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Public Comments Solicited

The Service intends that any final action resulting from this proposal will be as accurate and as effective as possible. Therefore, comments or suggestions from the public, other concerned governmental agencies, the scientific community, industry, or any other interested party concerning this proposed rule are hereby solicited. Comments particularly are sought concerning:

(1) Biological, commercial trade, or other relevant data concerning any threat (or lack thereof) to *Sibara filifolia*, *Lithophragma maximum*, and *Cercocarpus traskiae*;

(2) The location of any additional populations of these species and the reasons why any habitat should or should not be determined to be critical habitat as provided by section 4 of the Act;

(3) Additional information concerning the range, distribution, and population size of these species; and

(4) Current or planned activities in the subject area and their possible impacts on these species.

Final promulgation of the regulations on these species 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.

The Endangered Species Act provides for one or more public hearings on this proposal, if requested. Requests must be received by September 25, 1995. Such requests must be made in writing and addressed to the Field Supervisor of the Carlsbad Field Office (see ADDRESSES section).

National Environmental Policy Act

The Fish and Wildlife Service has determined that Environmental Assessments or Environmental Impact Statements, 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 is available upon request from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service,

Carlsbad Field Office (see ADDRESSES section).

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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 17.12(h) is amended by adding the following, in alphabetical order under FLOWERING PLANTS, to the List of Endangered and Threatened Plants, to read as follows:

§ 17.12 Endangered and threatened plants.

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Species		Historic range	Family name	Status	When listed	Critical habitat	Special rules
Scientific name	Common name						
FLOWERING PLANTS							
*	*	*	*	*	*		*
<i>Cercocarpus traskiae.</i>	Catalina Island mountain-mahogany.	U.S.A. (CA)	Rosaceae	E	NA	NA
*	*	*	*	*	*		*
<i>Lithophragma maximum.</i>	San Clemente Island woodland-star.	U.S.A. (CA)	Saxifragaceae	E	NA	NA
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<i>Sibara filifolia</i>	Santa Cruz Island rockcress.	U.S.A. (CA)	Brassicaceae	E	NA	NA
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50 CFR Part 17

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Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Proposed Rule for 16 Plant Taxa From the Northern Channel Islands, California

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) proposes endangered status pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), for 16 plant taxa from the northern Channel Islands, California: *Arabis hoffmannii* (Hoffmann's rock-cress), *Arctostaphylos confertiflora* (Santa Rosa Island manzanita), *Berberis pinnata* ssp. *insularis* (island barberry), *Castilleja mollis* (soft-leaved paintbrush), *Dudleya*