

E. Home Phone;
 F. Occupation/Title;
 G. Qualifications (education including degrees, major field of study and/or training for I(2–4) or whether you are an individual or tribal account holder for I(1)):

H. Career Highlights (significant related experience; civic and professional activities, elected offices, prior advisory committee experience, or career achievements related to the interest to be represented):

I. Indicate Specific Area of Interest to be Represented from the following:

1. A representative from the trust fund account holders, including both tribal and Individual Indian Money accounts;
 2. A representative having practical experience in trust fund and financial management;

3. A representative having practical experience in fiduciary investment management; or

4. A representative from academia having knowledge of general management of large organizations.

J. Attach a minimum of two Letters of Reference from interests or organizations represented.

K. Nominated by: Include Nominator's name, address and telephone number(s).

L. Date of nomination:

Groups may nominate more than one person. If nominating more than one nominee, please indicate your preferred order of appointment selection.

Dated: April 1, 2003.

Richard V. Fitzgerald,
Trust Policy Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Decision and Availability of the Record of Decision for the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge Complex Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Boundary Revision, Churchill and Washoe Counties, NV

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Decision and Availability of the Record of Decision for the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge Complex Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Boundary Revision.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of decision and availability of the Record of

Decision (ROD) for the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge Complex Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Boundary Revision (Final CCP EIS), Churchill and Washoe Counties, Nevada. Pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA; 40 CFR 1505.2) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (Service) Comprehensive Conservation Plan policy, the Service issues this ROD upon consideration of the Final CCP EIS prepared for the proposed action to develop and implement a comprehensive conservation plan for the Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge Complex. The Final CCP EIS was released to the public on May 29, 2002. A Notice of Availability of the Final CCP EIS was published in the **Federal Register** on May 31, 2002 (67 FR 38142). The ROD, which documents the selection of the Preferred Alternative as presented in the Final CCP EIS, was signed by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service California/Nevada Office Manager Steve Thompson, on April 2003. The determination was based on a thorough analysis of the environmental, social, and economic considerations presented in the Final CCP EIS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Project Leader, Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge Complex, 1000 Auction Road, Fallon, Nevada 89406, (775) 423–5128. A copy of the ROD or Final CCP EIS may be obtained from the above address or by download from: <http://pacific.fws.gov/planning/>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following is a summary of the Record of Decision for the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge Complex Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Boundary Revision.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) began developing a comprehensive conservation plan (CCP) for the Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge Complex (NWRC) in early 1997. The Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Stillwater NWRC Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Boundary Revision (Final CCP EIS) identifies and evaluates five alternatives for managing the Stillwater NWRC for the next 15 years. Each alternative consists of two main parts: (1) A boundary revision for Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), and (2) the framework of a CCP, including refuge goals, objectives, and strategies, for achieving the purposes for which each refuge was established and for

contributing toward the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System. The Stillwater NWRC currently includes Stillwater NWR, Stillwater Wildlife Management Area (WMA), Fallon NWR, and Anaho Island NWR, which are located in west-central Nevada.

The Record of Decision (ROD) is a statement of the decision made, including how the decision responds to primary issues, other alternatives considered, public involvement in the decision making process, and the basis for the decision.

Decision

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will implement Alternative E for the Stillwater NWRC, which was identified in the Final CCP EIS as the alternative that provides the best balance between satisfying the National Wildlife Refuge System and Service missions and purposes of Stillwater NWR and Anaho Island NWR and providing opportunities for compatible refuge uses. Alternative E also recognizes the need to protect cultural resources. Some guidelines and actions in Alternative E remain consistent with those presented in Alternative C of the Draft CCP EIS. Others were modified in the Final CCP EIS to respond to public comments and concerns. Alternative E, which is supported by the majority of the commenting public and endorsed by the Nevada Division of Wildlife and the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, represents the CCP which will guide Stillwater NWR and Anaho Island NWR management for the next 15 years.

Alternative E focuses on approximating natural habitat conditions as the primary means to conserve and manage the refuges' wildlife, restore their natural biological diversity, and fulfill international treaty obligations with respect to fish and wildlife, with the understanding that events occurring over the past 100 years have substantially altered habitat conditions. The needs of particular species, including species highlighted in regional conservation plans, may be used to adjust management practices where this is deemed necessary and within the general framework established by Alternative E. The following is a brief summary of key components.

Contingent on approval of the Stillwater NWRC Land Protection Plan proposed in the Final CCP EIS, Alternative E would expand the approved boundary of Stillwater NWR to include a majority of the lands that are now inside the Stillwater WMA and portions of Fallon NWR, as well as six