

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The State of California and the Viejas (Baron Long) Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians of the Viejas Reservation entered into a Tribal-State compact governing Class III gaming. This notice announces that the compact is taking effect.

**DATES:** The effective date of the compact is October 31, 2016.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Paula L. Hart, Director, Office of Indian Gaming, Office of the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219-4066.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) requires the Secretary of the Interior to publish in the **Federal Register** notice of approved Tribal-State compacts that are for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands. See Public Law 100-497, 25 U.S.C. 2701 *et seq.* All Tribal-State Class III compacts, including amendments, are subject to review and approval by the Secretary under 25 CFR 293.4. The Secretary took no action on the compact within 45 days of its submission. Therefore, the compact is considered to have been approved, but only to the extent the compact is consistent with IGRA. See 25 U.S.C. 2710(d)(8)(C).

Dated: October 21, 2016.

**Lawrence S. Roberts,**

*Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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