

distribution pipeline infrastructure within Oklahoma.

### Public Availability of Comments

Written comments we receive become part of the public record associated with this action. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can request in your comment that we withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. We will not consider anonymous comments. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety.

### Authority

We provide this notice under section 10(c) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.22) and the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

Dated: August 27, 2015.

**Joy E. Nicholopoulos,**

*Acting Regional Director, Southwest Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

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### Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce a public meeting of the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council (Council). A Federal advisory committee, the Council was created in part to foster

partnerships to enhance public awareness of the importance of aquatic resources and the social and economic benefits of recreational fishing and boating in the United States. This meeting is open to the public, and interested persons may make oral statements to the Council or may file written statements for consideration.

**DATES:** The meeting will take place Tuesday, October 6, 2015, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Mountain Time) and Wednesday, October 7, 2015, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For deadlines and directions on registering to attend the meeting, submitting written material, and/or giving an oral presentation, please see “Public Input” under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s Bozeman Fish Technology Center, 4050 Bridger Canyon Road, Bozeman, Montana 59715. For directions or other information on the Bozeman Fish Technology Center, please contact Robert Muth, Center Director, at 406–994–9902 or [Robert\\_Muth@fws.gov](mailto:Robert_Muth@fws.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brian Bohnsack, Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council Coordinator, 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS–3C016A–FAC, Falls Church, VA 22041; telephone (703) 358–2435; fax (703) 358–2210; or email [brian\\_bohnsack@fws.gov](mailto:brian_bohnsack@fws.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., we announce that the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council will hold a meeting.

### Background

The Council was formed in January 1993 to advise the Secretary of the Interior, through the Director of the Service, on aquatic conservation endeavors that benefit recreational fishery resources and recreational boating and that encourage partnerships among industry, the public, and government. The Council represents the interests of the public and private sectors of the recreational fishing, boating, and conservation communities and is organized to enhance partnerships among industry, constituency groups, and government. The 18-member Council, appointed by

the Secretary of the Interior, includes the Service Director and the president of the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, who both serve in *ex officio* capacities. Other Council members are directors from State agencies responsible for managing recreational fish and wildlife resources and individuals who represent the interests of saltwater and freshwater recreational fishing, recreational boating, the recreational fishing and boating industries, recreational fisheries resource conservation, Native American tribes, aquatic resource outreach and education, and tourism. Background information on the Council is available at <http://www.fws.gov/sfbpc>.

### Meeting Agenda

The Council will hold a meeting to consider:

- An update from the FWS Fish and Aquatic Conservation Program on their new strategic plan, the status of the national fish hatchery program and other related programs;
- An update and discussion regarding a proposed pilot project with several agencies to improve the transparency and efficiency of federal agencies’ permitting review processes associated with boating infrastructure projects (*e.g.*, boat dock replacement and maintenance, boat ramp construction and maintenance);
- An update of the status of aquatic education and outreach programs funded through the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Program;
- An update on federal and state programs associated with aquatic invasive species and efforts to prevent their spread by boaters and anglers;
- An update on Tribal fish and wildlife conservation programs as they pertain to priorities of the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council;
- An update on the Council’s assessment of the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation’s implementation of the National Outreach and Communication Program (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number 15.653);
- Other miscellaneous Council business.

The final agenda will be posted on the Internet at <http://www.fws.gov/sfbpc>.

**Public Input**

If you wish to	Then you must contact the Council Coordinator (see <b>FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT</b> ) no later than
Attend the meeting ..... Submit written information or questions before the meeting for the council to consider during the meeting for the council to consider during the meeting.	Wednesday, September 30, 2015. Wednesday, September 30, 2015.
Give an oral presentation during the meeting .....	Wednesday, September 30, 2015.

*Attendance*

The Council meeting will be held at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Bozeman Fish Technology Center, 4050 Bridger Canyon Road, Bozeman, Montana. Signs will be posted to direct attendees to the specific conference room.

*Submitting Written Information or Questions*

Interested members of the public may submit relevant information or questions for the Council to consider during the meeting. Written statements must be received by the date listed above in "Public Input," so that the information may be made available to the Council for their consideration prior to the meeting. Written statements must be supplied to the Council Coordinator in one of the following formats: One hard copy with original signature, and one electronic copy via email (acceptable file formats are Adobe Acrobat PDF, MS Word, MS PowerPoint, or rich text file).

*Giving an Oral Presentation*

Individuals or groups requesting to make an oral presentation during the meeting will be limited to 2 minutes per speaker, with no more than a total of 30 minutes for all speakers. Interested parties should contact the Council Coordinator, in writing (preferably via email; see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**), to be placed on the public speaker list for this meeting. To ensure an opportunity to speak during the public comment period of the meeting, members of the public must register with the Council Coordinator. Registered speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements, or those who had wished to speak but could not be accommodated on the agenda, may submit written statements to the Council Coordinator up to 30 days subsequent to the meeting.

**Meeting Minutes**

Summary minutes of the meeting will be maintained by the Council Coordinator (see **FOR FURTHER**

**INFORMATION CONTACT**) and will be available for public inspection within 90 days of the meeting and will be posted on the Council's Web site at <http://www.fws.gov/sfbpc>.

Dated: August 18, 2015.  
**James W. Kurth**,  
*Acting Director*.  
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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

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**Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Proposed Low-Effect Habitat Conservation Plan for the Desert Tortoise, Nye County, Nevada**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.  
**ACTION:** Receipt of application; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announce receipt from Valley Electric Association, Inc. of an application for a 30-year incidental take permit (permit) under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The requested permit would authorize take of the Mojave desert tortoise resulting from the construction, operation, and maintenance of a solar photovoltaic facility in the town of Pahrump, Nevada. The permit application includes a proposed low-effect habitat conservation plan (HCP) that incorporates measures the applicant would implement to minimize and mitigate effects of project activities on the desert tortoise. In accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), we have prepared a draft low-effect screening form supporting our preliminary determination that the proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under NEPA. We are accepting comments on the permit

application, proposed low-effect HCP, and draft NEPA compliance documentation.

**DATES:** Written comments on the permit application, proposed low-effect HCP, and draft NEPA compliance documentation must be received on or before October 5, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Obtaining Documents:* Persons wishing to review the application, the proposed low-effect HCP, the draft NEPA compliance documentation, or other related documents may obtain copies by written or telephone request to Jeri Krueger, by mail at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Reno Fish and Wildlife Office, 1340 Financial Boulevard, Suite 234, Reno, NV 89502, or by phone at 775-861-6300. Copies of these documents may also be obtained on the Internet at <http://www.fws.gov/nevada>.

*Submitting Comments:* Please address written comments to Michael J. Senn, Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Southern Nevada Fish and Wildlife Office, 4701 North Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89130. You may also send comments by facsimile to 702-515-5231. Please note that your information request or comment is in reference to the Valley Electric Association Community Solar Project Low-Effect HCP, Nye County, Nevada.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeri Krueger, Reno Fish and Wildlife Office, at the address or telephone number listed above under **ADDRESSES**.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Document Availability**

You may obtain copies of the permit application, proposed HCP, draft NEPA compliance documentation, and other related documents from the individual listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Copies of these documents are also available for public inspection, by appointment, during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), at the Southern Nevada Fish and Wildlife Office, 4701 North Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89130.