

meetings will be noted in the transmittal letter to all reviewers and announced in local newspapers.

Public meetings will be held at the following locations:

December 16, 2003: West Junior High School, East Highway 40, Fort Duchesne, Utah 84026.

December 17, 2003: Crossroads Senior Center, 50 East 200 South, Roosevelt, Utah 84066.

December 18, 2003: State Office, Bureau of Land Management, Third Floor Conference Room, 324 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84138.

All meetings will begin at 6 pm and conclude at 8 pm.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the DEIS should be addressed to: Mr. Ron Groves, Director, Wisiups Wetlands Project, Ute Indian Tribe, PO Box 190, Ft. Duchesne, Utah 84026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Copies of the Draft EIS and the resource technical reports can be obtained by contacting Mr. Ron Groves, Director, Wisiups Wetlands Project, Ute Indian Tribe, PO Box 190, Ft. Duchesne, Utah 84026, Telephone: (435) 722-5867, E-mail address: wetlands@ubtanet.com.

Copies of the DEIS are also available for inspection at:

Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission, 102 West 500 South, Suite 315, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101.

Department of the Interior, Central Utah Project Completion Act Office, 302 East 1860 South, Provo, Utah 84606.

Department of the Interior, Natural Resource Library, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240.

Duchesne County Library, 70 East Lagoon, Roosevelt, Utah 84066.

Headquarters, Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Agency, 988 South 7500 East, Ft. Duchesne, Utah 84026.

Information on other matters related to this notice may be obtained by calling or writing Mr. Ralph G. Swanson, Program Coordinator, CUP Completion Act Office, Department of the Interior, 302 East 1860 South, Provo UT 84606-6154, Telephone (801) 379-1254, E-mail address: rswanon@uc.usbr.gov.

Dated: September 8, 2003.

Ronald Johnston,

CUP Program Director, Department of the Interior.

Dated: September 8, 2003.

Michael C. Weland,

Executive Director, Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Intent To Conduct Restoration Planning for Natural Resources Injured by the Release of Oil From the MV Stuyvesant Oil Spill, Humboldt County, CA

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Department of the Interior), California Department of Fish and Game, and California State Lands Commission are joint trustees (Trustees) for natural resources and are authorized to assess injuries to Federal and State resources caused by the MV *Stuyvesant* Oil Spill and to plan and implement restoration actions to address those injuries. The Trustees announce the intent to conduct restoration planning for the MV *Stuyvesant* Oil Spill. The purpose of this restoration planning effort is to complete an assessment of the natural resource injuries and damages caused by the oil spill, and to prepare a plan for the restoration of the injured resources.

DATES: To ensure consideration, we must receive written comments on or before December 24, 2003.

ADDRESSES:

Review of Administrative Record

The Administrative Record will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at these locations:

- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Suite W-2605, Sacramento, California 95825
- California Department of Fish and Game, 619 2nd Street, Eureka, California 95501

You may schedule a time to review the Administrative Record by contacting the Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office or the California Department of Fish and Game's Eureka office (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

Submission of Comments

You may submit your written comments on this Notice, Administrative Record materials, and all upcoming restoration planning documents by any of the following methods:

1. Send written comments and information by mail to Charlene Hall, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, at the above address.

2. Hand-deliver written comments to the Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, at the above address.

3. Fax comments to (916) 414-6713 (Attn.: Charlene Hall).

4. Send comments by electronic mail (e-mail) to Charlene_Hall@fws.gov. For directions on how to submit electronic comments, see the "Public Comments Solicited" section.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Charlene Hall, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, telephone (916) 414-6590; California Department of Fish and Game, Eureka, (707) 441-5752. To receive public notices about future Restoration Planning activities, contact Charlene Hall by telephone.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On or about September 6, 1999, oil was spilled from the dredge vessel M/V *Stuyvesant* into the Pacific Ocean offshore of Humboldt Bay in the State of California. Oil was spread by tide, currents and winds and washed ashore along the coasts of Humboldt and Del Norte Counties. The oil affected a number of natural resources, including seabirds, shorebirds, marine waters, and beaches. This oil spill is hereafter referred to as the "Incident."

Pursuant to section 1006 of the Oil Pollution Act (OPA), 33 U.S.C. 2701 *et seq.*, Federal and State trustees (Trustees) for natural resources are authorized to assess natural resource damages resulting from oil spills into navigable waters and to develop and implement a plan for restoration of such injured resources. The Trustees for this Incident are the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Department of the Interior), the California Department of Fish and Game, and the California State Lands Commission. The Natural Resource Damage Assessment Regulations under OPA, 15 CFR part 990 (the "NRDA regulations"), provide that the Trustees are to prepare a Notice of Intent to Conduct Restoration Planning (Notice) if they determine certain conditions have been met and if they decide to quantify the injuries to natural resources and to develop a restoration plan.

This Notice is to announce, pursuant to § 990.44 of the NRDA regulations, that the Trustees, having collected and analyzed data, intend to proceed with restoration planning actions to address injuries to natural resources resulting from the Incident. The purpose of this restoration planning effort is to further evaluate injuries to natural resources and services and to use that information to determine the need for, type of, and scale of restoration actions.