

accompanying DEIS assessed the environmental and socioeconomic impacts associated with each alternative.

Substantive public and agency comments were received on the draft document during the 60-day comment period that ended on July 10, 1995. Most comments focused on the following issues: changes proposed for State Route 85; the range of alternatives and suggestions for new alternatives; costs associated with implementing various elements of alternatives; and mitigation strategies for the protection of natural resources, especially threatened and endangered species. Based on an analysis of these comments, the National Park Service has determined that a supplemental draft GMP/EIS will be prepared.

The supplemental draft GMP/EIS will address the comments and suggestions received during the initial public comment period. The supplement will include clarifications of the original alternatives and a discussion of new alternatives to be added since release of the initial draft GMP/EIS. It will also present an analysis of the environmental consequences associated with each alternative.

The official who is responsible for the current GMP/EIA planning process is Stanley T. Albright, Field Director, Pacific West Area, National Park Service. The supplemental draft GMP/EIS is expected to be available for public review in early 1996, and it will be provided to all persons and organizations who received the initial DEIS. Upon approval, officials responsible for implementing the plan will be the Superintendent, Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, and the Field Director, Intermountain Field Area, National Park Service.

Dated: December 12, 1995.

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Field Director, Pacific West Area.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Wrangell-St. Elias National Park Subsistence Resource Commission; Meeting

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Subsistence Resource Commission meeting.

SUMMARY: The Superintendent of Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and the Chairperson of the subsistence Resource

Commission for Wrangell-St. Elias National Park announce a forthcoming meeting of the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park Subsistence Resource Commission.

The following agenda items will be discussed:

- (1) Call to order.
- (2) Introduction of Commission members and guests.
- (3) Approval of summary of minutes from April 6-8, 1994 meeting.
- (4) Review agenda.
- (5) Superintendent's welcome and review of the Commission's function and purpose.
- (6) Commission membership status.
- (7) Election of Chair and Vice-Chair.
- (8) Federal Subsistence Management Program:
 - a. Update on the revised C&T determination process.
 - b. Update on Federal Subsistence Board actions affecting the park.
- (9) Public and other agency comments.
- (10) Old business:
 - a. Status of letter to Eastern Interior, Southcentral and southeast Subsistence Regional Councils encouraging cooperation between the SRC and the regional councils.
 - b. Status of letter to Secretary of the Interior requesting funding to conduct an access study.
 - c. Status of letter to Secretary of the Interior requesting assistance in resolving fall hunting of waterfowl with provisions of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.
 - d. Status of SRC's Resident Zone Boundary Proposal.
 - e. Status of Hunting Plan Recommendation studies to add Northway and Tetlin as resident zone communities.
- (11) New business:
 - a. Proposed 1996-97 subsistence hunting proposals/regulations.
 - b. Mentasta Caribou Hunt Proposal by NPS.
 - c. 804 process work session.
 - d. Review of NPS Subsistence Program.
- (12) Set time and place of next SRC meeting.
- (13) Adjournment

DATES: The meeting will be held Wednesday and Thursday, January 17 and 18, 1996. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 5 p.m. each day.

LOCATION: The meeting will be held at the Caribou Cafe in Glennallen, Alaska.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jonathan B. Jarvis, Superintendent, Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve, P.O. Box 439, Cooper Center, Alaska 99573.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subsistence Resource Commissions are authorized under Title VIII, Section 808, of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, Pub. L. 96-487, and operate in accordance with the

provisions of the Federal Advisory Committees Act.

Paul R. Anderson,

Acting Field Director.

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Bureau of Reclamation

Change in Discount Rate for Water Resources Planning

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of change.

SUMMARY: The Water Resources Planning Act of 1965 and the Water Resources Development Act of 1974 require an annual determination of a discount rate for Federal water resources planning. The discount rate for Federal water resources planning for fiscal year 1996 is 7.625 percent. Discounting is to be used to convert future monetary values to present values.

DATES: This discount rate is to be used for the period October 1, 1995, through and including September 30, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Larry Schluntz, Economist, Reclamation Law, Contracts, and Repayment Office, Bureau of Reclamation, Attention: D-5200, Building 67, Denver Federal Center, Denver CO 80225-0007; telephone: (303) 236-1061, extension 287.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that the interest rate to be used by Federal agencies in the formulation and evaluation of plans for water and related land resources is 7.625 percent for fiscal year 1996.

This rate has been computed in accordance with Section 80(a), Pub. L. 93-251 (88 Stat. 34) and 18 CFR 704.39, which: (1) Specify that the rate shall be based upon the average yield during the preceding fiscal year on interest-bearing marketable securities of the United States which, at the time the computation is made, have terms of 15 years or more remaining to maturity (average yield is rounded to nearest one-eighth percent); and (2) provide that the rate shall not be raised or lowered more than one-quarter of 1 percent for any year. The Treasury Department calculated the specified average to be 7.58 percent. Rounding this average yield to the nearest one-eighth percent is 7.625 percent, which is within the permissible one-quarter of 1 percent change.

The rate of 7.625 percent shall be used by all Federal agencies in the formulation and evaluation of water and