

Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990. Comments received will be considered in preparing the final Brown Tree Snake Control Plan, which will become the basis for a cooperative and integrated Brown Tree Snake Control Program with the involvement of Federal, State, and Territorial, and local resource agencies.

DATES: Comments on the Draft Brown Tree Snake Control Plan should be received by June 19, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Written responses and requests for copies of the document should be mailed to Robert P. Smith, Chair, Brown Tree Snake Control Committee, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Box 50167, Honolulu, HI 96850.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert P. Smith, Chair, Brown Tree Snake Control Committee, at (808) 541-2749.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A native of Indonesia, New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, and Australia, the brown tree snake (*Boiga irregularis*) has caused or been a major factor in a modern extinction episode beyond its native range that is unprecedented in its scope: the extirpation of most of Guam's native terrestrial vertebrates, including fruit bats, lizards, and virtually all of the island's forest birds. In addition, brown tree snakes in Guam have caused more than a thousand power outages, damaged agricultural interests by preying on poultry, killed many pets, and envenomated numerous children.

Several governmental agencies and private entities have been working to prevent similar ecological disasters on other Pacific islands, since the threat of the brown tree snake's dispersal to other islands and continents is significant. The brown tree snake is a major threat to the biodiversity of the Pacific region and other areas at risk. High densities of snakes occur in many urban areas on Guam where cargo is loaded for transport by air and sea to other Pacific islands, and dispersal has been documented by snakes discovered on islands in Hawaii and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and even in the continental United States.

In recognition of this threat, the United States Congress included a section in the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 that authorizes a cooperative program to control the brown tree snake outside of its historic range. Representatives of the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, and the Interior; the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; the Territory

of Guam; and the State of Hawaii formed the Brown Tree Snake Control Committee on May 1993 to develop an integrated pest management approach that would:

- Reduce existing brown tree snake population on Guam;
- Prevent the spread of brown tree snakes to other Pacific islands and mainland areas;
 - Eradicate or contain new populations as soon as detected;
 - Protect endangered species and other wildlife from brown tree snake predation;
 - Assist organizations and individuals on Guam to manage and control brown tree snake infestations, and especially to reduce disruptions of electrical supplies and human-snake encounters resulting in emotional trauma and bites;
 - Develop adequate information on the brown tree snake's biology, dispersal dynamics, and control to support Federal, State, Territorial, and Commonwealth needs; and
 - Develop more effective and environmentally sound control strategies and methods.

To meet these objectives, the Brown Tree Snake Control Committee has developed a draft plan reviewing the biology of the brown tree snake, its population development and status on various Pacific islands, its current and potential impacts on the environment and the economy, and past and present brown tree snake control activities. The draft plan also outlines specific tasks that need to be accomplished and funding needed for operational and research activities.

Dated: April 28, 1995.

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Co-Chair, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Assistant Director—Fisheries.

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National Park Service

Concession Contract Negotiations for Continued Operation of Air Transportation Services; Isle Royale National Park, MI

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.
ACTION: Public notice.

SUMMARY: Public notice is hereby given that the National Park Service proposes to award a concession permit authorizing continued operation of air transportation services to and from Isle Royale National Park for the public at Isle Royale National Park, Michigan, for a period of approximately five (5) years

from date of execution through December 31, 2000.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 3, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties should contact the Superintendent, Isle Royale National Park, 800 East Lakeshore Drive, Houghton, Michigan 49931 to obtain a copy of the prospectus describing the requirements of the proposed permit.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This permit renewal has been determined to be categorically excluded from the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act and no environmental document will be prepared. The existing concessioner has performed its obligations to the satisfaction of the Secretary under an existing permit which expired by limitation of time on December 31, 1994, and therefore pursuant to the provisions of section 5 of the Act of October 9, 1965 (79 Stat. 969; 16 U.S.C. 20), is entitled to be given preference in the negotiation of a new proposed permit providing that the existing concessioner submits a responsive offer (a timely offer which meets the terms and conditions of the Prospectus). This means that the permit will be awarded to the party submitting the best offer, provided that if the best offer was not submitted by the existing concessioner, then the existing concessioner will be afforded the opportunity to match the best offer. If the existing concessioner agrees to match the best offer, then the permit will be awarded to the existing concessioner.

If the existing concessioner does not submit a responsive offer, the right of preference in renewal shall be considered to have been waived, and the permit will then be awarded to the party that has submitted the best responsive offer.

The Secretary will consider and evaluate all proposals received as a result of this notice. Any proposal, including that of the existing concessioner, must be received by the Superintendent not later than the sixtieth (60th) day following publication of this notice to be considered and evaluated.

Dated: April 4, 1995.

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Regional Director, Midwest Region.

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Grand Canyon National Park, AZ Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.
ACTION: General Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement; Grand