

Finding

We have reviewed the petition and literature cited in and provided with the petition and considered it with other information in our files. We have found that the petition presents substantial information indicating that delisting *Astragalus magdalenae* var. *peirsonii* may be warranted. The petitioners have suggested that *A. magdalenae* var. *peirsonii* is a species that exists, in many years, largely as a seed bank, with relatively few standing individuals above ground. At the time we listed *A. magdalenae* var. *peirsonii* as a threatened species (63 FR 53596), we did not have—and so could not consider—information about the extent of the seed bank of this species. Petitioners have provided information suggesting the species may have a healthy seed bank (Phillips and Kennedy 2002), even though standing plants are frequently rare. Surveys conducted since we listed this species in 1998 indicate that, in some years, probably in response to increased precipitation, the number of standing plants considerably increases (TOA 2001; Willoughby 2000, 2001). While significant questions remain about the extent and viability of the seed bank, and the contribution of the increased numbers of standing plants in 1998 (Willoughby 2000) and 2001 (TOA 2001) to the seed bank and the persistence of this species into the future, we consider these to be issues relevant to the listing determination and warranting further investigation. Accordingly, we believe it is appropriate to consider this information, and any other new information available about this species and the threats it may face, in a status review.

Public Information Solicited

When we make a finding that substantial information exists to indicate that listing or delisting a species may be warranted, we are required to promptly commence a review of the status of the species. To ensure that the status review is complete and based on the best available scientific and commercial information, we are soliciting information on *Astragalus magdalenae* var. *peirsonii*. This includes information regarding historical and current distribution, biology and ecology, ongoing conservation measures for the species and its habitat, and threats to the species and its habitat. We also request information regarding the adequacy of existing regulatory mechanisms. We request any additional

information, comments, and suggestions from the public, other concerned governmental agencies, Tribes, the scientific community, industry or environmental entities, or any other interested parties concerning the status of *A. magdalenae* var. *peirsonii*.

If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments and materials concerning this finding to the Field Supervisor, Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office (see ADDRESSES section). Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Respondents may request that we withhold a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name or address, you must state this request prominently at the beginning of your comment. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. To the extent consistent with applicable law, we will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety. Comments and materials received will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

References Cited

A complete list of all references cited in this finding is available, upon request, from the Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office (see ADDRESSES section).

Authority

The authority for this action is section 4 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: August 29, 2003.

Steve Williams,

Director, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Meeting of the Klamath Fishery Management Council

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

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 Fishery Management Council, established under

the authority of the Klamath River Basin Fishery Resources Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 460ss *et seq.*). The Klamath Fishery Management Council makes recommendations to agencies that regulate harvest of anadromous fish in the Klamath River Basin. The objectives of this meeting are to hear technical reports, review the 2003 fisheries, and discuss fall Chinook salmon management and allocation issues related to the 2004 season. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The Klamath Fishery Management Council will meet from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, October 15, 2003, and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, October 16, 2003.

Place: The meeting will be held at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Yreka Fish and Wildlife Office, 1829 South Oregon Street, Yreka, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Phil Detrich, Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 1829 South Oregon Street; Yreka, California 96097; telephone (530) 842-5763.

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

Dated: August 28, 2003.

John Engbring,

Acting Manager, California/Nevada Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comments Requested

ACTION: 30-day notice of information collection under review: report of multiple sale or other disposition of pistols and revolvers.

The Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** Volume 68, Number 106, on page 33182 on June 3, 2003, allowing for a 60-day comment period.