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#### *Environmental Review*

This notice provides operating instructions and procedures in connection with activities under provisions of Section 8 project-based assistance program regulations that have been the subject of a required environmental review. Accordingly, under 24 CFR 50.19(c)(4), this notice is categorically excluded from environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321).

Dated: December 11, 2014.

**Biniam Gebre,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Office of the Secretary

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### U.S. Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative Multi-Stakeholder Group (USEITI MSG) Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Office of Natural Resource Revenue, Interior.

#### **ACTION:** Meetings.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the next four meetings of the United States Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (USEITI) Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG) Advisory Committee.

**Dates and Times:** The four meetings in 2015 will occur on February 24-25, 2015; May 20-21, 2015; September 16-17, 2015; and December 15-16, 2015; in Washington, DC, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, unless we indicate otherwise at [www.doi.gov/eiti/faca](http://www.doi.gov/eiti/faca), where we will post agendas, meeting logistics, and meeting materials prior to the meeting.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held in the North and South Penthouse of the Stewart Lee Udall Department of the Interior Building located at 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240. Members of the public may attend in person or view documents and presentations under discussion via WebEx at <http://bit.ly/1cR9W6t> and listen to the proceedings at telephone number 1-888-455-2910 and International Toll number 210-839-8953 (passcode: 7741096).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rosita Compton Christian, USEITI Secretariat; 1849 C Street NW., MS 4211; Washington, DC 20240. You may also contact the USEITI Secretariat via email at [useiti@ios.doi.gov](mailto:useiti@ios.doi.gov), by phone at 202-208-0272, or by fax at 202-513-0682.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The U.S. Department of the Interior established the USEITI Advisory Committee (Committee) on July 26, 2012, to serve as the USEITI multi-stakeholder group. More information about the Committee, including its charter, is available at [www.doi.gov/eiti/faca](http://www.doi.gov/eiti/faca).

**Meeting Agenda:** Agenda items for the February 24-25, 2015, meeting will include review, discussion, and agreement on the Independent Administrator's (IA) proposed revenue reporting template, the Data Collection and Reconciliation, and the Contextual Data Report Plans for the 2015 USEITI Report. The agenda for the May 20-21, 2015, meeting will include the review and discussion of the IA draft Reconciliation Report and discussion of the contextual information for the 2015 USEITI Report. The agenda for the September 16-17, 2015, meeting will include a review and discussion of the initial draft USEITI Report and determination of consistency with EITI requirements. The agenda for the December 15-16, 2015, meeting will include discussion and agreement on the final USEITI Report, drafting of the

annual work-plan to meet all EITI requirements, and planning for 2016. We will post the final agendas and materials for all meetings on the USEITI MSG Web site at [www.doi.gov/eiti/faca](http://www.doi.gov/eiti/faca). All Committee meetings are open to the public.

Whenever possible, we encourage those participating by telephone to gather in conference rooms in order to share teleconference lines. Please plan to dial into the meeting and/or log into WebEx at least 10-15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time in order to avoid possible technical difficulties. We will accommodate individuals with special needs whenever possible. If you require special assistance (such as an interpreter for the hearing impaired), please notify Interior staff in advance of the meeting at 202-208-0272 or via email at [useiti@ios.doi.gov](mailto:useiti@ios.doi.gov).

We will post the minutes from these proceedings on the USEITI MSG Web site at [www.doi.gov/eiti/faca](http://www.doi.gov/eiti/faca) and they will also be available for public inspection and copying at our office at the Stewart Lee Udall Department of the Interior Building in Washington, DC, by contacting Interior staff at [useiti@ios.doi.gov](mailto:useiti@ios.doi.gov) or by telephone at 202-208-0272. For more information on USEITI, visit [www.doi.gov/eiti](http://www.doi.gov/eiti).

Dated: December 18, 2014.

**Paul A. Mussenden,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary—Natural Resource Revenue Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

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### Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Notice of Availability of a Technical/Agency Draft Recovery Plan for the Laurel Dace

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** We, the Fish and Wildlife Service, announce the availability of the technical/agency draft recovery plan for the endangered laurel dace, a small fish native to the Tennessee River Basin in Tennessee. The draft recovery plan includes specific recovery objectives and criteria to be met in order for us to downlist the species to threatened status or delist it under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). We request review and comment on this

draft recovery plan from local, State, and Federal agencies, and the public.

**DATES:** In order to be considered, comments on the draft recovery plan must be received on or before March 16, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** If you wish to review this technical/agency draft recovery plan, you may obtain a copy by contacting Geoff Call, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Tennessee Field Office, 446 Neal Street, Cookeville, TN 38501; tel. (931) 525-4983, or by visiting either the Service's recovery plan Web site at <http://www.fws.gov/Endangered/species/recovery-plans.html> or the Tennessee Field Office Web site at <http://www.fws.gov/cookeville>. If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments by one of the following methods:

1. You may submit written comments and materials to Geoff Call, at the above address.
2. You may hand-deliver written comments to our Tennessee Field Office, at the above address.
3. You may send comments by email to [geoff\\_call@fws.gov](mailto:geoff_call@fws.gov).

For additional information about submitting comments, see the "Request for Public Comments" section below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Geoff Call (see **ADDRESSES**, above).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### Introduction

We listed the laurel dace (*Chrosomus saylori*) as an endangered species under the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) on August 9, 2011 (76 FR 48722), and designated critical habitat for the species on October 16, 2012 (77 FR 63604). The laurel dace is a small fish native to the Tennessee River Basin in Tennessee. Laurel dace are known from headwater tributaries. This fish, from the family Cyprinidae, is found or collected from pools or slow runs from undercut banks or under slab boulders. The vegetation surrounding the first or second order streams where laurel dace occur includes mountain laurel, rhododendron, and hemlocks.

Historically, laurel dace is known from seven streams, and it currently occupies six of these, persisting in three creek systems on the Walden Ridge of the Cumberland Plateau. Only a few individuals have been collected from headwaters of the two creek systems in the southern part of their range, Soddy and Sale Creeks, although laurel dace are more abundant in headwaters of the Piney River system in their northern range. Threats to the laurel dace include: Land use activities that affect silt levels, temperature, or hydrologic

processes of these small tributaries; invasive species, including sunfishes, basses, and hemlock woolly adelgid; the species' naturally small population size and geographic range; and climate change.

### Background

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. We will consider all information we receive during a public comment period prior to approval of each new or revised recovery plan. We and other Federal agencies will take these comments into account in the course of implementing approved recovery plans.

### Recovery Plan Specifics

#### *Objectives for Reclassification and Delisting*

The goal for this recovery plan is to conserve and recover populations of laurel dace to the point that listing under the Act is no longer necessary, which will require the following objectives to be accomplished. Because recovery and delisting will be a long and potentially unachievable goal, an intermediate goal for this recovery plan is to recover the species to the point that it could be reclassified from endangered to threatened.

#### Delisting

In order to recover laurel dace to the point that listing under the Act is no longer necessary, it will be necessary to conserve all existing populations by maintaining, and in some cases restoring, suitable habitat conditions in all streams where the species currently occurs. It will also be necessary to discover or establish one additional population.

#### Reclassification to Threatened

Reclassification to threatened status will be possible when habitat conditions

in occupied streams are suitable for the conservation of the species, and viable populations are present throughout suitable habitat in five of the six currently occupied streams.

#### *Criteria for Reclassification From Endangered to Threatened or Delisting*

The following criteria will be used to determine whether the objectives for reclassification and delisting described above have been met. The criteria will be achieved by reducing or removing threats to the species' habitat and conserving or establishing viable populations throughout the species' range, as determined by monitoring of demographic and genetic parameters.

#### Reclassification From Endangered to Threatened

*Criterion 1:* Suitable instream habitat, flows, and water quality for laurel dace, as defined by Recovery Tasks 5.1 and 5.2, exist in occupied streams.

*Criterion 2:* Viable populations \* are present throughout suitable habitat in Bumbee, Moccasin, and Youngs Creeks, and at least two of the following streams: Soddy or Cupp Creek or Horn Branch.

#### Delisting

*Criterion 1:* Suitable instream habitat, flows, and water quality for laurel dace exist in all occupied streams, and mechanisms exist to ensure that land use activities (including road maintenance) in catchments of streams inhabited by laurel dace will be compatible with the species' conservation for the foreseeable future. Such mechanisms could include, but are not necessarily limited to, conservation agreements, conservation easements, land acquisition, and habitat conservation plans.

*Criterion 2:* Viable populations \* are present throughout suitable habitat in Bumbee, Moccasin, Youngs, Soddy, and Cupp Creeks and Horn Branch, and one additional viable population exists, either through reintroduction into Laurel Branch or discovery of an additional wild population.

\* Viability: Populations will be considered viable when the following demographic and genetic conditions exist:

- Demographics—Monitoring data demonstrate that (a) populations are stable or increasing, (b) two or more age-classes are consistently present over a period of time encompassing five generations (*i.e.*, 15 years), and (c) evidence of recruitment is not absent in more than three years or during consecutive years at any point within that period of time.

• Genetics—Populations will be considered to have sufficient genetic variation to be viable if measurements of observed number of alleles and estimates of heterozygosity and effective population size have remained stable or increased during the five generations used to establish demographic viability.

#### Request for Public Comments

We request written comments on the draft recovery plan. We will consider all comments we receive by the date specified in **DATES** prior to final approval of the plan.

#### Public Availability of 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

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

Dated: December 3, 2014.

**Cynthia K. Dohner,**

*Regional Director, Southeast Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

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#### Request for Nominations of Members To Serve on the Bureau of Indian Education Advisory Board for Exceptional Children

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Education, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Request for Nominations.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act—Public Law 92-463, 5 United States Code, Appendix 2, Section 10 (a) (b); and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004 (IDEA), (20 U.S.C. 1400 *et seq.*), the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) requests nominations of individuals to serve on the Advisory Board for Exceptional Children (Advisory Board). There are six positions available. The BIE will consider nominations received

in response to this request for nominations, as well as other sources. The “Supplementary Information” section for this notice provides committee and membership criteria.

**DATES:** Please submit nominations by February 20, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** Please submit nominations to Ms. Sue Bement, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), Bureau of Indian Education, Division of Performance and Accountability, 1011 Indian School Road NW., Suite 332, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87104, Telephone (505) 563-5274, or Fax to (505) 563-5281.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Sue Bement, DFO, at the address and telephone number listed above.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Advisory Board was established in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463. The following provides information about the Committee, the membership and the nomination process.

#### 1. Objective and Duties

(a) Members of the Advisory Board will provide guidance, advice and recommendations with respect to special education and related services for children with disabilities in BIE-funded schools in accordance with the requirements of IDEA;

(b) The Advisory Board will:

- (1) Provide advice and recommendations for the coordination of services within the BIE and with other local, State and Federal agencies;
- (2) Provide advice and recommendations on a broad range of policy issues dealing with the provision of educational services to American Indian children with disabilities;
- (3) Serve as advocates for American Indian students with special education needs by providing advice and recommendations regarding best practices, effective program coordination strategies, and recommendations for improved educational programming;
- (4) Provide advice and recommendations for the preparation of information required to be submitted to the Secretary of Education under 20 U.S.C. 1411 (h)(2);
- (5) Provide advice and recommend policies concerning effective inter- and intra- agency collaboration, including modifications to regulations, and the elimination of barriers to inter- and intra- agency programs and activities; and
- (6) Will report and direct all correspondence to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs through the Director, BIE with a courtesy copy to the DFO.

#### 2. Membership

(a) Pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1411(h)(6), the Advisory Board will be composed of up to 15 individuals involved in or concerned with the education and provision of services to Indian infants, toddlers, children, and youth with disabilities. The Advisory Board composition will reflect a broad range of viewpoints and will include at least one member representing each of the following interests: Indians with disabilities; teachers of children with disabilities; Indian parents or guardians of children with disabilities; service providers; state education officials; local education officials; state interagency coordinating councils (for states having Indian reservations); tribal representatives or tribal organization representatives; and other members representing the various divisions and entities of BIE.

(b) The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs may provide the Secretary of the Interior recommendations for the chairperson; however, the chairperson and other Advisory Board members will be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior. Advisory Board members shall serve staggered terms of two years or three years from the date of their appointment.

#### 3. Miscellaneous

(a) Members of the Advisory Board will not receive compensation, but will be reimbursed for travel, including subsistence, and other necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in Government Service under 5 U.S.C. 5703.

(b) A member may not participate in matters that will directly affect, or appear to affect, the financial interests of the member or the member's spouse or minor children, unless authorized by the appropriate ethics official. Compensation from employment does not constitute a financial interest of the member so long as the matter before the committee will not have a special or distinct effect on the member or the member's employer, other than as part of a class. The provisions of this paragraph do not affect any other statutory or regulatory ethical obligations to which a member may be subject.

(c) The Advisory Board meets at least twice a year, budget permitting. Additional meetings may be held as deemed necessary by the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs or the DFO.

(d) All Committee meetings are open to the public in accordance with the