

consultation with the General Services Administration, the Secretary of the Interior has renewed the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council (Council) charter for 2 years.

DATES: The charter will be filed with the Senate and House of Representatives and the Library of Congress on June 20, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Douglas Hobbs, Council Coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, (703) 358-2336, doug_hobbs@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council conducts its operations in accordance with the provisions of FACA. It reports to the Secretary of the Interior, through the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Council functions solely as an advisory body. The Council's duties consist of, but are not limited to:

a. Providing advice that will assist the Secretary in compliance with the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956.

b. Fulfilling responsibilities established by Executive Order 12962:

(1) Monitoring specific Federal activities affecting aquatic systems and the recreational fisheries they support.

(2) Reviewing and evaluating the relation of Federal policies and activities to the status and conditions of recreational fishery resources.

(3) Preparing an annual report of its activities, findings, and recommendations for submission to the National Recreational Fisheries Coordination Council.

c. Recommending policies or programs to increase public awareness and support for the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund.

d. Recommending policies or programs that foster conservation and ethics in recreational fishing and boating.

e. Recommending policies or programs to stimulate angler and boater participation in the conservation and restoration of aquatic resources through outreach and education.

f. Advising about how the Secretary can foster communication and coordination among government, industry, anglers, boaters, and the public.

The Council may consist of no more than 18 members and up to 16 alternates appointed by the Secretary for 2-year terms. The Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the President of the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (AFWA) are ex officio members. Appointees are selected from among, but not limited to, the following national interest groups:

(a) State fish and wildlife resource management agencies (2 members—one

a Director of a coastal State and one a Director of an inland State);

(b) Saltwater and freshwater recreational fishing organizations;

(c) Recreational boating organizations;

(d) Recreational fishing and boating industries;

(e) Recreational fishery resources conservation organizations;

(f) Tribal resource management organizations;

(g) Aquatic resource outreach and education organizations; and

(h) The tourism industry.

Members must be senior-level representatives of recreational fishing, boating, and aquatic resources conservation organizations, and must have the ability to represent their designated constituencies.

The Council functions solely as an advisory body and in compliance with provisions of FACA (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2). This notice is published in accordance with section 9a(2) of FACA. The certification of renewal is published below.

Certification: I hereby certify that the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council is necessary and is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Department of the Interior under the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742a-742j), the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 777-777k), the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. 661-667e), and Executive Order 12962 of June 7, 1995-Recreational Fisheries (60 FR 30769, June 7, 1995), as amended by Executive Order 13474 of September 26, 2008 (73 FR 57229, October 1, 2008).

Dated: May 24, 2012.

Ken Salazar,

Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for Proposed Strategies for Lake Trout Population Reductions To Benefit Native Fish Species, Flathead Lake, MT

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) as lead Agency, with the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT) of the Flathead Reservation as a

Cooperating Agency, will be gathering information needed for an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for proposed fisheries management in Flathead Lake, Montana.

DATES: Written comments on the scope and implementation of this proposal should arrive by July 5, 2012.

ADDRESSES: You may mail, hand carry, or fax written comments to either Tom McDonald, Division Manager, Division of Fish, Wildlife, Recreation, and Conservation, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, Natural Resources Department, P.O. Box 278, Pablo, Montana, 59855, fax (406) 883-2848; or Rose Leach, NEPA Program Manager, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, same mailing address as above, fax (406) 676-2605.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom McDonald, (406) 675-2700, extension 7288; email: tomm@cskt.org or Rose Leach, (406) 675-2700, extension 6204; email: rosel@cskt.org.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The EIS will assess the environmental consequences of BIA approval of a proposal to reduce non-native lake trout abundance in Flathead Lake to benefit native fish populations in Flathead Basin. Direction to manage non-native fish populations to improve conditions for native fish species comes from the Flathead Lake and River Fisheries Co-Management Plan (2000), Bull Trout Restoration Plan (2000), Cutthroat Memorandum of Understanding and Conservation Agreement (2007), and Flathead Subbasin Plan: Part III, Flathead River Subbasin Management Plan (2004).

Stakeholders from the Flathead Basin have been gathered into an interdisciplinary team that includes Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, US Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, US Forest Service, US Geological Survey, local fishing guides and anglers, Trout Unlimited, University of Montana, and Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. The team has met since 2010, to draft issues and develop alternatives.

The range of alternatives considered thus far includes (1) no action (maintain the status quo of lake trout harvest from general harvest and fishing contests); (2) reduce lake trout numbers to 25% of 2010 population levels; (3) reduce lake trout numbers to 50% of 2010 population levels; and (4) reduce lake trout numbers to 90% of 2010 population levels.

Proposed alternatives with percent reductions (action alternatives) will use

general harvest, fishing contests, and targeted gill and trap netting to achieve proposed lake trout reduction targets. The proposed action alternatives will be implemented indefinitely into the future, to both achieve and maintain lake trout population reductions and will include implementation and effectiveness monitoring at 5-year intervals, so that harvest strategies can be adapted to future conditions.

Proposed action alternatives will minimize by-catch mortality of non-target fish species, based on decades of work in Flathead Lake and references from other systems.

Suggested annual lake trout harvest levels have been derived from an age-structured stochastic simulation model based on decades of local population data. Annual harvest levels for this proposed project were designed to be implemented indefinitely into the future, to first achieve and then maintain reductions in the overall lake trout population as follows: 113,000 annual lake trout harvest for 25% reduction, 143,000 annual lake trout harvest for 50% reduction, and 188,000 annual lake trout harvest for 90% reduction.

Issues to be covered during the scoping process may include, but not be limited to: Biological resources (lake trout, bull trout, westslope cutthroat trout, lake whitefish, pygmy whitefish, yellow perch, and invertebrates including Mysids shrimp), recreation, fishing, cultural resources, socioeconomic conditions, grizzly bears, aquatic birds, environmental justice and Indian trust resources.

Public Comment Availability

Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the BIA address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice, during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, except holidays. 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. 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

This notice is published in accordance with sections 1503.1 of the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508) and Sec. 46.305 of the Department

of Interior Regulations (43 CFR Part 46), implementing the procedural requirements of NEPA, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), and is in the exercise of authority delegated to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, by part 209 of the Departmental Manual.

Dated: May 23, 2012.

Donald E. Laverdure,

Acting Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Alaska Native Claims Selection

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of decision approving lands for conveyance.

SUMMARY: As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that an appealable decision will be issued by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to Napakiak Corporation. The decision approves the surface estate in the lands described below for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601, *et seq.*). The subsurface estate in these lands will be conveyed to Calista Corporation when the surface estate is conveyed to Napakiak Corporation. The lands are in the vicinity of Napakiak, Alaska, and are located in:

Seward Meridian, Alaska

T. 8 N., R. 73 W.,
Secs. 10 and 11.

Containing approximately 80 acres.

T. 5 N., R. 74 W.,
Sec. 28.

Containing 0.52 acres.

Aggregating approximately 80.52 acres.

Notice of the decision will also be published four times in the *Delta Discovery*.

DATES: Any party claiming a property interest in the lands affected by the decision may appeal the decision within the following time limits:

1. Unknown parties, parties unable to be located after reasonable efforts have been expended to locate, parties who fail or refuse to sign their return receipt, and parties who receive a copy of the decision by regular mail which is not certified, return receipt requested, shall have until July 5, 2012 to file an appeal.

2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

3. Notices of appeal transmitted by electronic means, such as facsimile or email, will not be accepted as timely filed.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4, subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the decision may be obtained from the Bureau of Land Management Alaska State Office, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7504.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The BLM by phone at 907-271-5960 or by email at ak.blm.conveyance@blm.gov. 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 BLM during normal business hours. In addition, the FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the BLM.

The BLM will reply during normal business hours.

Ralph L. Eluska, Sr.,

Land Transfer Resolution Specialist, Land Transfer Adjudication II Branch.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Application for Proposed Withdrawal Extension and Opportunity for Public Meeting; Alaska

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Forest Service (USFS) has filed an application with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) requesting the Secretary of the Interior to extend the duration of Public Land Order (PLO) No. 7393 for an additional 15-year term. PLO No. 7393 withdrew approximately 600 acres of National Forest System land from location and entry under the United States mining laws, to aid in making high quality rock and gravel from the Spencer Glacier Material Site available to nearby communities for private and public works projects. The withdrawal created by PLO No. 7393 will expire on May 27, 2014, unless it is extended.