

D. Scoping

A public EIS Scoping meeting will be held on September 24, 2015, from 7:00 until 9:00 p.m. at the Hoboken Multi-Service Center, located at 124 Grand Street, Hoboken, NJ 07030. The public meeting facility is handicapped accessible to the mobility-impaired. Interpreter services will be made available for persons who are hearing or visually impaired, upon advance request. Additionally, interpreter services will also be made available for persons with Limited English Proficiency through a language access service. The EIS scoping meeting will provide an opportunity for the public to learn more about the proposed Project, as well as provide input on the EIS and the NEPA process. During the meeting, an overview of the Project will be provided as well as details on the early concept development. The public meeting will also provide an opportunity for the public to provide comment on the Project's proposed scope of work. A Draft Scope of Work document will be made available to the public for review and comment at the scoping meeting. An electronic version of the Draft Scope of Work will be available no later than September 8, 2015 at <http://www.rbd-hudsonriver.nj.gov>. Comments received during the scoping meeting or via email rbd-hudsonriver@dep.nj.gov or mail to David Rosenblatt, Director, Office of Flood Hazard Risk Reduction Measures, 501 East State Street, Mail Code 501-01A, P.O. Box 420, Trenton, NJ 08625-0420 by October 9, 2015 (within 15 days of the scoping meeting) will be considered for review.

E. Probable Environmental Effects

The following areas have been identified for discussion in the EIS: Natural resources, including floodplain management, wetland protection, and threatened and endangered species; coastal zone management; sole source aquifers; wild and scenic rivers; farmland protection; explosive and flammable operations; airport hazards and runway clear zones; socioeconomic; environmental justice; land use; traffic circulation; air quality; noise; vibration; hazardous waste; cultural resources, including historic architectural and archaeological resources; infrastructure; utilities; and cumulative impacts.

F. Lead Agency

In accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs has designated NJDEP to assist with the

environmental review and preparation of the EIS. Questions may be directed to the individual named in this notice under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Dated: August 31, 2015.

Harriet Tregoning,

Principal Deputy Assistant, Secretary for Community Planning and Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Receipt of an Incidental Take Permit Application for Participation in the Oil and Gas Industry Conservation Plan for the American Burying Beetle in Oklahoma

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for public comments.

SUMMARY: Under the Endangered Species Act, as amended (Act), we, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on an incidental take permit application for take of the federally listed American burying beetle resulting from activities associated with the geophysical exploration (seismic) and construction, maintenance, operation, repair, and decommissioning of oil and gas well field infrastructure within Oklahoma. If approved, the permit would be issued under the approved *Oil and Gas Industry Conservation Plan Associated with Issuance of Endangered Species Act Section 10(a)(1)(B) Permits for the American Burying Beetle in Oklahoma* (ICP).

DATES: To ensure consideration, written comments must be received on or before October 5, 2015.

ADDRESSES: You may obtain copies of all documents and submit comments on the applicant's ITP application by one of the following methods. Please refer to the permit number when requesting documents or submitting comments.

- *U.S. Mail:* U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Endangered Species—HCP Permits, P.O. Box 1306, Room 6034, Albuquerque, NM 87103.
- *Electronically:* fw2_hcp_permits@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Marty Tuegel, Branch Chief, by U.S. mail at Environmental Review, P.O. Box

1306, Room 6034, Albuquerque, NM 87103; or by telephone at 505-248-6651.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Introduction

Under the Endangered Species Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*; Act), we, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on an incidental take permit (ITP) application for take of the federally listed American burying beetle (*Nicrophorus americanus*) resulting from activities associated with geophysical exploration (seismic) and construction, maintenance, operation, repair, and decommissioning of oil and gas well field infrastructure within Oklahoma. If approved, the permit would be issued to the applicant under the *Oil and Gas Industry Conservation Plan Associated with Issuance of Endangered Species Act Section 10(a)(1)(B) Permits for the American Burying Beetle in Oklahoma* (ICP). The ICP was made available for comment on April 16, 2014 (79 FR 21480), and approved on May 21, 2014 (publication of the FONSI notice was on July 25, 2014; 79 FR 43504). The ICP and the associated environmental assessment/finding of no significant impact are available on the Web site at <http://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/oklahoma/ABBICP>. However, we are no longer taking comments on these documents.

Applications Available for Review and Comment

We invite local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies, and the public to comment on the following application under the ICP, for incidental take of the federally listed ABB. Please refer to the appropriate permit number (TE-73567B) when requesting application documents and when submitting comments. Documents and other information the applicants have submitted with this application are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) and Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

Permit TE-73567B

Applicant: SandRidge Energy, Inc., Oklahoma City, OK.

Applicant requests a new permit for gas upstream and midstream production, including geophysical exploration (seismic) and construction, maintenance, operation, repair, and decommissioning of gas well field infrastructure, as well as construction, maintenance, operation, repair, decommissioning, and reclamation of gas gathering, transmission, and

distribution pipeline infrastructure within Oklahoma.

Public Availability of Comments

Written comments we receive become part of the public record associated with this action. 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 request in your comment that we withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. We will not consider anonymous comments. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety.

Authority

We provide this notice under section 10(c) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.22) and the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

Dated: August 27, 2015.

Joy E. Nicholopoulos,

Acting Regional Director, Southwest Region.

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Fish and Wildlife Service

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Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce a public meeting of the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council (Council). A Federal advisory committee, the Council was created in part to foster

partnerships to enhance public awareness of the importance of aquatic resources and the social and economic benefits of recreational fishing and boating in the United States. This meeting is open to the public, and interested persons may make oral statements to the Council or may file written statements for consideration.

DATES: The meeting will take place Tuesday, October 6, 2015, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Mountain Time) and Wednesday, October 7, 2015, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For deadlines and directions on registering to attend the meeting, submitting written material, and/or giving an oral presentation, please see “Public Input” under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s Bozeman Fish Technology Center, 4050 Bridger Canyon Road, Bozeman, Montana 59715. For directions or other information on the Bozeman Fish Technology Center, please contact Robert Muth, Center Director, at 406-994-9902 or Robert_Muth@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian Bohnsack, Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council Coordinator, 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS-3C016A-FAC, Falls Church, VA 22041; telephone (703) 358-2435; fax (703) 358-2210; or email brian_bohnsack@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., we announce that the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council will hold a meeting.

Background

The Council was formed in January 1993 to advise the Secretary of the Interior, through the Director of the Service, on aquatic conservation endeavors that benefit recreational fishery resources and recreational boating and that encourage partnerships among industry, the public, and government. The Council represents the interests of the public and private sectors of the recreational fishing, boating, and conservation communities and is organized to enhance partnerships among industry, constituency groups, and government. The 18-member Council, appointed by

the Secretary of the Interior, includes the Service Director and the president of the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, who both serve in ex officio capacities. Other Council members are directors from State agencies responsible for managing recreational fish and wildlife resources and individuals who represent the interests of saltwater and freshwater recreational fishing, recreational boating, the recreational fishing and boating industries, recreational fisheries resource conservation, Native American tribes, aquatic resource outreach and education, and tourism. Background information on the Council is available at <http://www.fws.gov/sfbpc>.

Meeting Agenda

The Council will hold a meeting to consider:

- An update from the FWS Fish and Aquatic Conservation Program on their new strategic plan, the status of the national fish hatchery program and other related programs;
- An update and discussion regarding a proposed pilot project with several agencies to improve the transparency and efficiency of federal agencies’ permitting review processes associated with boating infrastructure projects (*e.g.*, boat dock replacement and maintenance, boat ramp construction and maintenance);
- An update of the status of aquatic education and outreach programs funded through the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Program;
- An update on federal and state programs associated with aquatic invasive species and efforts to prevent their spread by boaters and anglers;
- An update on Tribal fish and wildlife conservation programs as they pertain to priorities of the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council;
- An update on the Council’s assessment of the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation’s implementation of the National Outreach and Communication Program (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number 15.653);
- Other miscellaneous Council business.

The final agenda will be posted on the Internet at <http://www.fws.gov/sfbpc>.