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Copies of the draft Amendment 6 and other supporting documents are available via the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <https://www.regulations.gov>, docket NOAA–NMFS–2022–0141, or contact the Acting Regional Administrator, Scott M. Rumsey, NMFS West Coast Region, 1201 NE Lloyd Blvd., Suite 1100, Portland, OR 97232–1274, or WCR.HMS@noaa.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DSBG was initially developed off the U.S. West Coast through a series of research trials which began in 2011 and continued under exempted fishing permits (EFPs) beginning in 2015. The information collected indicated that DSBG was an effective gear type for selectively targeting swordfish with minimal bycatch and that the gear was potentially profitable to fishermen. These promising results led the Council to recommend that NMFS authorize DSBG as a legal gear type for targeting HMS in the U.S. West Coast Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) off California and Oregon.

The Council developed this draft amendment over a series of public meetings. The process began with the adoption of a range of alternatives

(ROA) for federally authorized DSBG fishing in June of 2018. Later, in November 2018, the Council refined its ROA and adopted a preliminary preferred alternative (PPA) to authorize DSBG off the coasts of California and Washington, with a limited entry (LE) permitting system for use of the gear within the Southern California Bight (SCB). In September 2019, the Council adopted its final preferred alternative (FPA) after making a few minor clarifications to its PPA, including amending the tiered criteria of swordfish fishing experience necessary to qualify for an LE permit. At its March 2021 Meeting, the Council modified its FPA to clarify terms, such as “EFP holders,” in the recommended tiered criteria, and specified data sources for qualifying LE permit applicants under those tiers. The Council also provided additional input on the permit qualification procedures (i.e., a one-time ranking of permit qualifiers according to tiers), and clarified its intent to issue permits to entities, including corporations, while prohibiting permit transfers through changes in entity ownership. During its November 2021 meeting, the Council adopted a standardized bycatch reporting methodology for an authorized DSBG fishery. Finally, during its March 2022 meeting, the Council considered additional measures for an authorized DSBG fishery related to compliance with the Endangered Species Act, and procedures for monitoring and management of the proposed fishery, including LE permit ownership.

The proposed changes to the HMS FMP are described in further detail below.

Section 6.1 would be amended to include the definition of DSBG as a legal gear type. Both “standard” and “linked” configurations of DSBG are described and would be authorized. Additionally, the section would be amended to clarify that DSBG must be actively tended, in contrast to surface hook and line gear, which does not require active tending.

Section 6.2 would be amended to describe the LE permitting regime for fishing DSBG within the SCB (i.e., Federal waters east of 120°28’18” W longitude). This includes language outlining the timing and pace of permit issuance, tiered qualifying criteria (including definitions for permit holders and vessel owners), procedures for permit renewals, and restrictions on permit transfers. Up to 50 permits would be issued for the first year, and up to 25 additional permits would be issued annually in subsequent years until a maximum of 300 permits are issued. The draft amendment also

describes scenarios in which the Council or NMFS may determine that a fewer number of permits should be issued than 300. In such a scenario, the Council could recommend NMFS publish new regulations restricting permit issuance based on applicable law or other considerations. Finally, Section 6.2.1.1 describes the tiered criteria that NMFS will use to issue permits to potential DSBG fishermen based on industry participation history and swordfish fishing experience.

Section 6.3 would be amended to include DSBG-specific language related to standardized bycatch reporting methodology (SBRM). This language includes a synopsis of the gear’s documented bycatch performance, and considerations related to logbook reporting and observer coverage in the authorized fishery. DSBG vessels would be subject to logbook reporting requirements in the same manner as other HMS fisheries. As an addendum to this section, Section 8.0 would also be amended to include a reference to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) analyzing the environmental and socioeconomic impacts of DSBG authorization, which NMFS published in August 2021.

The preamble to Section 6.6 would be amended to include DSBG when referring to HMS fishery conservation and management measures. Section 6.6.4 would also be amended to reference pending Federal regulations on the maximum amount of gear deployed, gear tending requirements, timing of gear deployment/retrieval, and simultaneous use of DSBG and other gear types on a single trip.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: January 3, 2023.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

8 CFR Parts 103, 106, 204, 212, 214, 240, 244, 245, 245a, 264, and 274a

[CIS No. 2687–21; DHS Docket No. USCIS 2021–0010]

RIN 1615–AC68

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Fee Schedule and Changes to Certain Other Immigration Benefit Request Requirements; Correction

AGENCY: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, DHS.

ACTION: Proposed rule; correction.

SUMMARY: On January 4, 2023, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) published a proposed rule that proposed adjustments to certain immigration and naturalization benefit request fees charged by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). While DHS was able to work with the Office of the Federal Register to correct two typographical errors in the public inspection version of the proposed rule that posted on January 3, 2023, the published version of the proposed rule contain the errors in Table 1. In this document, we are correcting those two typographical errors.

DATES: Written comments are due on March 6, 2023. Please refer to the instructions and guidance in the published proposed rule in the **Federal Register** on January 4, 2023, at 88 FR 402, FR Doc. 2022–27066, for more information on how to submit public comment.

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Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, 5900 Capital Gateway Drive, Camp Springs, MD 20746; telephone 240–721–3000 (this is not a toll-free number). Individuals with hearing or speech impairments may access the telephone numbers above via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 877–889–5627 (TTY/TDD).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Need for Correction

On January 4, 2023, DHS published a proposed rule in the **Federal Register** at 88 FR 402 proposing amendments to certain immigration and naturalization benefit request fees charged by USCIS (FR Doc. 2022–27066). There were two typographical errors in the proposed fees listed in Table 1 that were noticed after the document was scheduled for publication. DHS was able to work with the Office of the Federal Register to correct these typographical errors in the version of the proposed rule that posted for public inspection on January 3, 2023. However, the printing of the January 4, 2023 edition of the **Federal**

Register was too far along in production and the errors were not corrected in the official publication. First in Table 1 on page 410, fifth row from the bottom for I–129CW and I–129, Petition for a CNMI Nonimmigrant Worker (with biometric services fee), the proposed fee needs to change from “\$1,055” to “\$1,015” in the 4th column, and the difference values need to change from “\$595” to “\$470” and from “129%” to “86%” in the 5th and 6th columns, respectively. Second, in Table 1 on page 411, sixth row from the top for I–765, Application for Employment Authorization—Online (with biometric services), the proposed fee needs to change from “\$650” to “\$555” in the 4th column, and the difference values need to change from “\$240” to “\$60” and “59%” to “12%” in the 5th and 6th columns, respectively.

Correction of Publication

Accordingly, Table 1 beginning on page 407 of the proposed rule, FR Doc. 2022–27066, published on January 4, 2023, at 88 FR 402, is corrected and republished as follows:

TABLE 1—COMPARISON OF CURRENT¹ AND PROPOSED FEES

Immigration benefit request		Current fee(s)	Proposed fee(s).	Difference	
Citizenship and Naturalization:					
N–4	Monthly Report on Naturalization Papers	No Fee	No Fee	N/A	N/A
N–300	Application to File Declaration of Intention	\$270	\$320	\$50	19%
N–336	Request for Hearing on a Decision in Naturalization Proceedings—Online or Paper.	\$700	\$830	\$130	19%
N–400	Application for Naturalization—Online or Paper	\$640	\$760	\$120	19%
N–400	Application for Naturalization—Online or Paper (with biometric services).	\$725	\$760	\$35	5%
N–400	Application for Naturalization—Reduced Fee	\$320	\$380	\$60	19%
N–400	Application for Naturalization—Reduced Fee (with biometric services).	\$405	\$380	–\$25	–6%
N–470	Application to Preserve Residence for Naturalization Purposes	\$355	\$425	\$70	20%
N–565	Application for Replacement Naturalization/Citizenship Document—Online or Paper.	\$555	\$555	\$0	0%
N–600	Application for Certificate of Citizenship—Online or Paper	\$1,170	\$1,385	\$215	18%
N–600K	Application for Citizenship and Issuance of Certificate—Online or Paper.	\$1,170	\$1,385	\$215	18%
N–644	Application for Posthumous Citizenship	No Fee	No Fee	N/A	N/A
N–648	Medical Certification for Disability Exceptions	No Fee	No Fee	N/A	N/A
Humanitarian:					
I–589	Credible Fear	No Fee	No Fee	N/A	N/A
I–590	Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal	No Fee	No Fee	N/A	N/A
I–590	Registration for Classification as a Refugee	No Fee	No Fee	N/A	N/A
I–602	Application by Refugee for Waiver of Inadmissibility Grounds	No Fee	No Fee	N/A	N/A
I–687	Application for Status as a Temporary Resident Under Section 245A of the INA.	\$1,130	\$1,240	\$110	10%
I–687	Application for Status as a Temporary Resident Under Section 245A of the INA (with biometric services).	\$1,215	\$1,240	\$25	2%
I–694	Notice of Appeal of Decision	\$890	\$1,155	\$265	30%
I–698	Application to Adjust Status from Temporary to Permanent Resident (Under Section 245A of the INA).	\$1,670	\$1,670	\$0	0%
I–698	Application to Adjust Status from Temporary to Permanent Resident (Under Section 245A of the INA) (with biometric services).	\$1,755	\$1,670	–\$85	–5%
I–730	Refugee/Asylee Relative Petition	No Fee	No Fee	N/A	N/A
I–765V	Application for Employment Authorization for Abused Non-immigrant Spouse.	No Fee	No Fee	N/A	N/A
I–817	Application for Family Unity Benefits	\$600	\$875	\$275	46%
I–817	Application for Family Unity Benefits (with biometric services)	\$685	\$875	\$190	28%
I–821	Application for Temporary Protected Status—Online or Paper	\$50	\$50	\$0	0%

TABLE 1—COMPARISON OF CURRENT¹ AND PROPOSED FEES—Continued

I-881	Application for Suspension of Deportation or Special Rule Cancellation of Removal (for an individual adjudicated by DHS).	\$285	\$340	\$55	19%
I-881	Application for Suspension of Deportation or Special Rule Cancellation of Removal (for an individual adjudicated by DHS) (with biometric services).	\$370	\$340	-\$30	-8%
I-881	Application for Suspension of Deportation or Special Rule Cancellation of Removal (for a family adjudicated by DHS).	\$570	\$340	-\$230	-40%
I-881	Application for Suspension of Deportation or Special Rule Cancellation of Removal (for a family adjudicated by DHS) (with biometric services for two people).	\$740	\$340	-\$400	-54%
I-881	Application for Suspension of Deportation or Special Rule Cancellation of Removal (for a family adjudicated by Executive Office for Immigration Review).	\$165	\$165	\$0	0%
I-914	Application for T Nonimmigrant Status	No Fee	No Fee	N/A	N/A
I-914A	Application for Family Member of T-1 Recipient	No Fee	No Fee	N/A	N/A
I-918	Petition for U Nonimmigrant Status	No Fee	No Fee	N/A	N/A
I-918A	Petition for Qualifying Family Member of U-1 Recipient	No Fee	No Fee	N/A	N/A
I-918B	U Nonimmigrant Status Certification	No Fee	No Fee	N/A	N/A
I-929	Petition for Qualifying Family Member of a U-1 Nonimmigrant .. Reasonable Fear	\$230	\$270	\$40	17%
		No Fee	No Fee	N/A	N/A
Family-Based:					
I-129F	Petition for Alien Fiancé(e)	\$535	\$720	\$185	35%
I-130	Petition for Alien Relative—Online	\$535	\$710	\$175	33%
I-130	Petition for Alien Relative—Paper	\$535	\$820	\$285	53%
I-600	Petition to Classify Orphan as an Immediate Relative	\$775	\$920	\$145	19%
I-600	Petition to Classify Orphan as an Immediate Relative (with biometric services for one adult).	\$860	\$920	\$60	7%
I-600A	Application for Advance Processing of an Orphan Petition	\$775	\$920	\$145	19%
I-600A	Application for Advance Processing of an Orphan Petition (with biometric services for one adult).	\$860	\$920	\$60	7%
I-600A/I-600 Supp. 3.	Request for Action on Approved Form I-600A/I-600	N/A	\$455	N/A	N/A
I-601A	Application for Provisional Unlawful Presence Waiver	\$630	\$1,105	\$475	75%
I-601A	Application for Provisional Unlawful Presence Waiver (with biometric services).	\$715	\$1,105	\$390	55%
I-751	Petition to Remove Conditions on Residence	\$595	\$1,195	\$600	101%
I-751	Petition to Remove Conditions on Residence (with biometric services).	\$680	\$1,195	\$515	76%
I-800	Petition to Classify Convention Adoptee as an Immediate Relative.	\$775	\$920	\$145	19%
I-800A	Application for Determination of Suitability to Adopt a Child from a Convention Country.	\$775	\$920	\$145	19%
I-800A	Application for Determination of Suitability to Adopt a Child from a Convention Country (with biometric services).	\$860	\$920	\$60	7%
I-800A Supp. 3	Request for Action on Approved Form I-800A	\$385	\$455	\$70	18%
I-800A Supp. 3	Request for Action on Approved Form I-800A (with biometric services).	\$470	\$455	-\$15	-3%
Employment-Based:					
	Asylum Program Fee	N/A	\$600	N/A	N/A
	H-1B Pre-Registration Fee	\$10	\$215	\$205	2050%
I-129	Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker: H-1 Classifications	\$460	\$780	\$320	70%
I-129	H-2A Petition—Named Beneficiaries	\$460	\$1,090	\$630	137%
I-129	H-2B Petition—Named Beneficiaries	\$460	\$1,080	\$620	135%
I-129	Petition for L Nonimmigrant Worker	\$460	\$1,385	\$925	201%
I-129	Petition for O Nonimmigrant Worker	\$460	\$1,055	\$595	129%
I-129CW, and I-129.	Petition for a CNMI-Only Nonimmigrant Transitional Worker; Application for Nonimmigrant Worker: E and TN Classifications; and Petition for Nonimmigrant Worker: H-3, P, Q, or R Classification.	\$460	\$1,015	\$555	121%
I-129CW, and I-129.	Petition for a CNMI Nonimmigrant Worker (with biometric services fee).	\$545	\$1,015	\$470	86%
I-129	H-2A Petition—Unnamed Beneficiaries	\$460	\$530	\$70	15%
I-129	H-2B Petition—Unnamed Beneficiaries	\$460	\$580	\$120	26%
I-140	Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker	\$700	\$715	\$15	2%
I-526	Immigrant Petition by Standalone Investor	\$3,675	\$11,160	\$7,485	204%
I-526E	Immigrant Petition by Regional Center Investor	\$3,675	\$11,160	\$7,485	204%
I-765	Application for Employment Authorization—Online	\$410	\$555	\$145	35%
I-765	Application for Employment Authorization—Paper	\$410	\$650	\$240	59%
I-765	Application for Employment Authorization—Online (with biometric services).	\$495	\$555	\$60	12%
I-765	Application for Employment Authorization—Paper (with biometric services).	\$495	\$650	\$155	31%
I-829	Petition by Investor to Remove Conditions on Permanent Resident Status.	\$3,750	\$9,525	\$5,775	154%
I-829	Petition by Investor to Remove Conditions on Permanent Resident Status (with biometric services).	\$3,835	\$9,525	\$5,690	148%
I-907	Request for Premium Processing Service when filing: Form I-129 requesting E-1, E-2, E-3, H-1B, H-3, L (including blanket L-1), O, P, Q, or TN nonimmigrant classification; or Form I-140 requesting EB-1, EB-2, or EB-3 immigrant visa classification.	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0	0%

TABLE 1—COMPARISON OF CURRENT¹ AND PROPOSED FEES—Continued

I-907	Request for Premium Processing Service when filing Form I-129 requesting H-2B or R nonimmigrant classification.	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0	0%
I-956	Application For Regional Center Designation	\$17,795	\$47,695	\$29,900	168%
I-956G	Regional Center Annual Statement	\$3,035	\$4,470	\$1,435	47%
Other:					
I-90	Application to Replace Permanent Resident Card—Online	\$455	\$455	\$0	0%
I-90	Application to Replace Permanent Resident Card—Paper	\$455	\$465	\$10	2%
I-90	Application to Replace Permanent Resident Card—Online (with biometric services).	\$540	\$455	-\$85	-16%
I-90	Application to Replace Permanent Resident Card—Paper (with biometric services).	\$540	\$465	-\$75	-14%
I-102	Application for Replacement/Initial Nonimmigrant Arrival-Departure Document.	\$445	\$680	\$235	53%
I-131	Application for Travel Document	\$575	\$630	\$55	10%
I-131	Application for Travel Document (with biometric services)	\$660	\$630	-\$30	-5%
I-131	I-131 Refugee Travel Document for an individual age 16 or older.	\$135	\$165	\$30	22%
I-131	I-131 Refugee Travel Document for an individual age 16 or older (with biometric services).	\$220	\$165	-\$55	-25%
I-131	I-131 Refugee Travel Document for a child under the age of 16	\$105	\$135	\$30	29%
I-131	I-131 Refugee Travel Document for a child under the age of 16 (with biometric services).	\$190	\$135	-\$55	-29%
I-131A	Application for Carrier Documentation	\$575	\$575	\$0	0%
I-191	Application for Relief Under Former Section 212(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA).	\$930	\$930	\$0	0%
I-192	Application for Advance Permission to Enter as Nonimmigrant (filed with USCIS).	\$930	\$1,100	\$170	18%
I-192	Application for Advance Permission to Enter as Nonimmigrant (filed with CBP).	\$585	\$1,100	\$515	88%
I-193	Application for Waiver of Passport and/or Visa	\$585	\$695	\$110	19%
I-212	Application for Permission to Reapply for Admission into the U.S. After Deportation or Removal.	\$930	\$1,395	\$465	50%
I-290B	Notice of Appeal or Motion	\$675	\$800	\$125	19%
I-360	Petition for Amerasian Widow(er) or Special Immigrant	\$435	\$515	\$80	18%
I-485	Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status	\$1,140	\$1,540	\$400	35%
I-485	Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (with biometric services).	\$1,225	\$1,540	\$315	26%
I-485	Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (under the age of 14 in certain conditions).	\$750	\$1,540	\$790	105%
I-485	Forms I-485 and I-131 with biometric services	\$1,225	\$2,170	\$945	77%
I-485	Forms I-485 and I-765 (filed on paper) with biometric services	\$1,225	\$2,190	\$965	79%
I-485	Forms I-485, I-131, and I-765 (filed on paper) with biometric services.	\$1,225	\$2,820	\$1,595	130%
I-485A	Supplement A, Supplement A to Form I-485, Adjustment of Status Under Section 245(i).	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	0%
I-539	Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status—Online	\$370	\$525	\$155	42%
I-539	Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status—Paper	\$370	\$620	\$250	68%
I-539	Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status—Online (with biometric services).	\$455	\$525	\$70	15%
I-539	Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status—Paper (with biometric services).	\$455	\$620	\$165	36%
I-601	Application for Waiver of Grounds of Inadmissibility	\$930	\$1,050	\$120	13%
I-612	Application for Waiver of the Foreign Residence Requirement (Under Section 212(e) of the INA, as Amended).	\$930	\$1,100	\$170	18%
I-690	Application for Waiver of Grounds of Inadmissibility	\$715	\$985	\$270	38%
I-824	Application for Action on an Approved Application or Petition	\$465	\$675	\$210	45%
I-905	Application for Authorization to Issue Certification for Health Care Workers.	\$230	\$230	\$0	0%
I-910	Application for Civil Surgeon Designation	\$785	\$1,230	\$445	57%
I-941	Application for Entrepreneur Parole	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$0	0%
I-941	Application for Entrepreneur Parole (with biometric services)	\$1,285	\$1,200	-\$85	-7%
	Biometric Services (in most cases)	\$85	\$0	-\$85	-100%
	Biometric Services (TPS and EOIR only)	\$85	\$30	-\$55	-65%
	USCIS Immigrant Fee	\$220	\$235	\$15	7%
Genealogy and Records:					
G-1041	Genealogy Index Search Request—Online	\$65	\$100	\$35	54%
G-1041	Genealogy Index Search Request—Paper	\$65	\$120	\$55	85%
G-1041A	Genealogy Records Request—Online	\$65	\$240	\$175	269%
G-1041A	Genealogy Records Request—Paper	\$65	\$260	\$195	300%
G-1041 and G-1041A.	Genealogy Index Search Request and Records Request—Online (digital records).	\$130	\$100	-\$30	-23%
G-1566	Certificate of Non-Existence	\$0	\$330	\$330	N/A
No Fee:					
I-134	Declaration of Financial Support	No Fee	No Fee	N/A	N/A
I-361	Affidavit of Financial Support and Intent to Petition for Legal Custody for Public Law 97-359 Amerasian.	No Fee	No Fee	N/A	N/A
I-363	Request to Enforce Affidavit of Financial Support and Intent to Petition for Legal Custody for Public Law 97-359 Amerasian.	No Fee	No Fee	N/A	N/A

TABLE 1—COMPARISON OF CURRENT¹ AND PROPOSED FEES—Continued

I-407	Record of Abandonment of Lawful Permanent Resident Status	No Fee	No Fee	N/A	N/A
I-485J	Confirmation of Bona Fide Job Offer or Request for Job Portability Under INA Section 204(j).	No Fee	No Fee	N/A	N/A
I-508	Request for Waiver of Certain Rights, Privileges, Exemptions, and Immunities.	No Fee	No Fee	N/A	N/A
I-566	Interagency Record of Request—A, G, or NATO Dependent Employment Authorization or Change/Adjustment To/From A, G, or NATO Status.	No Fee	No Fee	N/A	N/A
I-693	Report of Medical Examination and Vaccination Record	No Fee	No Fee	N/A	N/A
I-854	Inter-Agency Alien Witness and Informant Record	No Fee	No Fee	N/A	N/A
I-864	Affidavit of Support Under Section 213A of the INA	No Fee	No Fee	N/A	N/A
I-864A	Contract Between Sponsor and Household Member	No Fee	No Fee	N/A	N/A
I-864EZ	Affidavit of Support Under Section 213A of the INA	No Fee	No Fee	N/A	N/A
I-864W	Request for Exemption for Intending Immigrant's Affidavit of Support.	No Fee	No Fee	N/A	N/A
I-865	Sponsor's Notice of Change of Address	No Fee	No Fee	N/A	N/A
I-912	Request for Fee Waiver	No Fee	No Fee	N/A	N/A
I-942	Request for Reduced Fee	No Fee	No Fee	N/A	N/A

¹ These are fees that USCIS is currently charging and not those codified by the 2020 fee rule.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

36 CFR Part 13

[NPS-AKRO-33913; PPAKAKROZ5, PPMRLE1Y.L00000]

RIN 1024-AE70

Alaska; Hunting and Trapping in National Preserves

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service (NPS) proposes to amend its regulations for sport hunting and trapping in national preserves in Alaska. This proposed rule would prohibit certain harvest practices, including bear baiting; and prohibit predator control or predator reduction on national preserves.

DATES: Comments on the proposed rule must be received by 11:59 p.m. ET on March 10, 2023.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by Regulation Identifier Number (RIN) 1024-AE70, by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail or Hand Deliver to:* National Park Service, Regional Director, Alaska Regional Office, 240 West 5th Ave., Anchorage, AK 99501. *Comments delivered on external electronic storage devices (flash drives, compact discs, etc.) will not be accepted.*

- *Instructions:* Comments will not be accepted by fax, email, or in any way other than those specified above. Comments delivered on external electronic storage devices (flash drives, compact discs, etc.) will not be accepted. All submissions received must include the words “National Park Service” or “NPS” and must include the docket number or RIN (1024-AE70) for this rulemaking. Comments received will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

- *Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for “1024-AE70.”

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Regional Director, Alaska Regional Office, 240 West 5th Ave., Anchorage, AK 99501; phone (907) 644-3510; email: AKR_Regulations@nps.gov. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) allows harvest of wildlife in national preserves in Alaska for subsistence purposes by local rural residents under Federal regulations. ANILCA also allows harvest of wildlife for sport purposes by any individual under laws of the State of Alaska (referred to as the State) that do not conflict with federal laws. ANILCA requires the National Park Service (NPS) to manage national preserves consistent

with the NPS Organic Act of 1916, which directs the NPS “to conserve the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wild life in the System units and to provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wild life in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.” 54 U.S.C. 100101(a).

On June 9, 2020, the NPS published a final rule (2020 Rule; 85 FR 35181) that removed restrictions on sport hunting and trapping in national preserves in Alaska that were implemented by the NPS in 2015 (2015 Rule; 80 FR 64325). These included restrictions on the following methods of taking wildlife that were and continue to be authorized by the State in certain locations: taking black bear cubs, and sows with cubs, with artificial light at den sites; harvesting bears over bait; taking wolves and coyotes (including pups) during the denning season (between May 1 and August 9); taking swimming caribou; taking caribou from motorboats under power; and using dogs to hunt black bears. The 2015 Rule prohibited other harvest practices that were and continue to be similarly prohibited by the State. These prohibitions were also removed by the 2020 Rule. The 2020 Rule also removed a statement in the 2015 Rule that State laws or management actions that seek to, or have the potential to, alter or manipulate natural predator populations or processes in order to increase harvest of ungulates by humans are not allowed in national preserves in Alaska. The NPS based the 2020 Rule in part on direction from the Department of the Interior (DOI) to expand recreational hunting opportunities and align hunting opportunities with those established by states. Secretarial Orders 3347 and 3356. The 2020 Rule also responded to direction from the