

## **Silver carp (*Hypophthalmichthys molitrix*) and Largescale silver carp (*Hypophthalmichthys harmandi*) Injurious Wildlife Evaluation**

### **About the Document**

*Title:* Silver carp (*Hypophthalmichthys molitrix*) and Largescale silver carp (*Hypophthalmichthys harmandi*) Injurious Wildlife Evaluation

*Estimated Dissemination Date:* August/September 2006

*Type of review:* Influential

### **About the Peer Review Process**

The Service will solicit comments from independent scientific reviewers who will submit individual comments in written form. Peer reviewers will be selected by the Service. The scientific peer review will run concurrently with public review. We anticipate receipt of reviews from a minimum of three peer reviewers. We will solicit reviews from experts who are willing to commit to providing an objective review within the needed time frame. Reviewers will be selected from specialists in the relevant taxonomic group and/or ecologists. We will avoid using individuals who have already expressed strong support or opposition to the petition and individuals who are likely to experience personal gain or loss (financial, prestige, etc.) as a result of the Service's decision. No Service employees will be utilized for this peer review.

The Service will provide each peer reviewer with information explaining their role and instructions for fulfilling that role. Deadline for receipt of reviews will be clearly stated. Peer review comments will be public documents; however, the attribution of comments to a specific reviewer will not be provided.

*Estimated Start Date of Peer Review:* August/September 2006

### **About Public Participation**

The public is asked to provide comments on this planned peer review process. Comments must be received by August 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. Comments on this peer review plan should be sent to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Chief, Branch of Invasive Species, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 322, Arlington, VA 22203.

We will announce opportunities for public review in the Federal Register.

### **Contact**

Call Kari Duncan at 703-358-2464 for additional information regarding this peer review.