

(4) Current or planned activities in the Moapa Valley and their possible impacts on the species;

(5) Additional information concerning the taxonomy of Virgin River chub; and

(6) Data on chub movement (or lack thereof) between the Virgin and Muddy Rivers.

Final promulgation of the regulation changing the Virgin River chub from a subspecies to a population listing will take into consideration the comments and any additional information received by the Service, and such communications may lead to a final regulation that differs from this proposal. In addition, the Service will use the best available scientific and commercial data to evaluate the status of the Muddy River population segment and, if deemed appropriate, prepare a listing proposal. If listing is deemed warranted, the Service will publish a proposed rule in the **Federal Register** for public comment and will include a review of materials used in its preparation. Critical habitat will be addressed in any proposed rule.

The Endangered Species Act provides for a public hearing on this proposal, if

requested. Requests must be received by September 7, 1995. Such requests must be made in writing (includes FAX) and addressed to the Acting State Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (see **ADDRESSES** action).

National Environmental Policy Act

The Service has determined that an Environmental Assessment, as defined under the authority of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, need not be prepared in connection with regulations adopted pursuant to section 4(a) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. A notice outlining the Service's reasons for this determination was published in the **Federal Register** on October 25, 1983 (48 FR 49244).

References Cited

A complete list of all references cited herein, as well as others, is available upon request from the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section above.

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The primary author of this notice is Selena Werdon (see **ADDRESSES**).

List of Subjects in 50 CFR Part 17

Endangered and threatened species, Exports, Imports, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, and Transportation.

Proposed Regulation Promulgation

Accordingly, the Service hereby proposes to amend part 17, subchapter B of chapter I, title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as set forth below:

PART 17—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 17 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1361–1407; 16 U.S.C. 1531–1544; 16 U.S.C. 4201–4245; Pub. L. 99–625, 100 Stat. 3500, unless otherwise noted.

2. Section 17.11(h) is amended by revising the entry for “Chub, Virgin River” under FISHES to read as follows:

§ 17.11 Endangered and threatened wildlife.

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Species		Historic range	Vertebrate population where endangered or threatened	Status	When listed	Critical habitat	Special rules
Common name	Scientific name						
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FISHES							
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Chub, Virgin River	<i>Gila seminuda</i> (= <i>G. robusta seminuda</i>).	U.S.A. (AZ, NV, UT) ..	Virgin River	E	361,	NA	NA
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Dated: March 22, 1995.

Mollie H. Beattie,

Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 654

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Stone Crab Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Control Date

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Advance notice of proposed rulemaking; consideration of a control date.

SUMMARY: This document announces that the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) is considering whether there is a need to impose additional management measures limiting entry in the stone crab fishery in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) in the Gulf of Mexico off Florida, and if there is a need, what management measures should be imposed. If it is determined that there is a need to impose additional management measures, the Council may initiate a rulemaking to do so. Possible measures include the establishment of a limited entry program to control participation or effort in the fishery. If a limited entry program is established,

the Council is considering July 24, 1995, as a possible control date. Consideration of a control date is intended to discourage new entry into the fishery based upon economic speculation during the Council's deliberation on the issues.

DATES: Comments must be submitted by August 23, 1995.

Comments should be directed to the Gulf of Mexico Fishery

ADDRESSES: Management Council, 5401 West Kennedy Boulevard, Suite 331, Tampa, FL 33609.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Georgia Cranmore, 813–570–5305.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The stone crab fishery is managed under the Fishery Management Plan for the Stone Crab Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico (FMP) that was developed by the Council, approved by NMFS, and implemented through final regulations