EIS/EIR to inform their discretionary decision to issue to a PGP for certain components of the proposed SSHCP.

The California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) will be a NEPA Cooperating Agency on the proposed EIS/EIR pursuant to 40 CFR 1501.6 and 1508.5. The County and their partners expect to apply to CDFG for an incidental take permit under Section 2081 of the California Fish and Game code and to apply for a Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement under Section 1600 of the California Fish and Game code. CDFG intends to use the EIS/EIR in conducting its review of the SSHCP as a CEQA Trustee Agency. CDFG will also use the EIS/EIR in makings its CEQA findings in their decision to issue an incidental take permit under Section 2081 of the California Fish and Game Code. As a CEQA Responsible Agency, CDFG may also use the EIS/EIR during their consideration to approve a Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement under Section 1600 of the California Fish and Game Code. The SSHCP will incorporate best management practices that have been developed in cooperation with, and approved by, CDFG.

This notice of intent is being furnished in accordance with 40 CFR Sections 1501.2, 1501.7, 1506.6, and 1508.22 to obtain suggestions, comments, and useful information from other agencies and the public on the scope of the proposed EIS/EIR, including the significant environmental issues deserving of study, the range of actions, the range of alternatives, and the range of impacts to be considered. Written comments from interested parties are invited to ensure that all issues related to the proposed section 10(a)(1)(B) incidental-take permit application are identified. Comments will only be accepted in written form. You may submit written comments by mail, facsimile transmission, or in person (see **ADDRESSES**). All comments received will become part of the official administrative record. Our practice is to make comment letters (including names, home addresses, home phone numbers and email addresses of respondents) available for public review. You may request that we withhold personal information, if so, please state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. However, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: June 4, 2008.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

**[FWS–R9–FHC–2008–N0085; 80221–1113–0000–L5]**

### Marine Mammal Protection Act; Stock Assessment Report

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of draft revised marine mammal stock assessment report for the southern sea otter in California; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has developed a draft revised marine mammal stock assessment report for the southern sea otter (*Enhydra lutris nereis*) stock in the State of California, which is available for public review and comment.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by September 8, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the draft revised stock assessment report for the southern sea otter in California are available from the Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office, 2493 Portola Road, Suite B, Ventura, CA 93003; (805) 644–1766. It can also be viewed in Adobe Acrobat by navigating to the species information page for the southern sea otter at *http://www.fws.gov/ventura.*

If you wish to submit comments on the draft revised stock assessment report for the southern sea otter in California, you may do so by any of the following methods:

1. You may mail or hand-deliver (during normal business hours) written comments to the Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office, 2493 Portola Road, Suite B, Ventura, CA 93003.

2. You may fax your comments to (805) 644–3958.

3. You may send comments by electronic mail (e-mail) to *fw8ssostock*@fws.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** One of the goals of the MMPA is to ensure that stocks of marine mammals occurring in waters under the jurisdiction of the United States do not experience a level of human-caused mortality and serious injury that is likely to cause the stock to be reduced below its optimum sustainable population level (OSP). OSP is defined as ''the number of animals which will result in the maximum productivity of the population or the species, keeping in mind the carrying capacity of the habitat and the health of the ecosystem of which they form a constituent element.''

To help accomplish the goal of maintaining marine mammal stocks at their OSPs, section 117 of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361–1407) requires the Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to prepare stock assessment reports for each marine mammal stock that occurs in waters under the jurisdiction of the United States. These stock assessments are to be based on the best scientific information available and are, therefore, prepared in consultation with established regional scientific review groups. Each stock assessment must include: (1) A description of the stock and its geographic range; (2) a minimum population estimate, maximum net productivity rate, and current population trend; (3) an estimate of human-caused mortality and serious injury; (4) a description of commercial fishery interactions; (5) the status of the stock; and (6) the potential biological removal level (PBR). The PBR is defined as ''the maximum number of animals, not including natural mortalities, that may be removed from a marine mammal stock while allowing that stock to reach or maintain its OSP.'' The PBR is the product of the minimum population estimate of the stock ($N_{min}$), one-half the maximum theoretical or estimated net productivity rate of the stock at a small population size ($R_{max}$); and a recovery factor ($F_r$) of between 0.1 and 1.0, which is intended to compensate for uncertainty and unknown estimation errors.

Section 117 of the MMPA also requires the Service and the NMFS to review the stock assessment reports: (A) At least annually for stocks that are specified as strategic stocks; (B) at least annually for stocks for which significant new information is available; and (C) at least once every 3 years for all other stocks.

A strategic stock is defined in the MMPA as a marine mammal stock: (A) For which the level of direct human-caused mortality exceeds the potential biological removal level; (B) which, based on the best available scientific information, is declining and is likely to be listed as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), within the foreseeable future; or (C) which is listed as a threatened or endangered species under the Endangered Species Act, or is designated as depleted under the MMPA.

A summary of the draft revised stock assessment report for southern sea otters

in California is presented in Table 1. The table lists the stock's $N_{min}$, $R_{max}$, $F_r$, PBR, annual estimated human-caused mortality and serious injury, and status. After consideration of any public comments received, the Service will revise the stock assessment, as appropriate. We will publish a notice of availability and summary of the final stock assessment, including responses to comments we received.

In accordance with the MMPA, a list of the sources of information or public reports upon which the assessment is based is included in this notice.

TABLE 1.—SUMMARY OF DRAFT REVISED STOCK ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE SOUTHERN SEA OTTER IN CALIFORNIA

| Stock | $N_{MIN}$ | $R_{MAX}$ | $F_R$ | PBR | Annual estimated average human-caused mortality | Stock status |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Southern sea otters: | | | | | | |
| Mainland California | 3,026 | 0.06 | 0.1 | 9 | Unknown | Strategic. |
| Mainland California San Nicolas Island (CA) | 41 | 0.09 | 0.1 | 0 | Unknown | Strategic. |

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

**[AA–8101–01, AA–8101–03, AA–8101–04, AA–8101–05, AA–8101–09; AK–964–1410–KC–P]**

### 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 approving the subsurface estate in certain lands for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act will be issued to The Aleut Corporation. The lands are in the vicinity of the Alaska Peninsula, and are located in:

**Seward Meridian, Alaska**

T. 49 S., R. 69 W.,
Sec. 1;
Secs. 11 to 15, inclusive;
Secs. 21 to 36, inclusive.
Containing approximately 14,026 acres.
T. 50 S., R. 69 W.,
Secs. 1 to 15, inclusive;
Secs. 18, 19, 22, and 24.
Containing approximately 12,052 acres.
T. 52 S., R. 73 W.,
Secs. 19 and 20;
Secs. 29 to 32, inclusive.
Containing 3,833.64 acres.
T. 52 S., R. 74 W.,
Sec. 24.
Containing 640 acres.
T. 53 S., R. 74 W.,
Secs. 17 to 20, inclusive.
Containing 2,501.16 acres.
T. 53 S., R. 75 W.,
Secs. 3, 10, 11, and 13;
Secs. 14, 15, and 22.
Containing 4,480 acres.
T. 55 S., R. 76 W.,
Sec. 6.
Containing 53.24 acres.
T. 55 S., R. 77 W.,
Secs. 1 to 12, inclusive;
Secs. 15 to 21, inclusive;
Sec. 30.
Containing approximately 10,207 acres.
T. 52 S., R. 78 W.,
Secs. 1 to 36, inclusive.
Containing 22,902.48 acres.
T. 55 S., R. 81 W.,
Secs. 7, 8, and 9;
Secs. 16 to 21, inclusive; Sec. 25;
Secs. 28 to 32, inclusive.
Containing approximately 6,110 acres.
T. 56 S., R. 81 W.,
Secs. 6 and 7.
Containing approximately 226 acres.
T. 56 S., R. 82 W.,
Secs. 1 to 23, inclusive;
Secs. 27 to 34, inclusive.
Containing approximately 17,075 acres.
T. 73 S., R. 121 W.,
Secs. 1, 2, 11, and 12.
Containing 2,560 acres.
Aggregating approximately 96,667 acres.

Notice of the decision will also be published four times in the Dutch Harbor Fisherman.

**DATES:** The time limits for filing an appeal are:

1. Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision shall have until July 10, 2008 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.

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: Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513–7504.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Bureau of Land Management by phone at 907–271–5960, or by e-mail at *ak.blm.conveyance@ak.blm.gov.* Persons who use a telecommunication device (TTD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to contact the Bureau of Land Management.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

**[ES–956–1910–BJ–5043, ES–051993, Group No. 1, Rhode Island]**

### Eastern States: Filing of Plat of Survey

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of filing of plat of survey; Rhode Island.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will file the plat of survey of the lands described below in the BLM–Eastern States, Springfield, Virginia, 30 calendar days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

*Contact Information:* Bureau of Land Management, 7450 Boston Boulevard, Springfield, Virginia 22153. Attn: Cadastral Survey.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The survey was requested by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Narragansett Indian Tribe.

The lands we surveyed are:

**Trust Lands of the Narragansett Indian Tribe, Washington County, Rhode Island; Survey of the Niles Land, designated Tract No. 8.**

The plat of survey represents the survey of the Niles Land, designated Tract No. 8, a portion of the lands held in trust for the Narragansett Indian Tribe in Washington County, Rhode Island, and was accepted September 23, 2003.

We will place a copy of the plat we described in the open files. It will be available to the public as a matter of information. If BLM receives a protest against this survey, as shown on the plat, prior to the date of the official filing, we will stay the filing pending our consideration of the protest. We will not officially file the plat until the day after we have accepted or dismissed all protests and they have become final, including decisions on appeals. Copies of the plat will be made available upon request and prepayment of the reproduction fees.