

determined to be critical habitat as provided by section 4 of the Act;

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

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

The Service specifically solicits expert opinion from independent specialists regarding pertinent scientific or commercial data and assumptions relating to taxonomy, population models, and supportive biological and ecological information.

Final promulgation of the regulation on this 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 a public hearing on this proposal, if requested. Requests must be received by September 25, 1995. Such requests must be made in writing and be addressed to the Field Supervisor, Sacramento 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 Field Supervisor, Sacramento Field Office (see ADDRESSES section).

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The primary author of this proposed rule is Elizabeth Warne, Sacramento Field Office (see ADDRESSES section).

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							
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<i>Arctostaphylos pallida</i>	Pallid manzanita	U.S.A. (CA)	Ericaceae—Heath .	T	NA	NA	
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Dated: July 5, 1995.

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Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Proposed Endangered Status for Nine Plants from the Grasslands or Mesic Areas of the Central Coast of California

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) proposes to list *Alopecurus aequalis* var. *sonomensis* (Sonoma alopecurus), *Astragalus clarianus* (Clara Hunt's milkvetch), *Carex albida* (white sedge), *Clarkia imbricata* (Vine Hill clarkia), *Lilium pardalinum* ssp.

pitkinense (Pitkin Marsh lily), *Plagiobothrys strictus* (Calistoga allocarya), *Poa napensis* (Napa bluegrass), *Sidalcea oregana* ssp. *valida* (Kenwood marsh checkermallow), and *Trifolium amoenum* (showy Indian clover) as endangered pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). These nine species grow in a variety of habitats including valley grasslands, meadows, freshwater marshes, seeps, and broad-leaf upland forests in Marin, Napa, and Sonoma counties on the central coast of California. Habitat loss and degradation, competition from aggressive plant species, elimination through plant community succession, grazing, inadequate regulatory mechanisms, collection for horticultural use, and hydrological modifications to wetland areas threaten the continued existence of these plants. This proposal, if made final, would implement the Federal protection and recovery provisions afforded by the Act for these plants.

DATES: Comments from all interested parties must be received by October 9, 1995. Public hearing requests must be received by September 25, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Comments and materials concerning this proposal should be sent to the Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento Field Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Room E–1803, Sacramento, California 95825–1846. Comments and materials received will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dale Pierce, Assistant Field Supervisor, Sacramento Field Office (see ADDRESSES section) (telephone 916/979–2710; facsimile 916/979–2723).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Populations of the nine plant species in this proposed rule are found in Sonoma County and east as far as Napa Valley, California. *Alopecurus aequalis*