

notification letter of the proposed tests and schedule under the Alternative Tier 2 provisions have been placed in the public record.

In accordance with 40 CFR 79.56(a), manufacturers of F/FAs may satisfy the Subpart F testing requirements on a group basis, e.g. the API 211(b) Research Group. Each individual manufacturer that is a member of such a group, however, continues to be individually subject to the testing and data submission requirements.

This document serves as a notice to all manufacturers of the subject F/FAs, that are not exempted from these requirements under the small business provisions of 40 CFR 79.58(d), that they are subject to these requirements.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 79

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Gasoline, Conventional gasoline, Oxygenates, Methyl tertiary butyl ether, and Motor vehicle pollution.

Dated: November 3, 1997

Richard D. Wilson,

Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

50 CFR Part 17

RIN 1018-AE 27

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Notice of Public Hearing and Reopening of Comment Period on Proposed Threatened Status for Newcomb's Snail From the Island of Kauai, Hawaii

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule; notice of public hearing and reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), provides notice of a public hearing on the proposed threatened status for Newcomb's snail (*Erinna newcombi*). In addition, the Service has reopened the comment period. All parties are invited to submit comments on this proposal.

DATES: The public comment period now closes on December 15, 1997. Any comments received by the closing date will be considered in the final decision on this proposal. The public hearing

will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 3, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The public hearing will be held at the Outrigger Kauai Beach Hotel, 4331 Kauai Beach Drive, Lihue, Kauai, Hawaii. Written comments and materials concerning this proposal may be submitted at the hearing or sent directly to Mr. Brooks Harper, Field Supervisor, Ecological Services, Pacific Islands Ecoregion, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 300 Ala Moana Blvd., Room 3108, P.O. Box 50088, Honolulu, HI 96850. Comments and materials will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christine Willis (see ADDRESSES section) or at 808/541-3441.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Newcomb's snail (*Erinna newcombi*) is a freshwater snail restricted to the island of Kauai, Hawaii. The distribution of this snail has greatly decreased from the known historic distribution and extant populations are presently limited to restricted habitats within five perennial streams on State land. The five known populations of this snail and its habitat are currently threatened by predation by a species of non-native predatory snail and two species of non-native marsh flies. These populations are also subject to an increased likelihood of extirpation from water development projects and naturally occurring events, including natural disasters such as hurricanes and landslides.

On July 21, 1997, the Service published a rule proposing threatened status for Newcomb's snail in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 38953-38958). Section 4(b)(5)(E) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) requires that a public hearing be held if it is requested within 45 days of the publication of the proposed rule. A public hearing request by the State of Hawaii, Department of Land and Natural Resources, was received within the allotted time period. The Service has scheduled a public hearing on Lihue, Kauai on Wednesday, December 3, 1997, at the Outrigger Kauai Beach Hotel from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Oral and written comments will be accepted and treated equally. Parties wishing to make statements for the record should bring a copy of their statements to the hearing. Oral statements may be limited in length, if the number of parties present at the hearing necessitates such a limitation.

There are no limits to the length of written comments or materials presented at the hearing or mailed to the Service. Written comments carry the same weight as oral comments. Legal notices announcing the date, time, and location of the hearing are being published in newspapers concurrently with this **Federal Register** notice.

The comment period on the proposal was initially closed on September 19, 1997. To accommodate the hearing, the public comment period is reopened upon publication of this notice. Written comments may now be submitted until December 15, 1997, to the Service office in the ADDRESSES section.

Author: The primary author of this notice is Christine Willis (see ADDRESSES section).

Authority

The authority for this action is the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: November 3, 1997.

Cynthia U. Barry,

Acting Regional Director, Region 1, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 648

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Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Framework Adjustment 24

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Proposed rule; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS proposes regulations to implement Framework Adjustment 24 to the Northeast (NE) Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP). This framework would implement measures to adjust the Gulf of Maine (GOM) cod trip limit provision (1,000 lbs (453.6 kg) per day; 1,500 lbs (680.4 kg) per day, starting with day 5) by requiring vessels to come into port and report to NMFS at least once every 14 days and, for those vessels that exceed the trip limit, to remain in port until days-at-sea (DAS) used equate to the allowable cod