

during the public meeting. Written statements must be received by the date above, so that the information may be made available to the Council for their consideration prior to this meeting. Written statements must be supplied to the Council Coordinator in both 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 at 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. Nonregistered public speakers will not be considered during the meeting. 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 conference will be maintained by the Council Coordinator (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). They 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/whhcc>.

**James W. Kurth,**

*Acting Director.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

### **Fish and Wildlife Service**

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FXRS85510553RGO-XXX-FF05R04000]

#### **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Lands in the Northeast Region; Draft Long Range Transportation Plan**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce the availability of a draft long-range transportation plan (LRTP) for public review and comment. The draft LRTP outlines a strategy for improving and

maintaining transportation assets that provide access to Service-managed lands in the Northeast Region (Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia) over the next 20 years.

**DATES:** To ensure our consideration of your written comments, please send them no later than April 6, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your comments or requests for copies of the draft LRTP for Service lands in the Northeast Region by one of the following methods.

- *Agency Web site:* View or download the draft document on the Web at <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/refuges/roads/pdf/northeast-region-long-range-transportation-plan.pdf>.

- *U.S. Mail:* Carl Melberg, Acting Regional Transportation Program Coordinator, Northeast Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 300 Westgate Center Drive, Hadley, MA 01035.

- *Email:* [carl\\_melberg@fws.gov](mailto:carl_melberg@fws.gov). Please put the words "Draft Long Range Transportation Plan" in the subject line of your electronic mail.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carl Melberg, Acting Regional Transportation Program Coordinator, phone: 413-253-8586; facsimile: 413-253-8468; or electronic mail: [carl\\_melberg@fws.gov](mailto:carl_melberg@fws.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **Introduction**

With this notice, we make the draft LRTP for the Northeast Region of the Service available for public review and comment. When finalized, the LRTP will apply to Service-managed lands in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia.

#### **Background**

The Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) requires all Federal land management agencies to conduct long-range transportation planning in a manner that is consistent with metropolitan planning organization and state Department of Transportation planning. This LRTP was initiated within the Service to achieve the following:

- Establish a defensible structure for sound transportation planning and decision-making.
- Establish a vision, mission, goals, and objectives for transportation planning in the Service's Northeast Region.

- Implement coordinated and cooperative transportation partnerships in an effort to improve the Service's transportation infrastructure.

- Integrate transportation planning and funding for wildlife refuges and fish hatcheries into existing and future Service management plans and strategies (e.g., comprehensive conservation plans and comprehensive hatchery management plans).

- Increase awareness of Alternative Transportation Systems and associated benefits.

- Develop best management practices for transportation improvements on Service lands.

- Serve as a pilot project for the implementation of a Region-level transportation planning process within the Service.

#### **LRTP Mission, Goals, and Objectives**

Through a collaborative effort, the Service's National Wildlife Refuge System (Refuge System) and Fish and Aquatic Conservation program, in cooperation with the Division of Refuge Field Support within the Service's Northeast Region, have contributed to defining the mission, goals, and objectives presented in this document. The resulting mission, goals, and objectives are intended to provide a systematic approach to guide the process for evaluating and selecting transportation improvement for the Service lands in the Northeast Region. These guiding principles have shaped the development, conclusions, and recommendations of this LRTP.

#### **Mission**

To support the Service's mission by connecting people to fish, wildlife, and their habitats through strategic implementation of transportation programs.

#### **Goals and Objectives**

This LRTP has six categories of goals: Coordinated Opportunities; Asset Management; Safety; Environmental; Access, Mobility, and Connectivity; and Visitor Experience. Under each goal, we present distinct objectives that move us to the goal.

1. Coordinated Opportunities: The program will seek joint transportation opportunities that support the Service mission, maximize the utility of Service resources, and provide mutual benefits to the Service and external partners.

#### **Objectives:**

- Identify and increase key internal and external partnerships at the national, regional, and unit levels.

- Maximize leveraged opportunities by identifying and pursuing funding for projects of mutual interest and benefit.

- Develop best practices for external engagement that illustrates success in forming and nurturing coalitions and partnerships that support the Service's mission.

- Coordinate within Service programs, including the Refuge System, Ecological Services, Fish and Aquatic Conservation, hatcheries, and Migratory Birds during the development of regional long-range and project-level plans.

2. **Asset Management:** The program will operate and maintain a functional, financially sustainable, and resilient transportation network to satisfy current and future land management needs in the face of a changing climate.

Objectives:

- Use asset management principles to maintain important infrastructure at an appropriate condition level.

- Prioritize work programs through the project selection process detailed in this plan or an adaptation thereof.

- Evaluate life-cycle costs when considering new assets to determine long-term financial sustainability.

- Consider the impacts of increased climate variability in the planning and management of transportation assets.

3. **Safety:** The program's network will provide a superior level of safety for all users and all modes of transportation to and within Service lands.

Objectives:

- Identify safety issue "hot spots" within the Service's transportation system with the Safety Analysis Toolkit.

- Implement appropriate safety countermeasures to resolve safety issues and reduce the frequency and severity of crashes (also with the Safety Analysis Toolkit).

- Address wildlife-vehicle collisions with design solutions (Environmental Enhancements).

- Use cooperation and communication among the 4E's of safety, including engineering, education, enforcement, and emergency medical services.

4. **Environmental:** Transportation infrastructure will be landscape appropriate and play a key role in the improvement of environmental conditions in and around Service lands.

Objectives:

- Follow the Roadway Design Guidelines for best practices in design, planning, management, maintenance, and construction of transportation assets.

- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and air pollutants by increasing transportation options and use of alternative fuels.

- Protect wildlife corridors, reduce habitat fragmentation, and enhance terrestrial and aquatic organism passage on and adjacent to Service lands to conserve fish, wildlife, and plant populations.

5. **Access, Mobility, and Connectivity:** The program will ensure that units open to public visitation have adequate transportation options for all users, including underserved, underrepresented, and mobility-limited populations.

Objectives:

- Offer a wide range of transportation modes and linkages for on and offsite access.

- Provide a clear way finding information both on and off Service lands.

- Through the Urban Wildlife Conservation Program, integrate Service transportation facilities with local community transportation systems in a way that encourages local visitation and provides economic benefits to partner and gateway communities.

- Through coordinated planning, provide context-appropriate transportation facilities that address the specific needs of local visitor groups and respect the natural setting of the refuge or hatchery.

- Address congestion issues to and within Service units.

6. **Visitor Experience:** The program will enhance the visitation experience through improvement and investment in the transportation network.

Objectives:

- Integrate interpretation, education, and resource stewardship principles into the transportation experience.

- Evaluate the feasibility of alternative transportation systems at all stations and implement where appropriate.

- Encourage connections with existing and planned public and private transportation services.

- Design infrastructure in such a way that highlights the landscape and not the transportation facility.

#### Next Steps

After this comment period ends, we will analyze the comments and address them in the form of a final LRTP.

#### Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, telephone 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 ask us in your comment to withhold your personal

identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: February 4, 2016.

**Deborah Rocque,**

*Acting Regional Director, Northeast Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE)

[Docket ID BSEE-2016-0002; OMB Control Number 1014-0002; 16XE1700DX EX1SF0000.DAQ000 EEEE500000]

#### Information Collection Activities: Oil and Gas Production Measurement, Surface Commingling, and Security; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, Interior.

**ACTION:** 60-Day notice.

**SUMMARY:** To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) is inviting comments on a collection of information that we will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The information collection request (ICR) concerns a renewal to the paperwork requirements in the regulations under Subpart L, *Oil and Gas Production Measurement, Surface Commingling, and Security*.

**DATES:** You must submit comments by May 6, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by either of the following methods listed below.

- *Electronically:* go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for BSEE-2016-0002. Follow the instructions to submit public comments and view all related materials. We will post all comments.

- *Email* [kelly.odom@bsee.gov](mailto:kelly.odom@bsee.gov). Mail or hand-carry comments to the Department of the Interior; BSEE; Regulations and Standards Branch; ATTN: Kelly Odom; 45600 Woodland Road, Sterling, Virginia 20166. Please reference ICR 1014-0002 in your comment and include your name and return address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kelly Odom, Regulations and Standards Branch at (703) 787-1775 to request additional information about this ICR.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**