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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### I. Background

Elsewhere in this **Federal Register**, HUD is publishing its updated Tribal Government-to-Government Consultation Policy. Consistent with Executive Order 13175, HUD's Tribal Government-to-Government Consultation Policy recognizes the right of Indian tribes to self-government, and supports tribal sovereignty and self-determination. It provides that HUD will engage in regular and meaningful consultation and collaboration with Indian tribal officials in the development of federal policies that have tribal implications. Executive Orders 13175 and 13647 also require Federal agencies to advance tribal self-governance and ensure that the rights of sovereign tribal governments are fully respected by conducting open and candid consultations.

To further enhance consultation and collaboration with tribal governments, HUD is proposing to establish the TIAC. Several Federal agencies have established similar tribal advisory committees, including the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Department of the Treasury. These advisory committees convene periodically during the year to exchange information with agency staff, notify tribal leaders of activities or policies that could affect tribes, and provide guidance on consultation. Prior to HUD's establishment of the TIAC, this notice solicits input into the structure of the committee.

### II. Proposed Structure of the TIAC

A. *Purpose and Role of the TIAC.* The purposes of the TIAC are:

(1) To further facilitate intergovernmental communication between HUD and Federally recognized Indian tribal leaders on all HUD programs;

(2) To make recommendations to HUD regarding current program regulations that may require revision, as well as suggest rulemaking methods to develop such changes;

(3) To advise in the development of HUD's American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) housing priorities; and

(4) To encourage peer learning and capacity building among tribes and non-tribal entities. The role of the TIAC is to provide recommendations and input to HUD and to provide a vehicle for regular and meaningful consultation and collaboration with tribal officials. HUD will maintain the responsibility to exercise program management, including the drafting of HUD notices and guidance.

B. *Charter and Protocols.* The TIAC will develop its own ruling charter and protocols. HUD will provide staff for the TIAC to act as a liaison between TIAC and HUD officials, manage meeting logistics, and provide general support for TIAC activities.

C. *Meetings and Participation.* Subject to availability of federal funding, the TIAC will meet in-person at least twice a year, to exchange information with HUD staff, discuss agency policies and activities that could affect tribes, and facilitate further consultation with tribal leaders. HUD will pay for these meetings, including the member's cost to travel to these meetings. The TIAC may meet on a more frequent basis by conference calls or other forms of communication. Additional in-person meetings may be scheduled at HUD's discretion. Participation at TIAC meetings will be limited to TIAC members or their alternates. Alternates must be designated in writing by the member's tribal government to act on their behalf. TIAC committee members may bring one additional staff person to the meeting at their expense. Meeting minutes will be available on the HUD Web site.

D. *TIAC Membership.* The TIAC will be comprised of HUD representatives and tribal delegates from across the country. The TIAC will be composed of up to four HUD officials and up to eight tribal representatives. One tribal member will represent each of the six HUD ONAP regions. The two remaining tribal members will serve at-large. Only duly elected or appointed tribal leaders may serve as tribal members or alternates of the TIAC. One of the tribal members will be selected by the committee to serve as the chairperson.

The Secretary shall appoint the members of the TIAC. TIAC tribal delegates will serve a term of 2 years. To ensure consistency between tribal terms, delegates will have a staggered term of appointment. In order to establish a staggered term of appointment, half of the tribal members appointed in the inaugural year of the TIAC will serve 2 years and the other half will serve 3 years. Delegates must designate their preference to serve 2 or 3 years; however, HUD will make the final

determination on which members will serve for 3 years. Once these members complete these initial terms, future tribal members will serve terms that last 2 years.

E. The establishment of the TIAC is intended to enhance government-to-government relationships, communications, and mutual cooperation between HUD and tribes and is not intended to, and will not, create any right to administrative or judicial review, or any other right or benefit or trust responsibility, substantive or procedural, enforceable by a party against the United States, its agencies or instrumentalities, its officers or employees, or any other persons.

### III. Request for Nominations

Once a general structure for the TIAC is established, HUD intends to publish a request for nominations for the TIAC in the **Federal Register** and will appoint the members of the TIAC from the pool of nominees it receives under this request. HUD will announce its final selections for TIAC membership in a subsequent **Federal Register** notice. Members will be selected based on proven experience and engagement in AIAN housing and community development matters. At-large members will be selected based on their ability to represent specific interests that might not be represented by the selected regional members.

Dated: June 20, 2016.

**Lourdes Castro Ramirez,**

*Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

[Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2014-0018; 96300-1671-0000-R4]

#### Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES); Seventeenth Regular Meeting; Provisional Agenda; Announcement of Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The United States, as a Party to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), will attend the seventeenth regular meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES

(CoP17) in Johannesburg, South Africa, September 24 to October 5, 2016.

Currently, the United States is developing its negotiating positions on proposed resolutions, decisions, and amendments to the CITES Appendices (species proposals), as well as other agenda items that have been submitted by other Parties, the permanent CITES committees, and the CITES Secretariat for consideration at CoP17. With this notice we announce the provisional agenda for CoP17, solicit your comments on the items on the provisional agenda, and announce a public meeting to discuss the items on the provisional agenda.

**DATES:**

*Public meeting:* The public meeting will be held on July 19, 2016, at 1:00 p.m.

*Comment submission:* In developing the U.S. negotiating positions on species proposals and proposed resolutions, decisions, and other agenda items submitted by other Parties, the permanent CITES committees, and the CITES Secretariat for consideration at CoP17, we will consider written information and comments you submit if we receive them by August 8, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:**

**Public Meeting**

The public meeting will be held in the South Interior Building Auditorium at 1951 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC. Directions to the building can be obtained by contacting the Division of Management Authority (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). For more information about the meeting, see “Announcement of Public Meeting” under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**Comment Submission**

You may submit comments pertaining to items on the provisional agenda for discussion at CoP17 by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2014-0018 (the docket number for this notice).

- *U.S. mail or hand-delivery:* Public Comments Processing, Attn: FWS-HQ-IA-2014-0018; Division of Policy, Performance, and Management Programs; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS BPHC; Falls Church, VA 22041.

We will not consider comments sent by email or fax or to an address not listed in **ADDRESSES**. If you submit a comment via <http://www.regulations.gov>, your entire comment, including any personal

identifying information, will be posted on the Web site. If you submit a hardcopy comment that includes personal identifying information, you may request at the top of your document that we withhold this information from public review. However, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. We will post all hardcopy comments on <http://www.regulations.gov>. Comments and materials we receive, as well as supporting documentation, will be available for public inspection on <http://www.regulations.gov>, or by appointment, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays, at: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Headquarters, Division of Management Authority, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803; telephone 703-358-2095.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information pertaining to resolutions, decisions, and other agenda items, contact: Craig Hoover, Chief, Division of Management Authority; telephone 703-358-2095; facsimile 703-358-2298. For information pertaining to species proposals, contact: Rosemarie Gnam, Chief, Division of Scientific Authority; telephone 703-358-1708; facsimile 703-358-2276.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, hereinafter referred to as CITES or the Convention, is an international treaty designed to control and regulate international trade in certain animal and plant species that are now or potentially may become threatened with extinction. These species are listed in Appendices to CITES, which are available on the CITES Secretariat's Web site at <http://www.cites.org/eng/app/index.php>.

Currently 181 countries and the European Union have ratified, accepted, approved, or acceded to CITES; these 182 entities are known as Parties. The Convention calls for regular biennial meetings of the Conference of the Parties, unless the Conference of the Parties decides otherwise. At these meetings, the Parties review the implementation of CITES, make provisions enabling the CITES Secretariat in Switzerland to carry out its functions, consider amendments to the lists of species in Appendices I and II, consider reports presented by the Secretariat and the permanent CITES committees (Standing, Animals, and Plants Committees), and make recommendations for the improved effectiveness of CITES. Any country that

is a Party to CITES may propose amendments to Appendices I and II, resolutions, decisions, and other agenda items for consideration by all of the Parties at the meetings.

This is our fifth in a series of **Federal Register** notices that, together with the announced public meeting, provide you with an opportunity to participate in the development of U.S. negotiating positions for the seventeenth regular meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES (CoP17). We published our first CoP17-related **Federal Register** notice on June 27, 2014 (79 FR 36550), in which we requested information and recommendations on species proposals for the United States to consider submitting for consideration at CoP17. In that notice, we also described the U.S. approach to preparations for CoP17. We published our second such **Federal Register** notice on May 11, 2015 (80 FR 26948), in which we requested information and recommendations on proposed resolutions, decisions, and other agenda items for the United States to consider submitting for consideration at CoP17, and provided preliminary information on how to request approved observer status for non-governmental organizations that wish to attend the meeting. In our third CoP17-related **Federal Register** notice, published on August 26, 2015 (80 FR 51830), we requested public comments and information on species proposals that the United States is considering submitting for consideration at CoP17; and in our fourth such notice, published on December 4, 2015 (80 FR 75873), we requested public comments and information on proposed resolutions, decisions, and other agenda items that the United States was considering submitting for consideration at CoP17, and provided more information on how to request approved observer status for non-governmental organizations that wish to attend the meeting. A link to the complete list of those **Federal Register** notices, along with information on U.S. preparations for CoP17, can be found at <http://www.fws.gov/international/cites/cop17>. You may obtain additional information on those **Federal Register** notices from the following sources: For information on proposed resolutions, decisions, and other agenda items, contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS-IA, Falls Church, VA 22041; and for information on species proposals, contact the Division of Scientific Authority, 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS-IA, Falls Church, VA 22041. Our

regulations governing this public process are found in 50 CFR 23.87.

On April 26 and 27, 2016, the United States submitted to the CITES Secretariat, for consideration at CoP17, its species proposals, proposed resolutions, proposed decisions, and other agenda items. These documents are available on our Web site at <http://www.fws.gov/international/cites/cop17>.

#### Announcement of Provisional Agenda for CoP17

The provisional agenda for CoP17 is currently available on the CITES Secretariat's Web site at <http://www.cites.org/eng/cop/17/doc/index.php>. The working documents associated with the items on the provisional agenda, including proposed resolutions, proposed decisions, and discussion documents, are also available on the Secretariat's Web site. To view the working document associated with a particular agenda item, access the provisional agenda at the above Web site, locate the particular agenda item, and click on the document link for that agenda item in the column entitled "Document." Finally, the species proposals that will be considered at CoP17 are available on the Secretariat's Web site. Proposals for amendment of Appendices I and II can be accessed at the web address given above. We look forward to receiving your comments on the items on the provisional agenda.

#### Announcement of Public Meeting

We will hold a public meeting to discuss the items on the provisional agenda for CoP17. The public meeting will be held on the date specified in the **DATES** section and at the address specified in the **ADDRESSES** section. You can obtain directions to the building by contacting the Division of Management Authority (see the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section above). Please note that the South Interior Building Auditorium is accessible to the handicapped and all persons planning to attend the meeting will be required to present photo identification when entering the building. Persons who plan to attend the meeting and who require interpretation for the hearing impaired must notify the Division of Management Authority by July 5, 2016. For those who cannot attend the public meeting but are interested in watching via live stream please go to our Web site <http://www.fws.gov/international/cites/cop17/index.html>, and look for the link to the live feed.

#### Future Actions

Through an additional notice and Web site posting in advance of CoP17,

we will inform you about tentative U.S. negotiating positions on species proposals, proposed resolutions, proposed decisions, and agenda items that were submitted by other Parties, the permanent CITES committees, and the CITES Secretariat for consideration at CoP17.

**Authority:** The primary author of this notice is Clifton A. Horton, Division of Management Authority; under the authority of the U.S. Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: June 9, 2016.

**Stephen Guertin,**

*Acting Director, Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R7-ES-2016-N092; FF07CAMP00-FX-FXFR133707REG04]

#### Marine Mammals; Incidental Take During Specified Activities; Proposed Incidental Harassment Authorization for Pacific Walruses in Alaska and Associated Federal Waters

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

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of application and proposed incidental harassment authorization; availability of draft environmental assessment; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), in response to a request under the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (MMPA), as amended, from Quintillion Subsea Operation, LLC, propose to authorize the incidental taking by harassment of small numbers of Pacific walruses from July 15–November 15, 2016. The area specified for inclusion in the proposed authorization includes Federal waters of the northern Bering, Chukchi, and Southern Beaufort Seas, the marine waters of the State of Alaska, and coastal land adjacent to Nome, Kotzebue, Point Hope, Wainwright, Barrow, and Oliktok Point, as shown in Figure 1. The applicant has requested this authorization for its planned cable-laying activities. We anticipate no take by injury or death and include none in this proposed authorization, which if finalized, will be for take by harassment only.

**DATES:** We will consider comments we receive on or before July 25, 2016.

#### ADDRESSES:

**Document availability:** The incidental harassment authorization request,

associated draft environmental assessment, and literature cited, are available for viewing at <http://www.fws.gov/alaska/fisheries/mmm/iha.htm>.

**Comments submission:** You may submit comments on the proposed incidental harassment authorization and associated draft environmental assessment by one of the following methods:

- *U.S. mail or hand-delivery:* Public Comments Processing, Attn: Kimberly Klein, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 341, 1011 East Tudor Road, Anchorage, AK 99503;
- *Fax:* 907-786-3816, Attn: Kimberly Klein; or
- *Email comments to:* [FW7\\_AK\\_Marine\\_Mammals@fws.gov](mailto:FW7_AK_Marine_Mammals@fws.gov).

Please indicate whether your comments apply to the proposed incidental harassment authorization or the draft environmental assessment. We will post all hardcopy comments on <http://www.fws.gov/alaska/fisheries/mmm/iha.htm>. See Request for Public Comments below for more information.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of the application, the list of references used in the notice, and other supporting materials may be downloaded from the Web at: <http://www.fws.gov/alaska/fisheries/mmm/iha.htm>. You may also contact Kimberly Klein, by mail at Marine Mammals Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 341, 1011 East Tudor Road, Anchorage, AK 99503; by email at [kimberly\\_klein@fws.gov](mailto:kimberly_klein@fws.gov); or by telephone at 1-800-362-5148, to request documents.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

In response to a request from Quintillion Subsea Operation, LLC (Quintillion or "the applicant"), we propose to authorize the incidental taking by harassment of small numbers of Pacific walruses from July 15–November 15, 2016, under section 101(a)(5)(D) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (MMPA), as amended. Quintillion has requested this authorization for its planned cable-laying activities in Federal waters of the northern Bering, Chukchi, and southwestern Beaufort Seas, the marine waters of the State of Alaska, and coastal land adjacent to Nome, Kotzebue, Point Hope, Wainwright, Barrow, and Oliktok Point, as specified in Figure 1. We anticipate no take by injury or death and include none in this proposed authorization, which, if finalized, would be for take by harassment only.