

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Title III of the Export Trading Company Act of 1982 ("the Act") (Pub. L. 97-290, 15 U.S.C. 4011-21) authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to issue export trade certificates of review. The regulations implementing Title III ("the Regulations") are found at 15 CFR part 325 (1999). Pursuant to this authority, a certificate of review was issued on September 5, 1984 to Great Agassiz Basin Export Trading Company, Inc.

A certificate holder is required by law to submit to the Department of Commerce annual reports that update financial and other information relating to business activities covered by its certificate (Section 308 of the Act, 15 U.S.C. 4018, Section 325.14(a) of the Regulations, 15 CFR 325.14(a)). The annual report is due within 45 days after the anniversary date of the issuance of the Certificate of Review (Sections 325.14(b) of the Regulations, 15 CFR 325.14(b)). Failure to submit a complete annual report may be the basis for revocation (Sections 325.10(a) and 325.14(c) of the Regulations, 15 CFR 325.10(a)(3) and 325.14(c)).

On August 26, 2002, the Department of Commerce sent to Great Agassiz Basin Export Trading Company, Inc. a letter containing annual report questions with a reminder that its annual report was due on October 20, 2002. An additional reminder was sent on November 7, 2002. The Department has received no written response from Great Agassiz Basin Export Trading Company, Inc. to any of these letters.

On November 25, 2002, and in accordance with Section 325.10(c)(2) of the Regulations, (15 CFR 325.10(c)(2)), the Department of Commerce sent a letter by certified mail to notify Great Agassiz Basin Export Trading Company, Inc. that the Department was formally initiating the process to revoke its certificate for failure to file an annual report. In addition, a summary of this letter allowing Great Agassiz Basin Export Trading Company, Inc. thirty days to respond was published in the **Federal Register** on December 2, 2002 at 67 FR 71535. Pursuant to Section 325.10(c)(2) of the Regulations (15 CFR 325.10(c)(2)), the Department considers the failure of Great Agassiz Basin Export Trading Company, Inc. to respond to be an admission of the statements contained in the notification letter.

The Department has determined to revoke the certificate issued to Great Agassiz Basin Export Trading Company, Inc. for its failure to file an annual report. The Department has sent a letter, dated January 13, 2003, to notify Great Agassiz Basin Export Trading Company, Inc. of its determination. The revocation

is effective thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice. Any person aggrieved by this decision may appeal to an appropriate U.S. district court within 30 days from the date on which this notice is published in the **Federal Register**, Sections 325.10(c)(4) and 325.11 of the Regulations, 15 CFR 324.10(c)(4) and Section 325.11 of the Regulations, 15 CFR 325.10(c)(4) and 325.11.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Announcement of Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve Revised Management Plan Including a Boundary Expansion

**AGENCY:** Estuarine Reserves Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of approval and availability of the final revised management plan for the Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Estuarine Reserves Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), U.S. Department of Commerce has approved the revised management plan, which includes an expansion of the boundary of the reserve, for the Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve.

The Rookery Bay Reserve was designated in 1978 pursuant to Section 315 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1461. The reserve has been operating under a management plan approved in 1995. Pursuant to 15 CFR Section 921.33(c), a state must revise their management plan every five years. The submission of this plan fulfills this requirement and sets a course for successful implementation of the goals and objectives of the reserve.

The mission of the Rookery Bay Reserve is to provide a basis for informed coastal decisions by communities in Southwest Florida through site-based estuarine research,

stewardship and education. The management plan identifies four priority resource issues that are addressed through active management. These priority issues are (1) changing land use in adjacent watersheds that impact freshwater inflows, (2) loss of native biodiversity due to invasive plants and animals, (3) increased public use of reserves resources, and (4) the need to monitor catastrophic storm events, red tides and global climate change. Rookery Bay's management plan addresses these issues with specific programs for resource management and protection, research and monitoring, education and training, public access and visitor use, program administration, and partnerships and regional coordination.

The plan identifies management goals, priority resource management issues or threats that these goals must address, and specific strategies to accomplish these goals. The plan incorporates a modification of an adaptive management approach to ecosystems proposed by Morrison et al. (1998), which seeks a science-based approach to environmental management.

The resource management and protection program addresses issues such as land acquisition, habitat and hydrological restoration, invasive species control and eradication, and listed species protection. The reserve manages important habitats and performs activities such as controlled burns to sustain native biodiversity.

The research and monitoring program includes studies on mangrove and oyster reef ecology, restoration ecology, estuarine fishes, nutrient cycling and the impacts of mosquito control aerial spraying. Staff and visiting researchers conduct monitoring and research within the watersheds and boundaries of the reserve and use GIS to map critical habitats and flow ways. The results of their work is critical for use in adaptive management of the reserve.

The education and training program at the reserve targets a wide variety of audiences including students, teachers, adults, resource users and environmental professionals. The reserve is building a 14,700 square foot environmental learning center to conduct training programs on environmental issues important to Southwest Florida.

The public access and visitor use program at Rookery Bay includes developing a network of aquatic and terrestrial trails and boardwalks to provide for increased access to reserve resources. Visitor use policies are designed to provide for compatible use