

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. I), this notice announces a meeting of the Klamath River Basin Fisheries Task Force, established under the authority of the Klamath River Basin Fishery Resources Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 460ss *et seq.*). The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The Klamath River Basin Fisheries Task Force (TF) will meet from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 15, 1998 and from 8:00 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. on Friday, October 16, 1998.

PLACE: The meeting will be held in the Windmill Ashland Hills Inn (2525 Ashland Street), Ashland, Oregon.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dr. Ronald A. Iverson, Project Leader, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1006 (1215 South Main), Yreka, California 96097-1006, telephone (530) 842-5763.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The principal agenda items at this meeting will be: (1) A report on the status of the Department of the Interior's flow study and associated flow study efforts; (2) A status report on the 1998 Klamath Project operations; (3) An identification of priority funding needs by the Task Force; (4) Private landowner awards; (5) The adoption of programmatic spending priorities by the Task Force for FY2000; (6) A report on the Self Determination Act; (7) A report and decision on the Midprogram Review; (8) The establishment of a subcommittee to develop criteria and performance evaluations so that CRMPs can be properly assessed for funding; (9) A decision on whether or how to proceed with the Upper Basin Amendment and assignments; and (10) A decision on scoping recommendations for the Klamath River Basin Instream Flow Incremental Methodology (IFIM) flow study.

For background information on the TF, please refer to the notice of their initial meeting that appeared in the **Federal Register** on July 8, 1987 (52 FR 25639).

Dated: September 23, 1998.

Cynthia U. Barry,

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Klamath/Central Pacific Coast Ecoregion.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

United States Geological Survey

Technology Transfer Act of 1986

AGENCY: United States Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of proposed cooperative research and development agreement (CRADA) negotiations.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) is contemplating entering into a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) with Mobil Technology Company to provide laboratory data on the interaction between stress, rock deformation, precipitation/dissolution reactions, and fluid chemistry at elevated temperatures and in the presence of reactive pore fluids.

INQUIRIES: If any other parties are interested in similar activities with the USGS, please contact: Dr. David Lockner, USGS, MS977, 345 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park, CA 94025; telephone (650) 329-4826; e-mail dlockner@isdminl.wr.usgs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is to meet the USGS requirement stipulated in the Survey Manual.

Dated: September 4, 1998.

P. Patrick Leahy,

Chief Geologist, Geologic Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Species at Risk Program

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey, Biological Resources Division, DOI.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Biological Resources Division (BRD) is announcing the availability of funds through the Species at Risk Program (SAR). The basic purpose of SAR is to find short-term research and assessment projects to generate information that allows development of conservation agreements, action plans, and management alternatives that provide for the protection of flora and fauna and their habitats and thereby reduce the need for listing species as threatened or endangered.

DATES: Information packages describing requirements for participation in this program will be available upon request until October 30, 1998. Pre-proposals are due to the address below by November 2, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Parties interested in this program should request an information package from: Species at Risk Program, USGS Biological Resources Division, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 300, Reston, VA 20192 ATTN: Dr. Al Sherk.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Al Sherk, Species at Risk Program, USGS Biological Resources Division, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 300, Reston, VA 20192; Al.Sherk@usgs.gov; or 703-648-4076.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

Species at Risk (SAR) is a program that develops scientific information on the status of sensitive species or group of species, particularly with respect to the relationship of species abundance and distribution to habitat conditions and environmental stresses. The basic purpose of SAR is to generate information that allows the development of conservation agreements, action plans, management alternatives, etc., to provide for the protection of species and their habitats and thereby preclude the need for listing species as threatened or endangered.

The initiative provides an opportunity for scientists to participate through survey and research activities. Projects are specifically intended to be of short duration and should seek to optimize partnerships with Federal agencies, states, universities, and the private sector. Successful SAR projects are often conducted by investigators who have identified key, small but critical gaps in our biological knowledge. Projects provide resource managers, regulators, and private landowners with useable information for which prudent resource management decisions can be based. Projects must be new, self-contained work designed to be completed, including the final report, within 18 months.

Projects must focus on species or groups of species for which there is concern but limited information. Projects that focus on groups of species within the same habitat or ecosystem are encouraged. Projects should identify or develop new information that will reduce the need for a formal listing under the Endangered Species Act of 1972, as amended. Regional and national offices of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have provided a list of species or groups and their management needs. Projects should focus on these species or groups and demonstrate how they support management needs. Principal investigators are encouraged to communicate directly with USFWS

regional contacts before project submission.

This program is conducted in furtherance of the Secretary's obligations under the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742a-742j, as amended) and the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. 661-667e, as amended).

B. Background

The Biological Resources Division (BRD) of the U.S. Geological Survey gathers and analyzes biological information and serves as an information clearinghouse, providing broad access to the widest possible range of factual data on the status and trends of the Nation's biota and the potential effects of land management choices. This information serves public and private landowners who are interested in sustaining biological resources. It also provides understanding to help avoid conflicts that can both impede development and degrade natural habitats.

The Species at Risk Program will develop scientific information and alternatives to assist Federal State, and other land managers in their decisions regarding the protection of sensitive species and habitats.

C. Availability of Funds

Through this program, pre-proposals are invited for funding in Fiscal Year 1999 from non-Federal research, scientific or technical organizations. Total funding anticipated for the fiscal year is approximately \$375,000. Monies will be provided to successful applicants on a competitive basis. There is no minimum project cost; the maximum project cost; the maximum project cost will be \$80,000.

Funds for this program are not currently available. Funding of the program is contingent on a Fiscal Year 1999 appropriation.

D. Eligibility Requirements

Under the terms specified in the information package, pre-proposals will be accepted from State agencies, private and industry groups, academic institutions, and Native American Tribes and Nations. Pre-proposals will be evaluated in light of their relevance to an identified management need, partnership opportunities, potential for providing useful information to resources managers, potential for conservation agreements, possibilities for cost sharing, and demonstration of successful completion within 18 months of date of initiation. Possible selectees will then be invited to submit a full

project proposal for scientific peer review and consideration of funding.

E. Application Process

Parties interested in participating in this program should request an information package that will include detailed application forms, Federal Assistance forms (Standard Form 424, etc.), proposal format requirements, etc., from: *Mail*: Species at Risk Program, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 300, Reston, VA 20192, ATTN: Dr. Al Sherk, or *E-Mail*: Al_Sherk@usgs.gov or *Call*: (703) 648-4076.

F. Dates

Notice of interest in this program must be received by October 30, 1998.

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Deputy Chief Biologist for Science, Biological Resources Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for Office of Management and Budget Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice—Revision of a currently approved information collection (OMB Control Number 1010-0058).

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, MMS invites the public and other Federal agencies to comment on a proposal to revise the currently approved collection of information discussed below. The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number.

DATES: Submit written comments by October 30, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments and suggestions directly to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior (1010-0058), 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503. Send a copy of your comments to the Minerals Management Service, Attention: Rules Processing Team, Mail Stop 4024, 381 Elden Street Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Alexis London, Engineering and Operations Division, Minerals Management Service, telephone (703) 787-1600. You may obtain copies of the supporting statement and collection of information by contacting MMS' Information Collection Clearance Officer at (202) 208-7744.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 30 CFR 250, Subpart I, Platforms and Structures.

OMB Control Number: 1010-0058.

Abstract: The Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lands Act, 43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.*, gives the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) the responsibility to preserve, protect, and develop oil and gas resources in the OCS in a manner that is consistent with the need to make such resources available to meet the Nation's energy needs as rapidly as possible; balance orderly energy resource development with protection of human, marine, and coastal environments; ensure the public a fair and equitable return on offshore resources in the OCS; and preserve and maintain free enterprise competition. Specifically, the OCS Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1356) requires the issuance of "* * * regulations which require that any vessel, rig, platform, or other vehicles or structure—* * * (2) which is used for activities pursuant to this subchapter, comply, * * * with such minimum standards of design, construction, alteration, and repair as the Secretary * * * establishes; * * *" The OCS Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1332(6)) also states, "operations in the [O]uter Continental Shelf should be conducted in a safe manner * * * to prevent or minimize the likelihood of * * * physical obstruction to other users of the water or subsoil and seabed, or other occurrences which may cause damage to the environment or to property, or endanger life or health." To carry out these responsibilities, MMS has issued regulations at 30 CFR part 250. This collection of information pertains to subpart I, Platforms and Structures, and related Notices to Lessees and Operators (NLTs).

Respondents submit information on, and maintain records of, the design, fabrication, installation, use, and inspection of all platforms and structures on the OCS. The MMS regional offices use this information to ensure the structural integrity for the safe conduct of drilling, workover, and production operations, considering the specific environmental conditions at the platform location, and to ensure that such integrity will be maintained throughout the useful life of the