

Development in accordance with Executive Order 13166.

Development of Notice of Rights. HUD is developing the notice of rights, which will be issued first for comment under the Paperwork Reduction Act.

Specific request for comment. HUD specifically solicits comment, in advance of issuance of a notice for comment under the Paperwork Reduction Act, on the content of the notice of tenant's rights.

G. Emergency Transfers—New Provisions in VAWA 2013

VAWA 2013 adds increased protection for victims of abuse by requiring HUD to adopt a model emergency transfer plan for use by PHAs, owners, managers or other housing providers participating in HUD covered programs. The model plan must allow tenants who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking to transfer to another available and safe dwelling under a covered housing program and must incorporate reasonable confidentiality measures to ensure that the public housing agency or owner or manager does not disclose the location of the new dwelling unit of a tenant to a person that commits an act of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking against the tenant. The tenant can be granted a transfer only if the tenant requests a transfer, and either the tenant reasonably believes he or she is threatened with imminent harm from further violence if he or she remains in the unit or, if the tenant is a sexual assault victim, the sexual assault occurred on the premises during the 90-day period preceding the transfer request. Any transfer is subject to the availability of other assisted housing and subject to all other HUD requirements being met.

In addition, VAWA 2013 requires HUD to establish policies and procedures under which victims of abuse requesting an emergency transfer may receive, subject to the availability of tenant protection vouchers, assistance through the tenant-based section 8 program.

Specific Request for Comment. HUD specifically requests comments on the content of the model emergency transfer plan and the implementation of the tenant protection vouchers provision.

III. Complying with VAWA 2013 Requirements

As noted earlier in this notice, HUD will undertake rulemaking to conform its existing VAWA regulations, currently applicable to public housing

and section 8 programs, to the new statutory language and requirements, and to put in place VAWA regulations for all the HUD covered programs.

HUD's Public Housing and Section 8 Programs. Since HUD's public housing and section 8 programs already have VAWA regulations in place, compliance with the VAWA 2013 requirements will be easier for PHAs, owners, and managers participating in these programs. With the exception of emergency transfer plans and the determination of what is a "reasonable time" for a victim to find new housing or establish eligibility for another HUD program after the abuser (a person that commits an act of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking) has been removed from the program, PHAs, owners, or managers administering public or section 8 housing will continue to provide VAWA protections as provided in 24 CFR part 5, subpart L, as those protections are enhanced by VAWA 2013. Before such time that HUD develops the model Emergency Transfer Plan, PHAs, owners, or managers may continue to implement any transfer plan at that property/program as described in an agency's admissions and occupancy plan or administrative plan.

New HUD Covered Programs. For those HUD covered programs that were not previously required to offer VAWA protections, HUD recognizes that full compliance with VAWA 2013 may be challenging at this time. Although all housing providers in HUD covered programs are concerned with the safety of their tenants and strive to ensure that tenants feel safe in their housing and the neighborhood in which the housing is located, HUD recognizes the challenge for maintaining safety that is presented by domestic violence since the threat to safety is generally in the tenant's own household, and the overall shortage of available affordable housing can complicate the ability to immediately transfer victims of domestic violence to other housing. The complications may be eased somewhat as a result of protections for victims of domestic violence provided by State and local laws.⁹ Having these types of laws in place across the Nation may help to facilitate compliance with VAWA 2013.

Guidance to be issued for new HUD covered programs. Recognizing the challenges facing participants in the new HUD covered programs that are now subject to VAWA requirements,

⁹ See compendium of State and local laws that affect domestic violence survivors' housing rights compiled by the National Housing Law Project at <http://nhlp.org/files/Domestic%20violence%20housing%20compendium%20FINAL7.pdf>.

HUD will be issuing administrative guidance to help programs comply with VAWA 2013, in addition to promulgating regulations.

IV. Solicitation of Comment

In this notice, HUD has highlighted certain issues for which comment is specifically sought, but welcomes comment on any aspect of this notice.

Dated: July 31, 2013.

Shaun Donovan,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Recovery Plan for Alabama Sturgeon

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: We, the Fish and Wildlife Service, announce the availability of the final recovery plan for the endangered Alabama sturgeon. The final plan includes specific recovery objectives and criteria to be met in order to downlist the species to threatened under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act).

ADDRESSES: You may obtain a copy of the recovery plan by contacting Jeff Powell at the Daphne Field Office, by U.S. mail at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Alabama Field Office, 1208-B Main Street, Daphne, AL 36532, or by telephone at 251-441-5858.

Alternatively, you may visit the Fish and Wildlife Service's recovery plan Web site at <http://endangered.fws.gov/recovery/index.html#plans> or the Daphne Field Office Web site at <http://www.fws.gov/daphne/> to obtain a copy.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff Powell, at the above addresses or by telephone at 251-441-5858.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

We listed the Alabama sturgeon (*Scaphirhynchus suttkusi*) as an endangered species under the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) on May 5, 2000 (65 FR 26438) and designated critical habitat for the species on June 2, 2009 (74 FR 26488). The species' historic range encompassed all major rivers in the Mobile Basin, below the Fall Line,

including the Alabama, Tombigbee, and Cahaba River systems. Recent collections of the species have been restricted to the lower Alabama River below R.F. Henry Lock and Dam to the confluence of the Tombigbee River, as well as to the lower Cahaba River near its confluence with the Alabama River; however, incidents of such collections are extremely rare. The last capture of an Alabama sturgeon was on April 3, 2007, by biologists at the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR). The species was last observed on April 23, 2009, by ADCNR biologists. The Alabama sturgeon is one of the rarest species of fish in the nation and may be close to extinction.

Restoring an endangered or threatened animal or plant to the point where it is again a secure, self-sustaining member of its ecosystem is a primary goal of our endangered species program. To help guide the recovery effort, we prepare recovery plans for most listed species. Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for conservation of the species, establish criteria for downlisting or delisting, and estimate time and cost for implementing recovery measures.

The Act requires the development of recovery plans for listed species, unless such a plan would not promote the conservation of a particular species. Section 4(f) of the Act requires us to provide a public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment during recovery plan development. The draft of this recovery plan was available for public comment from April 12 through June 11, 2012 (77 FR 21993). We considered the information received via public comments as well as from peer reviewers in our preparation and approval of this final recovery plan. We also edited some sections of the draft recovery plan to reflect these comments; however, no substantial changes were made to the draft plan.

Recovery Plan Components

The objective of this plan is to provide a framework for the recovery of the Alabama sturgeon so that protection under the Act is no longer necessary. Delisting of the species is not currently foreseeable due to extreme curtailment of range and extensive modification to the riverine habitats. Therefore, this recovery plan establishes criteria for downlisting the Alabama sturgeon from endangered to threatened.

Downlisting of the Alabama sturgeon may be considered when the following criteria are met: (1) A population consisting of approximately 500

sexually mature Alabama sturgeon is shown to be surviving and naturally reproducing in the Alabama/Cahaba Rivers; (2) population studies show that the Alabama sturgeon population is naturally recruiting (consisting of multiple age classes), sustainable over a period of 20 years (2–3 generations), and no longer requires hatchery augmentation; and (3) an agreement is in place that ensures adequate flows are being delivered down the Alabama River for successful development of sturgeon larvae and passage of the fish both upstream and downstream at dams on the Alabama River.

Authority

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

Dated: July 8, 2013.

Leopoldo Miranda,

Acting Regional Director, Southeast Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Public Meeting, Eastern Montana Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Public Meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Eastern Montana Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The next regular meeting of the Eastern Montana RAC will be held on September 5, 2013 in Billings, Montana. The meeting will start at 8:00 a.m. and the public comment period will start at 11:00 a.m. and run for one hour. The meeting will adjourn at around 3:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting location will be announced in a news release.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Jacobsen, Public Affairs Specialist, BLM Eastern Montana/Dakotas District, 111 Garryowen Road, Miles City, Montana, 59301, (406) 233–2831, mark_jacobsen@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–677–8339 to contact the above

individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 15-member council advises the Secretary of the Interior through the BLM on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in Montana. At these meetings, topics will include: Eastern Montana—Dakotas District, Miles City and Billings Field Office manager updates, Field Office Resource Management Planning updates, individual council member briefings and other topics that the council may raise. All meetings are open to the public and the public may present written comments to the council. Each formal RAC meeting will also have time allocated for hearing public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation, or other reasonable accommodations should contact the BLM as provided above.

Dated: July 24, 2013.

Diane M. Friez,

Eastern Montana—Dakotas District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

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Information Collection: Forms for Oil Spill Financial Responsibility for Offshore Facilities; Proposed Collection for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: 60-day notice.

SUMMARY: To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) is inviting comments on the proposed revision of forms associated with a collection of information that we will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The information collection request (ICR) concerns the forms used for paperwork requirements under 30 CFR 553, Oil Spill Financial Responsibility for Offshore Facilities.