prior to the official filing, the filing will be stayed pending consideration of the protest(s) and or appeal(s). A plat will not be officially filed until after disposition of protest(s) and or appeal(s). These plats will be placed in the open files of the Wyoming State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 2515 Warren Ave., Cheyenne, Wyoming, and will be available to the public as a matter of information only. Copies of the plats will be made available upon request and prepayment of the reproduction fee of $1.10 per copy.

A person or party who wishes to protest a survey must file with State Director, Bureau of Land Management, Cheyenne, Wyoming, a notice of protest prior to thirty (30) calendar days from the date of this publication. If the protest notice did not include a statement of reasons for the protest, the protestant shall file such a statement with the State Director within thirty (30) calendar days after the notice of protest was filed.

The above-listed plats represent dependent resurveys, subdivision of sections and metes and bounds surveys.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 1828, 2515 Warren Avenue, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003.

Dated: January 4, 1995.

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Chief, Branch of Cadastral Survey.

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Fish and Wildlife Service

Ruffe Control Program; Environmental Assessment and Benefits and Cost Analysis

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of document availability and request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of the proposed Ruffe Control Program, a draft Environmental Assessment of the proposed Ruffe Control Program, and a Benefits and Costs of the Ruffe Control Program for public review and comment. Public meetings to explain the proposed Ruffe Control Program and to take comments will be held in several areas of the Great Lakes where ruffe are of particular concern. Public meetings will be scheduled for: Duluth, MN; Chicago, IL; and, Buffalo, NY. The public meetings will be announced when the locations and dates are firmly established.

The proposed Ruffe Control Program and the accompanying Environmental Assessment were prepared by the Ruffe Control Committee of the Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) Task Force as required by Section 1202 of the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 (P.L. 101–464, Act). Comments received will be considered in preparing the final Ruffe Control Program that will become the basis for Federal participation in cooperative responses with State, Tribes, and local resource agencies to control ruffe.

DATES: Comments on the proposed Ruffe Control Program, Environmental Assessment, and Benefits and Cost Analysis should be received by March 13, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Written responses and requests for copies of the documents should be mailed to: Jay Troxel, ANS Coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (ARLSQ 820), 1849 C Street, Washington, D.C. 20240. Specific questions regarding the Ruffe Control Program and related documents should be directed to: Thomas Busiahn, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Supervisor, Ashland Fishery Resources Office, Ashland, Wisconsin 54806, telephone (715) 682–6186.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jay Troxel, ANS Coordinator, at (703) 358–1718.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The ANS Task Force was established to coordinate implementation of the Nonindigenous Act and is co-chaired by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The proposed Ruffe Control Program and related documents were developed by the Ruffe Control Committee of the ANS Task Force. The Ruffe Control Program presents the goals and objectives of ruffe control, the requisites to the Program, the uncertainties regarding the proposed control efforts, and the conditions for revaluating or terminating the Program. The Ruffe Control Program emphasizes range reduction, ballast water management, population investigation, surveillance, predator evaluation, and education. All the objectives must be met if control is to be successful.

The Ruffe Control Committee has prepared a draft Environmental Assessment on the proposed Ruffe Control Program. Taking into consideration comments on the proposed Ruffe Control Program and the Environmental Assessment, a determination will be made whether approval of the Program is a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment within the meaning of section 102(20)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. The Ruffe Control Committee also developed the Benefits and Costs Analysis of the Ruffe Control Program. The purpose is to evaluate the cost-effectiveness of alternate control strategies as well as the cost/benefit of taking action versus no action.

Dated: January 6, 1995.

Gary Edwards,

Co-Chair, ANS Task Force, Assistant Director—Fisheries.

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Geological Survey

Application Notice Establishing the Closing Date for Transmittal of Applications Under the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program (NEHRP) for Fiscal Year (FY) 1996

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Applications are invited for research projects under the NEHRP.

Authority for this program is contained in the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977, Public Law 95–124 (42 U.S.C. 7701, et. seq.).

The purpose of this program is to support research in earthquake hazards prediction to provide earth-science data and information essential to mitigate earthquake damage.

Applications may be submitted by educational institutions, private firms, private foundations, individuals, and agencies of State and local governments.

The NEHRP supports research related to the following general areas of interest: I. Understanding the earthquake source: Determine the physical properties and mechanical behavior of active crustal fault zones and their surroundings; and develop quantitative models of the physics of earthquake processes. II. Evaluating earthquake potential: Determine the geological and geophysical setting and characteristics of seismically active regions; determine the occurrence, distribution and source properties of earthquakes, and relate seismicity to geologic structures and tectonic processes; determine the nature and rates of crustal deformation; characterize the earthquake potential of the United States on a regional and national basis; identify active faults, define their geometry, and determine the characteristics and dates of past earthquakes; conduct research to facilitate long-term probabilistic forecasts of the likelihood of large earthquakes on active fault; conduct