

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service**

[FWS-R4-R-2013-N161;
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**Cat Island National Wildlife Refuge;
West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana**

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent; Comprehensive
Conservation Plan and Environmental
Assessment request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the Fish and Wildlife
Service (Service), intend to prepare a
comprehensive conservation plan (CCP)
and associated National Environmental
Policy Act (NEPA) documents for Cat
Island National Wildlife Refuge (NWR).
We provide this notice in compliance
with our CCP policy to advise other
Federal and State agencies, Native-
American Tribes, and the public of our
intentions, and to obtain suggestions
and information on the scope of issues
to consider in the planning process.

DATES: To ensure consideration, we
must receive your written comments by
November 21, 2013.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments,
questions, and requests for information
to: Robert Strader, Project Leader,
USFWS, Lower Mississippi River
Refuge Complex, P.O. Box 217, Sibley,
MS, 39165.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Michelle Paduani, Project Planner, 662-
323-5548, michelle_paduani@fws.gov
or Robert Strader, Project Leader, 601-
442-6696, bob_strader@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Introduction**

With this notice, we initiate our
process for developing a CCP for Cat
Island NWR, West Feliciana Parish,
Louisiana. This notice complies with
our CCP policy to: (1) Advise other
Federal and State agencies, Native-
American tribes, and the public of our
intention to conduct detailed planning
on this refuge; and (2) obtain
suggestions and information on the
scope of issues to consider in the
environmental document and during
development of the CCP.

Background*The CCP Process*

The National Wildlife Refuge System
Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C.
668dd-668ee) (Administration Act), as
amended by the National Wildlife
Refuge System Improvement Act of
1997, requires us to develop a CCP for
each national wildlife refuge. The

purpose for developing a CCP is to
provide refuge managers with a 15-year
plan for achieving refuge purposes and
contributing toward the mission of the
National Wildlife Refuge System,
consistent with sound principles of fish
and wildlife management, conservation,
legal mandates, and our policies. In
addition to outlining broad management
direction on conserving wildlife and
their habitats, CCPs identify wildlife-
dependent recreational opportunities
available to the public, including
opportunities for hunting, fishing,
wildlife observation, wildlife
photography, and environmental
education and interpretation. We will
review and update the CCP at least
every 15 years in accordance with the
Administration Act.

Each unit of the National Wildlife
Refuge System was established for
specific purposes. We use these
purposes as the foundation for
developing and prioritizing the
management goals and objectives for
each refuge within the National Wildlife
Refuge System mission, and to
determine how the public can use each
refuge. The planning process is a way
for us and the public to evaluate
management goals and objectives for the
best possible conservation approach to
this important wildlife habitat, while
providing for wildlife-dependent
recreation opportunities that are
compatible with the refuge's
establishing purposes and the mission
of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Our CCP process provides
participation opportunities for Tribal,
State, and local governments; agencies;
organizations; and the public. We
encourage input in the form of issues,
concerns, ideas, and suggestions for the
future management of Cat Island NWR.

We will conduct the environmental
review of this project in accordance
with the requirements of the National
Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as
amended (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 et
seq.); NEPA regulations (40 CFR parts
1500-1508); other appropriate Federal
laws and regulations; and our policies
and procedures for compliance with
those laws and regulations.

The Cat Island National Wildlife
Refuge was established and shall be
managed—(1) to conserve, restore, and
manage habitats as necessary to
contribute to the migratory bird
population goals and habitat objective
as established through the Lower
Mississippi Valley Joint Venture; (2) to
conserve, restore, and manage the
significant aquatic resource values
associated with the area's forested
wetlands and to achieve the habitat
objectives of the "Mississippi River

Aquatic Resources Management Plan";
(3) to conserve, enhance, and restore the
historic native bottomland community
characteristics of the lower Mississippi
alluvial valley and its associated fish,
wildlife, and plant species; (4) to
conserve, enhance, and restore habitat
to maintain and assist in the recovery of
endangered, and threatened plants and
animals; and (5) to encourage the use of
volunteers and facilitate partnerships
among the United States Fish and
Wildlife Service, local communities,
conservation organizations, and other
non-Federal entities to promote public
awareness of the resources of the Refuge
and the National Wildlife Refuge
System and public participation in the
conservation of those resources. 114
STAT. 1418. dated Oct. 27, 2000

Public Availability and Comments

Before including your address, phone
number, email address, or other
personal identifying information in your
comment, you should be aware that
your entire comment—including your
personal identifying information—may
be made publicly available at any time.
While you can ask us in your comment
to withhold your personal identifying
information from public review, we
cannot guarantee that we will be able to
do so.

Authority

This notice is published under the
authority of the National Wildlife
Refuge System Improvement Act of
1997 (16 U.S.C. 668dd et seq.).

Dated: September 5, 2013.

Cynthia K. Dohner,

Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service**

[FWS-HQ-IA-2013-N231;
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**Endangered Species; Marine
Mammals; Issuance of Permits**

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of permits.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and
Wildlife Service (Service), have issued
the following permits to conduct certain
activities with endangered species,
marine mammals, or both. We issue
these permits under the Endangered
Species Act (ESA) and Marine Mammal
Protection Act (MMPA).

ADDRESSES: Brenda Tapia, Division of Management Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 212, Arlington, VA 22203; fax (703) 358-2280; or email DMAFR@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brenda Tapia, (703) 358-2104

(telephone); (703) 358-2280 (fax); DMAFR@fws.gov (email).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On the dates below, as authorized by the provisions of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), as amended, and/or the MMPA, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), we issued requested permits subject to

certain conditions set forth therein. For each permit for an endangered species, we found that (1) The application was filed in good faith, (2) The granted permit would not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species, and (3) The granted permit would be consistent with the purposes and policy set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Permit No.	Applicant	Receipt of application Federal Register notice	Permit issuance date
Endangered Species			
10814B	Larry Bell	78 FR 45954; July 30, 2013	September 12, 2013.
13216B	Anthony Gaglio	78 FR 50083; August 16, 2013	September 25, 2013.
13270B	Shane Erving	78 FR 50083; August 16, 2013	September 25, 2013.
Marine Mammals			
056326	Dr. Graham Worthy, University of Central Florida	78 FR 30325; May 22, 2013	September 30, 2013.
067925	U.S. Geological Survey, Alaska Science Center ..	78 FR 37562; June 21, 2013	September 20, 2013.
837923	Gordon Bauer, New College of Florida	78 FR 37563; June 21, 2013	September 30, 2013.
19806A	Thomas Postel	78 FR 40762; July 8, 2013	September 27, 2013.
672624	U.S. Geological Survey, Biological Resources Division, Santa Cruz Field Station.	78 FR 44961; July 25, 2013	September 13, 2013.
05202B	Renegade Pictures	78 FR 48711; August 9, 2013	September 11, 2013.

Availability of Documents

Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to: Division of Management Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 212, Arlington, VA 22203; fax (703) 358-2280.

Brenda Tapia,
Program Analyst/Data Administrator, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

[DR.5B711.IA000813]

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Tribal-State Class III Gaming Compact taking effect.

SUMMARY: This notice publishes the Class III Gaming Compact between the North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians and the State of California taking effect.

DATES: *Effective Date:* October 22, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paula L. Hart, Director, Office of Indian Gaming, Office of the Deputy Assistant

Secretary—Policy and Economic Development, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219-4066.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA), Public Law 100-497, 25 U.S.C. 2701 *et seq.*, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish in the **Federal Register** notice of approved Tribal-State compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands. The Compact between the State of California and the North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians allows for one gaming facility and authorizes the Tribe to operate up to 2,000 gaming devices, any banking or percentage card games, and any devices or games authorized under State law to the State lottery. The Compact, also authorizes limited annual payments to the State for statewide exclusivity. Finally, the term of the compact is until December 31, 2033. The Secretary took no action on the Compact within 45 days of its submission by the Tribe and the State. Therefore, the compact is considered to have been approved, but only to the extent that the Compact is consistent with IGRA. *See* 25 U.S.C. 2710(d)(8)(C).

Dated: September 30, 2013.

Kevin K. Washburn,
Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

[DR.5B711.IA000813]

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Approved Tribal-State Class III Gaming Compact.

SUMMARY: This notice publishes the approval of an amendment to the Class III Tribal-State Gaming Compact (Amendment), between the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana (Tribe) and the State of Louisiana (State).

DATES: *Effective Date:* October 22, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paula L. Hart, Director, Office of Indian Gaming, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary—Policy and Economic Development, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219-4066.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA) Public Law 100-497, 25 U.S.C. 2701 *et seq.*, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish in the **Federal Register** notice of approved Tribal-State compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands. On August 19, 2013 the Tribe and the State submitted an amendment for review and approval. The Amendment between the State and the Tribe facilitates refinancing of the Tribe's existing gaming-related debt. A presumption of suitability is granted for a Qualified Institutional Buyer as