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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Intent To Hold a 30-Day Scoping Period To Solicit Public Comments for a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Decision on a Proposed Habitat Conservation Plan for the Lake Erie Water Snake

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to conduct a 30-day scoping period to solicit public comments for a NEPA decision on a proposed Habitat Conservation Plan and Incidental Take Permit for the Lake Erie water snake.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) intends to gather information relevant to the proposed Habitat Conservation Plan and Incidental Take Permit for the Lake Erie water snake. In addition, the Service is considering options for compliance with NEPA, which is required for completion of the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and its associated Incidental Take Permit (ITP). Two options being considered to comply with NEPA are development of a categorical exclusion or an Environmental Assessment (EA). The Service is seeking substantive comments on several aspects of this proposed project: the appropriate level of NEPA review; identification of issues with the proposed development that should be considered in regard to the Lake Erie water snake; and identification of any other environmental issues that should be considered with regard to the proposed development and permit action. These comments will be considered by the Service in complying with the requirements of NEPA and in the development of an HCP.

A private developer is seeking an ITP for development of eight residential sites on 17 acres located on Long Point, Kelley's Island, Erie County, Ohio, which is located approximately 3 miles northeast of Marblehead, Ohio. Development is proposed to include eight primary residences, associated outbuildings, construction of a new access road, individual septic systems, and associated amenities.

A number of actions are proposed to minimize and mitigate taking and harming Lake Erie water snakes and their habitat. These measures include: seasonal restrictions on development and construction activities; a 125-foot protective setback from the ordinary high water mark of Lake Erie to remain in its current natural state for the protection and recovery of the Lake Erie water snake; abandonment of the west shoreline access road to increase shoreline shelter for the Lake Erie water snake; development of a new Long Point access road away from the Lake Erie shoreline to reduce road-kill mortality of Lake Erie water snakes; preservation of old foundations, concrete slabs, and piles of limestone rocks that presently occur on the Long Point, LLC property; placement of rocks and vegetation on the abandoned access road to increase shoreline shelter for Lake Erie water snakes and to prevent vehicle use; monetary support for Lake Erie water snake studies and monitoring; usage of architectural designs with minimal footprints; construction of an access road and driveways with minimal widths; and usage of signs posting speed restrictions along the Long Point access road. These measures are proposed to minimize and mitigate the effects of potential incidental take of Lake Erie water snakes to the maximum extent practicable, consistent with the otherwise lawful activity of residential construction on the Long Point, LLC property.

This notice is being furnished as provided for by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Regulations (40 CFR 1501.7 and 1508.22). The intent of the notice is to obtain suggestions and additional information from other agencies and the public on the scope of issues to be considered. Comments and participation in this scoping process are solicited.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before August 27, 2001. All comments received from individuals become part of the official public record. Requests for such comments will be handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act and the Council on Environmental Quality's NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1506.6(f)). Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. If a respondent wishes us to withhold his/her name

and/or address, this must be stated prominently at the beginning of the comment.

Public Involvement: The public is invited to participate in the scoping process. No public meetings are planned for this project but submission of written comments by either mail, facsimile, or electronic mail are encouraged. Comments should be submitted to the appropriate address shown below. Written scoping comments should be received by the closing date stated in the section above.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to: Ms. Angela Boyer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Reynoldsburg Field Office, 6950 Americana Parkway, Suite H, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068-4127. Electronic mail comments may also be submitted within the comment period to: lewatersnake@fws.gov or by facsimile to: (614) 469-6919.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Angela Boyer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Reynoldsburg Field Office, 6950 Americana Parkway, Suite H, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068-4127, telephone: (614) 469-6923 extension 22, facsimile: (614) 469-6919.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Lake Erie water snake (*Nerodia sipedon insularum*) was listed on August 30, 1999, by the Service as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA). The population decline of this snake species is attributed to loss of shoreline habitat and the killing of snakes by people. The Lake Erie water snakes are an important member of Lake Erie's aquatic ecosystem. They live along shorelines of the western basin Lake Erie islands where they feed on small fish and amphibians. The snakes usually grow from 1 to 3.5 feet, in length.

The Service currently has no information regarding whether the approximately 17 acres site contains facilities which are eligible to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places or whether other historical, archaeological, or traditional cultural properties may be present. The National Historic Preservation Act and other laws require that any such properties and resources be identified and considered in project planning. The public is requested to inform the Service of concerns about archaeological sites, buildings and structures, historic events, sacred and traditional areas, and other historic preservation concerns.

Dated: July 2, 2001.

Robert Krska,

Acting Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Region 3, Fort Snelling, MN.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Northwest California Resource Advisory Council Redding, California, Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committees Act (Public Law 92-463) and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (Public Law 94-579), the U. S. Bureau of Land Management's Northwest California Resource Advisory Council will meet Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 1 and 2, 2001, in Redding, California, for a field tour and business meeting. The tour and meeting are open to the public, but anyone participating in the tour must provide their own transportation and lunch.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting begins at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 1, at the BLM Redding Field Office, 355 Hemsted Dr., Redding. Members will convene, then depart immediately for a float trip in the Sacramento River Bend area, and discussions about special management considerations for this area. On Thursday, Aug. 2, the council will convene a business meeting at 8 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Redding Rancheria, 2000 Rancheria Rd, Redding, CA. Agenda topics will include recreation user fees, off highway vehicle guidelines, an overview of fire and fuels projects, Sacramento River management, and a review of the council charter. Council members will also hear status reports from the managers of the BLM's Arcata, Redding and Ukiah field offices. Time will be set aside for public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to speak, a time limit may be established.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Lynda J. Roush, BLM Arcata Field Manager, at (707) 825-2300; or Public

Affairs Officer Joseph J. Fontana at (530) 257-5381.

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Public Affairs Officer.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Inv. No. 337-TA-435]

In the Matter of Certain Integrated Repeaters, Switches, Transceivers, and Products Containing Same; Notice That an Initial Determination Granting Complainants' Motion for Summary Determination That They Satisfy the Economic Prong of the Domestic Industry Requirement as to One Patent Has Become the Commission Determination by Operation of the Commission's Rules

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that an initial determination ("ID") issued by the presiding administrative law judge ("ALJ") granting complainants' motion for summary determination that they satisfy the economic prong of the domestic industry requirement of section 337(a)(3) of the Tariff Act of 1930 as to U.S. Letters Patent 5,894,410 has become the determination of the Commission by operation of Commission rule 210.42(h)(3).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Timothy P. Monaghan, Esq., Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20436, telephone 202-205-3152.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission instituted this patent-based section 337 investigation on August 17, 2000, based on a complaint filed by Intel Corp. ("Intel") and Level One Communications, Inc. ("Level One"). The sole respondent named in the investigation is Altima Communications, Inc.

On February 26, 2001, complainants Intel and Level One moved pursuant to Commission rule 210.18 for summary determination that they satisfy the economic prong of the domestic industry requirement of section 337 as to U.S. Letters Patent 5,894,410.

On March 15, 2001, the ALJ issued an ID (Order No. 28) granting the motion. No petitions for review were filed.

This action is taken under the authority of section 337 of the Tariff Act

of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337, and Commission rule 210.42, 19 CFR 210.42. Copies of the public version of the ALJ's ID and all other nonconfidential documents filed in connection with this investigation are or will be available for inspection during official business hours (8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20436, telephone 202-205-2000. Hearing-impaired persons are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202-205-1810. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>). The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS-ON-LINE) at <http://dockets.usitc.gov/eol/public>.

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By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Immigration and Naturalization Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

ACTION: Notice of Information Collection Under Review; Biographic Information.

The Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service has submitted the following information collection request for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for sixty days until September 24, 2001.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;