

with conservation measures to evaluate the effectiveness of those measures, increase knowledge of population dynamics, genetics and the relation between river discharge and recruitment, and refine hydrologic and biological models. Other recovery tasks deal with protection and management of the population and public education programs. An interim goal of downlisting may be achieved as the recovery objective is pursued.

Public Comments Solicited

The Service solicits written comments on the recovery plan described. All comments received by the date specified will be considered prior to approval of the plan.

Authority: The authority for this action is section 4(f) of the endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533(f).

Dated: June 24, 1991.

Marvin L. Plenert,

Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 1.

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Availability of a Draft Environmental Assessment and Amended Conservation Plan for an Incidental Take Permit for Development in Los Vegas Valley, Clark County, NV

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On January 25, 1991, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) published notification of receipt of an application, PRT-754469, by the city of Boulder City, Clark County, Nevada, for an incidental take permit pursuant to section 10 (a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act (Act). The proposed permit would authorize, for a period of 3 years or until a countywide incidental take permit is granted for Clark County, Nevada, the incidental take of a threatened species, the Mojave desert tortoise (*Gopherus agassizii*), in Boulder City, Nevada. This notice advises the public that the draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and an amended conservation plan for the incidental take permit application are available for public review. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Act and National Environmental Policy Act regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before August 5, 1991.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the draft EA or amended conservation plan may obtain a copy by writing the Office of Management Authority or the

Reno Field Station. The documents will be available by written request for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours. The documents will also be available for review at the reference desk of the public library in Boulder City. Written data or comments should be submitted to the Office of Management Authority. Please reference permit number PRT-754469 in your comments.

Office of Management Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, room 430, 4401 N. Fairfax Dr., Arlington, Virginia 22033 (703/358-2104 or FTS 921-2104).

Reno Field Station, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4600 Kietzke Lane, Building C-125, Reno, NV 89502-5093 (702/784-5227 or FTS 470-5227).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ms. Sheryl L. Barrett at the above Reno Field Station.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Boulder City proposes to develop up to 165 acres of land within the city limits located within Clark County, Nevada, over a 3-year period. To minimize and mitigate the impacts of this development, Boulder City proposes to conserve and manage 640 acres of desert tortoise habitat not included in any other conservation plan. A mitigation fee of \$300 per acre would be imposed to support this conservation plan.

The implementing agreement contains specific and enforceable provisions regarding: (1) Habitat reserve site location, designation, and protection; (2) protocols for survey and removal of tortoises; and (3) plans for a tortoise holding facility and schedule for maintenance and monitoring. The draft EA examines the environmental consequences of three alternatives: (1) Proposed action; (2) alternative habitat sites; and (3) no action alternative.

Dated: June 28, 1991.

Maggie Tieger,

Acting Chief, Branch of Permits, U.S. Office of Management Authority.

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Issuance of Permit for Marine Mammals

On April 15, 1991, a notice was published in the Federal Register, Vol. 56, No 72, Pages 15093 & 15094, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by the Fish and Wildlife Service, Alaska Fish & Wildlife Research Center, (PRT 740507) for amendment to their current permit to extend the capture area, authorize the collection of urine samples, and biopsy oral and vaginal lesions on Alaska sea otters (*Enhydra lutris*).

Notice is hereby given that on May 15, 1991, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361, *et seq.*), the Fish and Wildlife Service issued the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

The permit documents themselves are available for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours (7:45-4:15) at the Fish and Wildlife Service's Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 432, Arlington, Virginia 22203 (703/358-2104).

Other information in this permit file is available under the Freedom of Information Act to any person who submits a written request to the Service's Office of Management Authority at the above address, in accordance with procedures set forth in Department of the Interior regulations, 43 CFR 2.

Dated: June 28, 1991.

Maggie Tieger,

Acting Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority.

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Minerals Management Service

Assessments for Late Reports

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of assessment rates.

SUMMARY: The Minerals Management Service (MMS) has existing regulations at 30 CFR 216.40 and 218.40 which provide for assessments in the nature of liquidated damages for incorrect or late reports and failure to report production and royalty information by payors, operators, or lessees on Federal and Indian leases. The regulations require that the assessment amount (rate) for each violation will be established periodically based on MMS's experience with costs and improper reporting and that a Notice of the established assessment rate will be published in the Federal Register. This Notice establishes new assessment rates for late reporting in accordance with the regulations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The assessment rates established in this Notice will apply to reports received late after August 1, 1991. These rates will remain in effect until a subsequent Notice is published in the Federal Register which changes the assessment rates.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dennis C. Whitcomb, Chief, Rules and Procedures Branch, MS 3910, Minerals Management Service, P.O. Box 25165, Denver, Colorado 80225-0165, at (303) 231-3432 or (FTS) 326-3432.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this Notice is to inform the public of a change in assessment rates for late reporting of production and royalty information to the MMS automated Production Accounting and Auditing System (PAAS) and the Auditing and Financial System (AFS) on Federal and Indian leases pursuant to established regulations.

Paragraph (a) at 30 CFR 216.40 and 218.40 provides that an assessment of an amount not to exceed \$10 per day may be charged for each royalty or production report not received by MMS by the designated due date. This includes both late reports and failure to report which are classified by MMS as "nonrespondent exceptions." A report is defined at 30 CFR 216.40(c), 216.40(d), and 218.40(c) as each line of required production or royalty information.

Except for reports submitted via magnetic media, the new rates established for "nonrespondent exceptions" are \$10 per month under AFS and \$3 per month under PAAS based on actual costs incurred. These rates will be assessed for each line of royalty or production information that is due and received late or not reported, after the effective date of this Notice.

Under AFS and PAAS, magnetic media reporters will be assessed for late reporting whenever the first processable submission is received after the due date. The rate is \$500 per media submission received on the first working day after the due date with an additional \$100 for each of the next four working days until an acceptable submission is received. If an acceptable submission is not received by the close of the fifth working day after the due date, the assessment rate for late magnetic media reports will revert to the rates established in 30 CFR 216.40 and 218.40 (i.e., \$10 per line under AFS and \$3 per line under PAAS). Total nonrespondent assessments shall not exceed \$10,000 per operator or payor code per report month.

Dated: June 27, 1991.

Lucy R. Querques,
Acting Associate Director for Royalty Management.
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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 731-TA-524 (Preliminary)]

Steel Wire Rope From Canada; Institution and Scheduling of a Preliminary Antidumping Investigation

AGENCY: International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution and scheduling of a preliminary antidumping investigation.

SUMMARY: The Commission hereby gives notice of the institution of preliminary antidumping investigation No. 731-TA-524 (Preliminary) under section 733(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1673(a)) to determine whether there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured, or is threatened with material injury, or the establishment of an industry in the United States is materially retarded, by reason of imports from Canada of steel wire rope, provided for in subheading 7312.10.90 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States,¹ that are alleged to be sold in the United States at less than fair value. The Commission must complete preliminary antidumping investigations in 45 days, or in this case by August 12, 1991.

For further information concerning the conduct of this investigation and rules of general application, consult the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, part 201, subparts A through E (19 CFR part 201, as amended by 56 FR 11918, Mar. 21, 1991), and part 207, subparts A and B (19 CFR part 207, as amended by 56 FR 11918, Mar. 21, 1991).

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 28, 1991.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff Doidge (202-252-1183), Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436. Hearing-impaired persons can obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202-252-1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202-252-1000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background—This investigation is being instituted in response to a petition

¹ The imported steel wire rope covered by this investigation consists of ropes, cables, and cordage, of iron or steel, excluding stainless steel, other than stranded wire, not fitted with fittings or made into articles, and not of brass plated wire. Such steel wire rope was previously provided for in item 642.16 of the former Tariff Schedules of the United States (TSUS).

filed on June 28, 1991, by the Committee of Domestic Steel Wire Rope and Specialty Cable Manufacturers.

Participation in the investigation and public service list.—Persons (other than petitioners) wishing to participate in the investigation as parties must file an entry of appearance with the Secretary to the Commission, as provided in sections 201.11 and 207.10 of the Commission's rules, not later than seven (7) days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

The Secretary will prepare a public service list containing the names and addresses of all persons, or their representatives, who are parties to this investigation upon the expiration of the period for filing entries of appearance.

Limited disclosure of business proprietary information (BPI) under an administrative protective order (APO) and BPI service list.—Pursuant to § 207.7(a) of the Commission's rules, the Secretary will make BPI gathered in this preliminary investigation available to authorized applicants under the APO issued in the investigation, provided that the application is made not later than seven (7) days after the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. A separate service list will be maintained by the Secretary for those parties authorized to receive BPI under the APO.

Conference.—The Commission's Director of Operations has scheduled a conference in connection with this investigation for 9:30 a.m. on July 18, 1991, at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC. Parties wishing to participate in the conference should contact Jeff Doidge (202-252-1183) not later than July 16, to arrange for their appearance. Parties in support of the imposition of antidumping duties in this investigation and parties in opposition to the imposition of such duties will each be collectively allocated one hour within which to make an oral presentation at the conference. A nonparty who has testimony that may aid the Commission's deliberations may request permission to present a short statement at the conference.

Written submissions.—As provided in §§ 201.8 and 201.15 of the Commission's rules, any person may submit to the Commission on or before July 23, 1991, a written brief containing information and arguments pertinent to the subject matter of the investigation. Parties may file written testimony in connection with their presentation at the conference no later than three (3) days before the conference. If briefs or written testimony contain BPI, they must