application when submitting comments. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents within 20 days of the date of publication of this notice to the address above; telephone: (503) 231–2063. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when requesting copies of documents.

Dated: January 21, 1999.

Thomas J. Dwyer,

Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Availability of a Recommended Survey Protocol for the Endangered Quino Checkerspot Butterfly (Euphydryas editha quino) for the 1999 Field Season

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability; Survey Protocol.

SUMMARY: The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces the availability of its recommended survey protocol for the 1999 field season for determining the presence/absence of the endangered Quino checkerspot butterfly. Using information gathered during the 1998 field survey season, we revised the "Interim General Survey Protocols and Mitigation Guidelines for the Endangered Quino Checkerspot Butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*)" dated November 4, 1997. The current recommended protocol entitled "Survey Protocol for the Endangered Quino Checkerspot Butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) for the 1999 Field Season" dated January 25, 1999, incorporates those modifications found to be appropriate and replaces the 1997 interim protocol. We intend to annually review and modify this survey protocol to ensure that the best scientific information is incorporated into the prescribed methodology.

DATES: Data, and comments on the 1999 field season protocol received by August 2, 1999, will be considered in the development of the year 2000 field season protocol.

ADDRESSES: Copies of this protocol may be obtained from the Service's Region 1 World Wide Web Home Page at http://www.r1.fws.gov/text/species.html or from the Field Supervisor, Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office, 2730 Loker Ave. West, Carlsbad California 92008. Comments and materials concerning the survey protocol should be sent to the Field Supervisor at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Douglas Krofta or Paul Barrett at the above address (telephone 760/431–9440, facsimile 760/431–9618).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Quino checkerspot butterfly was listed as an endangered species on January 16, 1997 (62 FR 2313) as result of loss and degradation of habitat, invasion by alien species, overgrazing, poorly planned fire management practices, and off-road vehicle use. The historic range of the Quino checkerspot butterfly extended from the Santa Monica Mountains east and south along the foothills of the Transverse and Peninsular Ranges in California, and south into northwest Baja California, Mexico. Adults have been found from sea level to approximately 1,500 meters (5,000 feet) and populations can be found today in southern San Diego County and southwestern Riverside County, California in association with grasslands, and open areas in coastal sage scrub, chaparral, and sparse native woodlands. Adult butterflies can be observed from mid-February to mid-May depending on weather and are most easily detected on open or sparsely vegetated rounded hilltops, ridgelines, and occasionally rocky outcrops.

We are seeking additional information to more adequately understand the occurrence and biology of the Quino checkerspot butterfly throughout its range. Because we intend to annually review and modify the recommended survey protocol to ensure that the best scientific information is incorporated into the prescribed methodology, data and comments on the 1999 field season protocol received by August 2, 1999, will be considered in the development of the year 2000 field season protocol.

Dated: January 22, 1999.

Michael J. Spear,

Manager, California/Nevada Operations Office, Sacramento, California.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Amendments to Approved Tribal-State Compact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, Pub. L. 100–497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the **Federal Register**, notice of approved Tribal-State Compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III (casino) gambling on Indian reservations. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority, has approved the Amendments to the Forest County Potawatomi Community of Wisconsin and the State of Wisconsin Gaming Compact of 1992, which were executed on December 11, 1998.

DATES: This action is effective February 1, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George T. Skibine, Director, Indian Gaming Management Staff, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219–4066.

Dated: January 22, 1999.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Amendments to Approved Tribal-State Compact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, Pub. L. 100–497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the **Federal Register**, notice of approved Tribal-State Compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III (casino) gambling on Indian reservations. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority, has approved the Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Nation and the State of Wisconsin Gaming Compact of 1992, which were executed on December 11, 1998.

DATES: This action is effective February 1, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George T. Skibine, Director, Indian Gaming Management Staff, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219–4066.

Dated: January 22, 1999.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Amendments to Approved Tribal-State Compact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, Pub. L. 100–497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the **Federal Register**, notice of approved Tribal-State Compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III (casino) gambling on Indian reservations. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority, has approved the Amendments to the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin and the State of Wisconsin Gaming Compact, which were executed on November 25, 1998.

DATES: This action is effective February 1, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George T. Skibine, Director, Indian Gaming Management Staff, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219–4066.

Dated: January 21, 1999.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Environmental Statements; Availability, etc.: Colonial National Historical Park, VA; Meetings

AGENCY: National Park Service; Interior

ACTION: Notice of meetings for public review of progress on the General Management Plan Amendment/ Environmental Impact Statement being prepared for the Green Spring unit of Colonial National Historical Park.

SUMMARY: This notice announces upcoming public meetings to solicit input on alternative management concepts for the Green Spring Unit of Colonial National Historical Park. This is a preliminary step in the preparation of a General Management Plan Amendment/ Environmental Impact Statement (GMPA/EIS) for this site. The draft GMPA/EIS will be published in the Spring of 1999.

Public Meetings

Date and Time: Thursday, February 18, 1999 from 1:00 to 4:30 pm; again Thursday, February 18, 1999 from 7:00–10:30.

Address: Jamestown Visitor Center on Jamestown Island, 1368 Colonial Parkway, Jamestown, VA 23081.

The purpose of the meetings is to present the alternative management concepts being proposed for Green Spring and to solicit input from the public on the advantages and disadvantages of each different approach. The agenda for the meetings consists of an overview of the project, a review of possible conceptual approaches to site management developed to date, and an open discussion of citizen concerns.

We encourage all who have an interest in Green Spring's future to attend or to contact the park superintendent by letter, telephone or e-mail.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent Colonial National Historical Park, Post Office Box 210, Yorktown, Virginia 23690, TEL: (757) 898–3400, E MAIL: karen__rehm@nps.gov.

Dated: January 25, 1999.

Keith J. Everett,

Superintendent, Philadelphia Support Office, National Park Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Environmental Statements; Availability, etc.; Little River Canyon National Preserve, AL

ACTION: Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on a General Management Plan (GMP) for Little River Canyon National Preserve, Alabama.

SUMMARY: Little River Canyon National Preserve was established by Congress in 1992 to preserve the area's natural, scenic, recreational, and cultural resources and provide for public enjoyment of those resources.

This is the first general management plan for the preserve. This plan presents only broad strategies for resource management and visitor use. Two alternatives are presented: a proposal and a "no action" alternative representing a general continuation of existing conditions.

DATES: A series of public meetings will be held in surrounding communities in the winter of 1999. Please consult with local newspapers for the times and locations or call the park for this information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent, Little River Canyon National Preserve, 2141 Gault Avenue, North, Ft. Payne, Alabama 35967, Telephone: (256) 845–9605.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Copies of the document may be obtained from the Superintendent at the above address. Comments on this Draft EIS and GMP are solicited at this time. Comments may be provided at the public meetings or to the Superintendent at the above address.

Dated: January 21, 1999.

Daniel W. Brown,

Regional Director, Southeast Region.

[FR Doc. 99–2261 Filed 1–29–99; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Announcement of Subsistence Resource Commission Meeting

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Announcement of Subsistence Resource Commission meeting.

SUMMARY: The Superintendent of Aniakchak National Monument and the Chairperson of the Subsistence Resource Commission for Aniakchak National Monument announce a forthcoming meeting of the Aniakchak National Monument Subsistence Resource Commission. The following agenda items will be discussed:

(1) Call to order. (Chairman)

(2) SRC Roll call; confirmation of quorum. (Chairman)

(3) Welcome and introductions. (Public, agency staff, others)

(4) Review and adopt agenda. (SRC)

(5) Review and adopt minutes from the October 1998 meeting.

(6) Review commission's role and purpose.

(7) Status of commission membership.

(8) Public and agency comments.

United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington, D.C. 20240

JAN 22 1999

Honorable Jacob Lonetree
President, Ho-Chunk Nation
P.O. Box 667
Black River Falls, Wisconsin 54615

Dear President Lonetree:

We are in receipt of the Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Nation (Tribe) and the State of Wisconsin (State) Gaming Compact of 1992 dated December 11, 1998. We have completed our review of these Amendments and conclude that they do not violate the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA), Federal law, or our trust responsibility. Therefore, pursuant to Section 11(d)(8)(A) of IGRA, 25 U.S.C. § 2710(d)(8)(A) and delegated authority in 209 DM 8.1, we approve the Amendments. The Amendments shall take effect when the notice of our approval, pursuant to Section 11 (d)(3)(B) of IGRA, 25 U.S.C. § 2710(d)(3)(B), is published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

We note that the Amendments (Section XXXIV of the Compact) memorialize that the Tribe and State agree to discuss modification of the Compact should the State enact a law which purports to impose a tax, fee, assessment or other charge directly on the Tribe's Class III gaming revenues, or a tax on winnings generated at a Class III gaming facility. Our approval of these Amendments should not be construed as, and is not, authorization for the State to impose such taxes, fees, assessments or charges.

We wish the Tribe and the State success in their economic venture.

Sincerely,

Kevin Gover

Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs

Enclosure

Identical Letter Sent to: Honorable Tommy G. Thompson
Governor of Wisconsin
Madison, Wisconsin 53707

AMENDMENTS TO THE WISCONSIN WINNEBAGO TRIBE, NOW KNOWN AS THE HO-CHUNK NATION, AND THE STATE OF WISCONSIN GAMING COMPACT OF 1992

This Agreement is entered into by and between the HO-CHUNK Nation ("Nation") and the State of Wisconsin ("State").

WHEREAS, Section XXXII. of the Wisconsin Winnebago Tribe and the State of Wisconsin Gaming Compact of 1992 provides that it may be amended upon the written agreement of both parties; and Whereas both parties wish the Compact to continue and believe the amendments to the Compact contained herein serve the best interest of both the State and the Nation,

The State and the Nation do hereby agree to amend the Compact as set forth below:

1. The term of the Compact shall, pursuant to Section XXVI.B. be extended for a term of five (5) years, from June 11, 1999 to June 11, 2004, subject to further extensions as provided therein. Upon delivery to the Governor of the County and/or City approvals obtained pursuant to Section XXVII., or January 1, 2000, whichever is earlier, or any time after the earlier of these two events, at the request of the Nation the State shall negotiate in good faith with the Nation for a reasonable period of time regarding whether to grant an additional extension of the Compact, or otherwise extend the duration of the Compact, and whether the Nation may engage in Class II and Class III gaming at additional ancillary sites.

2. Section V.A. of the Compact is amended by deleting the number "18" wherever it appears in this section and replacing it with the number "21." Section V.A. is further amended by adding the following sentence:

   No person under the age of 21 shall be permitted access to any portion of any facility in which any Class III game is conducted, except for purposes of employment pursuant to Section V.B., or to gain access to the Nation's non-Class III gaming facilities.

   The amendments to Section V.A. shall take effect on June 30, 1999.

3. Section XV.H.2. is amended by deleting the phrase "provided that the total number of games shall not exceed 400 among the two locations."

4. Section XVI.B.1. of the Compact is amended by deleting the word "two" wherever it appears in this section and replacing it with the word "three."

5. Section XXVII.B. is amended by adding the following:

   The State and the Nation hereby amend Section XXVII.B. by agreeing that upon delivery to the Governor of a resolution(s) of support approved by a county, or if the site is located within a city, the city and the county, authorizing Class III gaming, the Governor shall meet and negotiate in good faith whether the site may be enumerated as a fourth location pursuant to Section XXVII. If the site is agreed to as a fourth site, the subject of the negotiations will include but not be limited to: (1) the suitability of the site for gaming, (2) the fee, if any, to be paid to the State, and (3) the number of Class III games authorized by the Compact.

6. Section XXXIV. of the Compact entitled "PAYMENT TO THE STATE" is created as follows:

A. The Nation shall make annual payments to the State for each one (1) year period beginning June 11, 1999 through June 11, 2004, as follows. For the period June 11, 1999 through June 11, 2000 the Nation shall pay to the State $6,500,000. For the period June 11, 2000 through June 11, 2001 the Nation shall pay to the State $7,500,000. For the period June 11, 2001 through June 11, 2002 the Nation shall pay to the State $7,500,000. For the period June 11, 2002 through June 11, 2003 the Nation shall pay to the State $8,000,000. For the period June 11, 2003 through June 11, 2004 the Nation shall pay to the State $8,000,000.

B. In the event a change in State law is enacted to permit the operation of electronic games of chance, or other Class III games, as defined in and authorized by this Compact, by any person, organization or entity other than a federally recognized Indian Tribe and/or Nation under the provisions of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, 25 U.S.C. 2701 et. seq., or the State Lottery as authorized by Ch. 565 Wis. Stats., or if the State Lottery is authorized to conduct electronic games of chance and does so operate electronic games of chance, the Nation shall be relieved of its obligations to pay these amounts.

C. Method of Payment. The Nation shall make the first payment required by Subsection A. on or before June 30, 2000, and each subsequent payment on June 30, 2001, June 30, 2002, June 30, 2003 and June 30, 2004 respectively.

D. The parties may modify this obligation to pay pursuant to a subsequent agreement.

E. In the event that a natural or man-made disaster renders impossible the operation of fifty (50) percent or more of the electronic games of chance operated by the Nation under this Compact for a period of fourteen (14) consecutive days or more, the payment required under this section for the year in which the disaster occurs shall be reduced by a percentage equal to the percentage decrease in the net win (total amount wagered less winnings paid) for the calendar year in which the natural disaster occurred compared with the net win for the previous calendar year, and the State and Nation shall meet to discuss additional assistance.

F. In the event that, after the effective date of the amendment, the State enacts any law which imposes a new tax, fee, assessment, or other charge which is assessed directly on the Nation's Class III gaming revenues, or a tax exclusively on winnings generated at the Class III gaming facilities, the State and Nation shall meet to discuss a modification to Section XXXIV. of this Compact.

7. Section XXXV. of the Compact entitled "ADDITIONAL BENEFITS TO NATION" is created as follows:

Should the State and any other compacting Tribe within Wisconsin amend a current gaming compact or adopt a new gaming compact with terms that are more favorable to the compacting Tribe or to the State than are the terms of this Compact, upon request by the Nation, the parties shall meet to negotiate the incorporation of substantially similar provisions into the Compact and, if applicable and agreeable to the parties, substantially similar provisions shall be incorporated into this Compact.

8. Section XXXVI. of the Compact is created as follows:

A. In the event that the amendments contained herein are disapproved, in whole or in part, by the Secretary of the Interior, either party may serve on the other a demand for renegotiation of such portion of the Compact amendments of December 1998 as are impacted. The parties shall meet to negotiate revisions to address such objection as may be raised. If a mutually satisfactory solution is not achieved within thirty (30) days of the Secretary's action, either party may during the sixty (60) day period thereafter serve upon the other a notice of nonrenewal of Compact. The Compact shall then expire 180 days after service of a notice of nonrenewal of Compact pursuant to this section, subject to the provisions of Section XXVI.D-E.

B. In the event that a court of competent jurisdiction holds any or all of the amendments to the Compact contained herein to be unenforceable or invalid within six (6) months of the execution of said amendments, either party may serve on the other a demand for renegotiation of such portion of the Compact amendments of December 1998 as are impacted. The parties shall meet to negotiate revisions to address such objection as may be raised. If a mutually satisfactory solution is not achieved within thirty (30) days of the court's holding, either party may during the sixty (60) day period thereafter serve upon the other a notice of nonrenewal of Compact. The Compact shall then expire 180 days after service of a notice of nonrenewal of Compact pursuant to this section, subject to the provisions of Section XXVI.D-E.

C. In the event that a court of competent jurisdiction holds any or all of the amendments to the Compact contained herein to be unenforceable or invalid later than six (6) months after the execution of these Compact amendments, the parties shall meet to negotiate terms to replace those affected by the decision of the court. If a mutually satisfactory solution is not achieved within thirty (30) days of the court's holding, either party may during the sixty (60) day period thereafter serve upon the other a notice of nonrenewal of Compact. The Compact shall then expire 180 days after service of a notice of nonrenewal of Compact pursuant to this section, subject to the provisions of Section XXVI.D-E.

9. The Nation has proposed the development of a plan for the creation of a Tribal revolving loan fund program to promote economic development and enhance employment opportunities. The purpose of the program shall be to make low interest loans to Nations and other eligible Tribal entities that would not otherwise be able to secure said loans. The Nation shall offer to work with the other Wisconsin Nations to establish the program guidelines and eligibility criteria. The program shall not require the Nation to make more than one (1) monetary contribution to finance the program. The program guidelines shall be developed by the Nation and submitted to the State on or before March 31, 1999.

10. Section XXXVII. of the Compact is created as follows:

    By July 1, 1999 the Nation shall have made reasonable offers to enter into written agreements with all units of local governments that provide services to a Class III gaming facility of the Nation, to fully reimburse those units of local governments for such services actually provided to said facilities.

11. Section XXXVIII. of the Compact is created to read:

    If a subsequent agreement or amendment thereof regarding Class III gaming causes a substantial reduction of the Nation's Class III gaming revenues, the State and the Nation shall meet to negotiate whether the reduction in the Nation's Class III gaming revenues was caused by the subsequent agreement and if so, negotiate a reduction of the amount required pursuant to Section XXXIV. As express and unique consideration for this promise made by the State, the Nation waives its rights to conduct Class II gaming, and agrees not to conduct Class II gaming, at all locations in the State except for the locations at which the Nation is currently conducting Class II gaming as identified in the records of the Department of Administration, Division of Gaming, and two counties in the State to be determined by the Nation.

12. The State and Nation agree to execute contemporaneous with the execution of these Compact Amendments a document entitled Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Technical Matters, which document is incorporated herein by reference.

HO CHUNK NATION

By: _____
Clarence Pettibone
Vice-President

Date Signed: 12 11 98

STATE OF WISCONSIN

By: _____
Tommy G. Thompson
Governor

Date Signed: December 11, 1998

Consistent with 25 U.S.C.A. Sec. 2710 (d)(8), the Amendments to the Tribal-State Compact for Class III Gaming between the Ho-Chunk Nation and the State of Wisconsin dated December 11, 1998, is hereby approved on this 22nd day of January, 1999, by the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs, United States Department of the Interior.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Kevin Gover

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Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs