

(A) The modified weighted guidelines method applies;

(B) An alternate structured approach is justified;

(C) Developing a fee objective for a cost-plus-award-fee contract; or

(D) Developing a fee objective for a contract with an FFRDC.

(2) Shall use the modified weighted guidelines method (see 215.972) on contract actions with nonprofit organizations, except contract actions with FERDCs;

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4. Section 215.972 is amended by revising the section heading and paragraphs (b) and (c), and by removing paragraph (d). The revised text read as follows:

215.972 Modified weighted guidelines method for nonprofit organizations except FFRDCs.

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(b) For nonprofit organizations which are entities that have been identified by the Secretary of Defense or a Secretary of a Department as receiving sustaining support on a cost-plus-fixed-fee basis from a particular DoD department or agency, compute a fee objective for covered actions using the weighted guidelines method in 215.971, with the following modifications:

(1) *Modifications to performance risk (Blocks 21–24 of the DD Form 1547.*

(i) If the contracting officer assigns a value from the standard designated range (see 215.971–2(c), reduce the fee objective by an amount equal to 1 percent of the costs in Block 18 of the DD Form 1547. Show the net (reduced) amount on the DD Form 1547.

(ii) If the contracting officer assigns a value from the alternate designated range, reduce the fee objective by an amount equal to 2 percent of the costs in Block 18 of the DD Form 1547. Shown the net (reduced) amount on the DD Form 1547.

(2) *Modifications to contract type risk (Block 25 of the DD Form 1547).* Use a designated range of – 1 percent to 0 percent instead of the values in 215.971–3. There is no normal value.

(c) For all other nonprofit organizations except FFRDCs, compute a fee objective for covered actions using the weighted guidelines method in 215.971, modified as described in paragraph (b)(1) of this section.

215.975 [Redesignated]

5. Section 215.975 is redesignated as 215.976.

6. A new section 215.975 is added to read as follows:

215.975 Fee requirements for FFRDCs.

For nonprofit organizations that are FFRDCs, the contracting officer—

(a) Should consider whether any fee is appropriate. Considerations shall include the FFRDC's—

(1) Proportion of retained earnings (as established under generally accepted accounting methods) that relates to DoD contracted effort;

(2) Facilities capital acquisition plans;

(3) Working capital funding as assessed on operating cycle cash needs;

(4) Contingency funding; and

(5) Provision for funding unreimbursed costs deemed ordinary and necessary to the FFRDC.

(b) Shall, when a fee is considered appropriate, establish the fee objective in accordance with FFRDC fee policies in the DoD FFRDC Management Plan.

(c) Shall not use the weighted guidelines method or an alternate structured approach.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

50 CFR Part 17

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Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Extension of Comment Period and Notice of Public Hearings on Proposed Rule and Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Grizzly Bear Recovery in the Bitterroot Ecosystem

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule; notice of public hearings and extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) provides notice that public hearings will be held on the proposed rule to establish a nonessential experimental population of grizzly bears in the Bitterroot Ecosystem. Public meetings on the draft EIS for the proposed recovery action will be held concurrently. To accommodate the public hearings, the comment period on the proposal is being extended. All interested parties are invited to submit comments on this proposal.

DATES: Public hearings will be held at the following cities between the hours of 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 1, 1997, at Challis, Idaho, and Hamilton, Montana; Thursday, October 2, 1997, at Missoula, Montana, and

Lewiston, Idaho; Friday, October 3, 1997, at Helena, Montana, and Boise, Idaho; and Wednesday, October 8, 1997, at Salmon, Idaho. Registration will begin 1 hour prior to each hearing. Comments will be accepted until November 1, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The public hearings will be held at the following locations: October 1, 1997—Challis Middle School, 700 Main Street, Challis, Idaho 83226; and City Hall, 223 South 2nd Street, Hamilton, Montana 59840. October 2, 1997—Grant Creek Inn, 5280 Grant Creek Road, Missoula, Montana 59802; and Lewiston Community Center, 1424 Main Street, Lewiston, Idaho 83501. October 3, 1997—Colonial Park Hotel, 2301 Colonial Drive, Helena, Montana 59601; and Boise State University, Student Union Building, 1700 University Drive, Boise, Idaho 83725. October 8, 1997—Pioneer Multipurpose Room, Pioneer School, 900 Sharkey street, Salmon, Idaho 83467. Written comments and materials should be addressed to Dr. Christopher Servheen, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Project Leader, Bitterroot Grizzly Bear EIS, P.O. Box 5127, Missoula, Montana 59806.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Christopher Servheen, Grizzly Bear Recovery Coordinator (see ADDRESSES above), at telephone (406) 243–4903.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) proposes to reintroduce the grizzly bear (*Ursus arctos horribilis*), a threatened species, into east-central Idaho and a portion of western Montana. On July 2, 1997, the Service published a proposed rule (62 FR 35762) to establish a nonessential experimental population pursuant to section 10(j) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. Grizzly bear populations have been extirpated from most of the lower 48 United States. They presently occur in populations in the Cabinet/Yaak ecosystem in northwestern Montana and north Idaho, the Selkirk ecosystem in north Idaho and northeastern Washington, the North Cascades ecosystem in northwestern Washington, the Northern Continental Divide ecosystem in Montana, and the Yellowstone ecosystem in Montana, Wyoming, and Idaho. The purpose of this reintroduction is to reestablish a viable grizzly bear population in the Bitterroot ecosystem in east-central Idaho and adjacent areas of Montana, one of six grizzly recovery areas identified in the Grizzly Bear Recovery Plan. Potential effects of this proposed rule are evaluated in a draft

Environmental Impact Statement released concurrently with the publication of the proposed rule. This grizzly bear reintroduction does not conflict with existing or anticipated Federal agency actions or traditional public uses of wilderness areas or surrounding lands.

Public Comments Solicited

The Service has scheduled hearings on October 1, 2, and 3, 1997, with registration beginning 1 hour prior to each hearing (see **DATES** and **ADDRESSES** above). Anyone wishing to make an oral statement for the record is encouraged to provide a written copy of their statement to be presented to the Service at the start of the hearing. In the event that there is a large audience, the time allotted for oral statements may have to be limited.

Oral and written statements concerning the proposed rule will receive equal consideration by the Service. There are no limits to the length of written comments presented at the hearing or mailed to the Service. News releases announcing the date, time, and location of the hearings are being published in newspapers concurrently with this **Federal Register** notice.

The previous comment period on this proposal is scheduled to close on October 9, 1997. To accommodate these hearings, the Service extends the comment period. Written comments may now be submitted until November 1, 1997, to the Service office identified in the **ADDRESSES** section above. All comments must be received before the close of the comment period to be considered.

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Authority

The authority for this action is the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

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Regional Director, Denver, Colorado.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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New England Fishery Management Council; Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a 2-day public meeting to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 1, 1997, at 10 a.m. and on Thursday, October 2, 1997, at 8:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Colonial Hilton, 427 Walnut Street (Route 128 South), Wakefield, MA; telephone (781) 245-9300. Requests for special accommodations should be addressed to the New England Fishery Management Council, 5 Broadway, Saugus, MA 01906-1097; telephone: (781) 231-0422.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council, (781) 231-0422.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

October 1, 1997

At the recommendation of the Monkfish Committee, the Council may request that the Secretary of Commerce implement interim management measures for the monkfish fishery. The Council also will continue work on the monkfish amendment to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP). Following this discussion, there will be reports from the Council Chairman, Executive Director, NMFS Regional Administrator, Northeast Fisheries Science Center, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council liaisons, and representatives of the Coast Guard and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission. Groundfish issues to be discussed during the afternoon session include the timetable in the Northeast Multispecies FMP that requires an annual review and evaluation of plan measures. Currently, any modifications or new measures considered necessary to meet the plan objectives must be developed as a framework adjustment to the plan and must be submitted to

NMFS by February 1 of each year. There also will be an update on progress to develop whiting management measures.

Prior to adjourning for the day both the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council and the New England Council will hold a joint scoping hearing to solicit comments on the management of spiny dogfish.

October 2, 1997

The morning session will begin with a presentation of the results of the most recent Stock Assessment Workshop, with an advisory on the status of summer flounder, scup, black sea bass, and Gulf of Maine northern shrimp. The Marine Mammal Committee will recommend that the Council endorse its comments on the interim final rule implementing the Large Whale Take Reduction Plan and the proposed rule to implement a take reduction plan for harbor porpoise in the Gulf of Maine. The Scallop Committee will report on its discussions about an alternative approach to the development of Amendment 7 to the Sea Scallop Fishery Management Plan (Sea Scallop FMP). The amendment was initially proposed only to address effort consolidation (transfer of days-at-sea between vessels with sea scallop permits), but may now include a framework adjustment process to open and close areas to enhance scallop conservation as well as revisions to other Sea Scallop FMP provisions so as to be in compliance with the Sustainable Fisheries Act. The Chairman of the Herring Committee will update the Council on the recent scoping hearings and plans for the development of a Herring Fishery Management Plan.

Dr. Pamela Mace, Ocean Fishery Resources Division, NMFS, will provide a briefing on an initiative by the United Nation's Food and Agriculture Organization to address management of fishing capacity, seabird bycatch and mortality in longline fisheries, and shark conservation and management. The Interspecies Committee will recommend approval of measures to eliminate inconsistencies in vessel permit, upgrading, and replacement provisions in different fishery management plans for purposes of preparing a public hearing document. The Chairman also will review the committee's discussion of criteria for exempted fisheries. Finally there will be a report on the measures adopted by Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission for inclusion in Amendment 3 to the American Lobster Fishery Management Plan. The Council will adjourn the meeting after the