

meetings will be noted in the transmittal letter to all reviewers and announced in local newspapers.

Public meetings will be held at the following locations:

December 16, 2003: West Junior High School, East Highway 40, Fort Duchesne, Utah 84026.

December 17, 2003: Crossroads Senior Center, 50 East 200 South, Roosevelt, Utah 84066.

December 18, 2003: State Office, Bureau of Land Management, Third Floor Conference Room, 324 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84138.

All meetings will begin at 6 pm and conclude at 8 pm.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on the DEIS should be addressed to: Mr. Ron Groves, Director, Wisiups Wetlands Project, Ute Indian Tribe, PO Box 190, Ft. Duchesne, Utah 84026.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Copies of the Draft EIS and the resource technical reports can be obtained by contacting Mr. Ron Groves, Director, Wisiups Wetlands Project, Ute Indian Tribe, PO Box 190, Ft. Duchesne, Utah 84026, Telephone: (435) 722-5867, E-mail address: [wetlands@ubtanet.com](mailto:wetlands@ubtanet.com).

Copies of the DEIS are also available for inspection at:

Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission, 102 West 500 South, Suite 315, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101.

Department of the Interior, Central Utah Project Completion Act Office, 302 East 1860 South, Provo, Utah 84606.

Department of the Interior, Natural Resource Library, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240.

Duchesne County Library, 70 East Lagoon, Roosevelt, Utah 84066.

Headquarters, Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Agency, 988 South 7500 East, Ft. Duchesne, Utah 84026.

Information on other matters related to this notice may be obtained by calling or writing Mr. Ralph G. Swanson, Program Coordinator, CUP Completion Act Office, Department of the Interior, 302 East 1860 South, Provo UT 84606-6154, Telephone (801) 379-1254, E-mail address: [rswanon@uc.usbr.gov](mailto:rswanon@uc.usbr.gov).

Dated: September 8, 2003.

**Ronald Johnston,**

*CUP Program Director, Department of the Interior.*

Dated: September 8, 2003.

**Michael C. Weland,**

*Executive Director, Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Notice of Intent To Conduct Restoration Planning for Natural Resources Injured by the Release of Oil From the MV Stuyvesant Oil Spill, Humboldt County, CA

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Department of the Interior), California Department of Fish and Game, and California State Lands Commission are joint trustees (Trustees) for natural resources and are authorized to assess injuries to Federal and State resources caused by the MV *Stuyvesant* Oil Spill and to plan and implement restoration actions to address those injuries. The Trustees announce the intent to conduct restoration planning for the MV *Stuyvesant* Oil Spill. The purpose of this restoration planning effort is to complete an assessment of the natural resource injuries and damages caused by the oil spill, and to prepare a plan for the restoration of the injured resources.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, we must receive written comments on or before December 24, 2003.

#### ADDRESSES:

#### Review of Administrative Record

The Administrative Record will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at these locations:

- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Suite W-2605, Sacramento, California 95825
- California Department of Fish and Game, 619 2nd Street, Eureka, California 95501

You may schedule a time to review the Administrative Record by contacting the Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office or the California Department of Fish and Game's Eureka office (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

#### Submission of Comments

You may submit your written comments on this Notice, Administrative Record materials, and all upcoming restoration planning documents by any of the following methods:

1. Send written comments and information by mail to Charlene Hall, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, at the above address.

2. Hand-deliver written comments to the Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, at the above address.

3. Fax comments to (916) 414-6713 (Attn.: Charlene Hall).

4. Send comments by electronic mail (e-mail) to [Charlene\\_Hall@fws.gov](mailto:Charlene_Hall@fws.gov). For directions on how to submit electronic comments, see the "Public Comments Solicited" section.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Charlene Hall, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, telephone (916) 414-6590; California Department of Fish and Game, Eureka, (707) 441-5752. To receive public notices about future Restoration Planning activities, contact Charlene Hall by telephone.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

On or about September 6, 1999, oil was spilled from the dredge vessel M/V *Stuyvesant* into the Pacific Ocean offshore of Humboldt Bay in the State of California. Oil was spread by tide, currents and winds and washed ashore along the coasts of Humboldt and Del Norte Counties. The oil affected a number of natural resources, including seabirds, shorebirds, marine waters, and beaches. This oil spill is hereafter referred to as the "Incident."

Pursuant to section 1006 of the Oil Pollution Act (OPA), 33 U.S.C. 2701 *et seq.*, Federal and State trustees (Trustees) for natural resources are authorized to assess natural resource damages resulting from oil spills into navigable waters and to develop and implement a plan for restoration of such injured resources. The Trustees for this Incident are the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Department of the Interior), the California Department of Fish and Game, and the California State Lands Commission. The Natural Resource Damage Assessment Regulations under OPA, 15 CFR part 990 (the "NRDA regulations"), provide that the Trustees are to prepare a Notice of Intent to Conduct Restoration Planning (Notice) if they determine certain conditions have been met and if they decide to quantify the injuries to natural resources and to develop a restoration plan.

This Notice is to announce, pursuant to § 990.44 of the NRDA regulations, that the Trustees, having collected and analyzed data, intend to proceed with restoration planning actions to address injuries to natural resources resulting from the Incident. The purpose of this restoration planning effort is to further evaluate injuries to natural resources and services and to use that information to determine the need for, type of, and scale of restoration actions.

### Determination of Jurisdiction

The Trustees have made the following determinations pursuant to 15 CFR 990.41 and 990.42:

(1) On or about September 6, 1999, the dredge vessel MV *Stuyvesant* spilled a quantity of intermediate fuel oil, estimated to be at least 2,100 gallons, in the Pacific Ocean off Humboldt Bay, near Eureka, California. This occurrence constituted an "Incident" within the meaning of 15 CFR 990.30. The Incident is also a spill or discharge as defined at California Government Code 8670.3(u).

(2) The Incident was not permitted under a permit issued under Federal, State, or local law; was not from a public vessel; and was not from an onshore facility subject to the Trans-Alaska Pipeline Authority Act, 43 U.S.C. 1651 *et seq.*

(3) Oil discharged during the Incident affected marine and shoreline habitats, wildlife, and human uses of natural resources in the area. Consequently, natural resources under the trusteeship of the Trustees have been injured as a result of the Incident.

(4) As a result of the foregoing determinations, the Trustees have jurisdiction to pursue restoration under the Federal Oil Pollution Act (OPA), 33 U.S.C. 2701–2761, and California's Lempert-Keene-Seastrand Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act, Government Code Sections 8670.1 *et seq.*

### Determination To Conduct Restoration Planning

The Trustees have determined, pursuant to 15 CFR 99.42(a), that:

(1) Data collected pursuant to 15 CFR 990.43 demonstrate that injuries to natural resources have resulted from the Incident, including but not limited to the following:

(i) Injury to a wide variety and number of seabirds and shorebirds, among them marbled murrelets and western snowy plovers (species listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1531–1544);

(ii) Impacts to beaches, tide pools, offshore rocks, sea cliffs, and jetties such that the ecological services provided by these habitats were reduced for varying periods of time;

(iii) Impacts to water quality in marine waters affected by the spill such that the ecological services provided by this habitat were reduced for some period of time; and

(iv) Lost public recreational uses of beaches, parks, and other public areas, including lost or diminished opportunities for public hiking, camping, fishing, surfing, beach combing, and wildlife viewing.

(2) The response and cleanup actions taken during early stages of the Incident have not adequately addressed the injuries resulting from the Incident to the extent where restoration would not be necessary. Response efforts included collection and removal of oil and oiled debris along beaches and rehabilitation of oiled birds. These efforts reduced the magnitude and duration of impacts to beach habitats and wildlife, but did not eliminate all injuries or make restoration unnecessary.

(3) Potential assessment procedures to be used to evaluate injuries and to design and implement the appropriate type and scale of restoration for these injured natural resources and services consist of, but are not limited to:

(i) Compilation of data on numbers, species, and collection locations of dead or debilitated birds found during the spill response;

(ii) Compilation of demographic data for key bird species;

(iii) Field studies and/or literature searches to estimate rates of removal of carcasses from beaches by scavengers and effectiveness of wildlife operations personnel and techniques at finding oiled birds stranded on beaches;

(iv) Computer modeling of bird distribution and abundance data and/or oil trajectory data to estimate spill-related avian mortality;

(v) Resource Equivalency Analysis or other techniques to scale bird restoration projects to bird injuries;

(vi) Habitat Equivalency Analysis or other techniques to scale habitat restoration projects to habitat injuries;

(vii) Field studies to ascertain restoration suitability of various tracts of land; and

(viii) Analysis of habitat quality information to properly scale restoration projects.

(4) Feasible primary and compensatory restoration actions exist to address injuries from the Incident. Restoration activities are expected to focus on marbled murrelets and other seabirds, snowy plovers and other shorebirds, marine and shoreline habitats, and lost recreation. Restoration actions for the injured resources may include, but are not necessarily limited to:

(i) Acquisition of marbled murrelet nesting habitat from willing sellers, potentially including acquisition of forested lands identified as the Grizzly Creek Marbled Murrelet Conservation Area in the Pacific Lumber Company's Habitat Conservation Plan;

(ii) Enhancement and/or protection of nesting locations of seabirds along the California coast;

(iii) Enhancement and/or protection of beaches, wetlands and other habitats used by bird species that were affected by the spill, potentially including eradication of invasive exotic plants from dune areas; and

(iv) Enhancement of trails or other facilities used for public recreation at beaches or parks where public access was lost or diminished during the spill response.

### Administrative Record

The Trustees have opened an Administrative Record (Record) in compliance with 15 CFR 990.45. The Record includes documents relied upon by the Trustees during the assessment and restoration planning performed thus far in connection with the Incident, including data supporting the above determinations. The Record is on file and available to the public at the locations specified in the **ADDRESSES** section.

### Public Comments Solicited

Pursuant to 15 CFR 990.14(d), the Trustees seek public involvement in restoration planning for this Incident, through public review of, and comment on, this Notice and the documents contained in the Administrative Record, as well as on the Draft Restoration Plan after it has been prepared.

Please submit electronic comments in an ASCII file format and avoid the use of special characters and encryption. Please also include "Attn: Stuyvesant NOI" and your name and return address in your e-mail message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the system that we have received your e-mail message, please contact us directly by calling Charlene Hall at the Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office (*see ADDRESSES* section).

Our practice is to make all comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home addresses from the record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. In some circumstances, we would withhold from the record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish for us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

**Author**

The primary author of this notice is Daniel Welsh (Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office; see **ADDRESSES** section).

**Authority**

The authority for this action is the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (33 U.S.C. 2701 *et seq.*).

Dated: November 14, 2003.

**Michael B. Fris,**

*Acting Manager, California/Nevada Operations Office, Sacramento, California.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Geological Survey****Request for Public Comments on Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act**

A request extending the information collection described has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35). Copies of the proposed collection instrument may be obtained by contacting the USGS clearance officer at the phone number listed below. OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection, but may respond after 30 days; therefore, public comments should be submitted to OMB within 30 days in order to assure their maximum consideration. Comments and suggestions on the proposal should be made directly to the Desk Officer for the Interior Department, Office of Regulatory Affairs, OMB, via e-mail to [OIRA\\_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov) or via facsimile to (202) 395-6566; and to the USGS Clearance Officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 807 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia, 20192.

Specific public comments are requested as to:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions on the USGS, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of the USGS estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. The quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who

are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

*Title:* National Atlas of the United States of America.

*Current OMB approval number:* 1028-0057.

*Abstract:* Potential customers of electronic national atlas products will be asked questions that provide (1) potential uses of these products; (2) type of personal computer used; (3) current method of acquiring atlas-type information; (4) demographic information; and (5) personal expectations from the products. Survey questionnaires will be distributed by mail in the return postage-paid format and via the World Wide Web. Focus groups will be held at various locations across the United States and could include prototype product testing. Software usability studies will be conducted at various locations and will result in the development of products that are easier to use. Customer information gathered from the questionnaires, focus groups, and usability studies will be used to evaluate the National Atlas of the United States products and to make development adjustments based on customer responses. The proposed collection is limited in scope to the National Atlas products and the capability of the products to meet customer needs. The USGS intends to develop a cooperative research and development agreement with private industry to assist in product development and to provide an additional avenue for product distribution.

*Bureau form number:* None.

*Frequency:* An estimated 2-3 surveys, and 2-5 focus group studies per year to evaluate potential customer segments and reactions.

*Description of respondents:* Owners of powerful home personal computers, some with Internet access—potentially the general public, libraries, and schools.

*Estimated completion time:* Varies depending on the mechanism used: approximately 15 minutes per survey and 1 hour per focus group session.

*Annual responses:* Approximately 1,000 survey and 100 focus group responses.

*Annual burden hours:* 350.

*Bureau clearance officer:* John Cordyack, 703-648-7313.

Dated: October 2, 2003.

**Robert A. Lidwin,**

*Chief of Staff for Geography.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Geological Survey****Request for Public Comments on Proposed Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act**

The Proposal to extend the collection of information described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35). Copies of the proposed collection of information and related forms may be obtained by contacting the Bureau's clearance officer at the phone number listed below. OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection, but may respond after 30 days; therefore public comments should be submitted to OMB within 30 days in order to assure maximum consideration. Comments and suggestions on the proposal should be made directly to the Desk Officer for the Interior Department, OMB-OIRA, via e-mail to [OIRA\\_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov) or via facsimile to (202) 395-6566, and to the Bureau clearance officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 807 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive., Reston, Virginia, 20192.

Specific public comments are requested as to:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions on the bureaus, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of the bureau's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. The quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

*Title:* Annual National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Announcement.

*OMB approval number:* 1028-0051.

*Abstract:* Respondents submit proposals to support research in earthquake hazards and earthquake