

public comment period for a technical/agency draft recovery plan: the second revision of the Florida manatee (*Trichechus manatus latirostris*) Recovery Plan.

The Service solicits additional review and comment from the public on this plan. During the previous comment period (December 27, 1994–February 27, 1995), there was some concern expressed that certain individuals and/or groups were not adequately informed of the availability of the draft for public review.

DATES: Comments on the draft recovery plan revision must be received on or before June 5, 1995 to receive consideration by the Service.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the draft recovery plan may obtain a copy by contacting the Supervisor, Jacksonville Field Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 6620 South Point Dr., South, Suite 310, Jacksonville, Florida 32216 (Telephone: 904–232–2580). Written comments and materials regarding the plan should be addressed to David J. Wesley, Field Supervisor, at the above Jacksonville, Florida address. Comments and materials received are available upon request for public inspection, by appointment, and during normal business hours at the above Jacksonville, Florida address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert O. Turner, Manatee Coordinator, at the Jacksonville, Florida, address (Telephone: 904–232–2580).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Restoring endangered or threatened animals and plants to the point where they are again secure self-sustaining members of their ecosystems is a primary goal of the Service's endangered species program. To help guide the recovery effort the Service is working to prepare recovery plans for most of the listed species native to the United States. Recovery Plans describe actions necessary for the conservation of the species, establish criteria for the recovery levels for downlisting or delisting them, and estimate time and cost for implementing the recovery measures needed.

The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act), as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) 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, as amended in 1988, requires that public notice, and an opportunity for public review and comment be provided during recovery plan development. The Service will

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

The Florida Manatee, a subspecies of the West Indian manatee, was originally listed under the Endangered Species Act on March 11, 1967. The Service developed an initial recovery plan for manatees in 1980. The 1980 plan focused primarily, but not exclusively, on manatees in Florida. In 1986 the Service adopted a separate Recovery Plan for manatees in Puerto Rico. To reflect new information and planning needs for manatees in Florida, the Service revised the original plan in 1989 focusing exclusively on Florida's manatees. The revised plan covered a five-year planning period ending in Fiscal Year 1994. In view of progress since 1989 and planning needs beyond 1994, the Service is once again updating and revising the plan.

Public Comments Solicited

The Service solicits written comments on the revised recovery plan described. All comments received by the date specified will be considered prior to the approval of the plan.

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

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Bureau of Reclamation

Central Valley Project Improvement Act, Criteria for Evaluating Water Conservation Plans

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of draft decision of evaluation of water conservation plans.

SUMMARY: To meet the requirements of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA), the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) developed and published the Criteria for Evaluating Water Conservation Plans (Criteria) dated April 30, 1993. Using this Criteria, Reclamation evaluated the adequacy of all water conservation plans developed by project contractors, including those required by the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982. The Criteria was developed and the plans evaluated for the purpose of promoting the most efficient water use

reasonably achievable by Central Valley Project (CVP) contractors. Reclamation made a commitment (stated within the Criteria) to publish a notice of its draft determination on the adequacy of each CVP contractor's water conservation plan in the **Federal Register** and to allow the public a minimum of 30 days to comment on its preliminary determinations. This program is on-going; an updated list will be published to recognize districts as plans are revised to meet the Criteria.

DATES: All public comments must be received by Reclamation by May 5, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Please mail comments to the address provided below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Betsy Reifsnider, Bureau of Reclamation, 2800 Cottage Way, MP–402, Sacramento, CA 95825. To be placed on a mailing list for any subsequent information, please write Betsy Reifsnider or telephone at (916) 979–2397.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under provisions of Section 3405(e) of the CVPIA (Title 34 of Public Law 102–575), “The Secretary [of the Interior] shall establish and administer an office on Central Valley Project water conservation best management practices that shall * * * develop criteria for evaluating the adequacy of all water conservation plans developed by project contractors, including those plans required by section 210 of the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982.” Also, according to Section 3405(e)(1), these criteria will be developed “* * * with the purpose of promoting the highest level of water use efficiency reasonably achievable by project contractors using best available cost-effective technology and best management practices.”

The Criteria states that all parties (districts) that contract with Reclamation for water supplies (municipal and industrial contracts greater than 2,000 acre feet and agricultural contracts over 2,000 irrigable acres) will prepare water conservation plans which will be evaluated by Reclamation based on the following required information:

1. Coordinate with other agencies and the public
2. Describe the district
3. Inventory water resources
4. Review the past water conservation plan and activities
5. Identify best management practices to be implemented
6. Develop schedules, budgets and projected results
7. Review, evaluate, and adopt the water conservation plan