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Industry Updates

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100 thousand hutchlings of endangered fish species, including 65 thousand of Issyk-Kul Marinka and 35 thousand of Naked Osman, were released in Lake Issyk-Kul in the Kara-Bulun bay.

The action was organized by two UN projects: UNDP/GEF's "Strengthening Policy and Regulatory Framework for Mainstreaming Biodiversity into Fishery Sector of Kyrgyzstan" and FAO's "Fisheries and Aquaculture Sector Development and Management in the Kyrgyz Republic".

The UNDP/GEF project aims to conserve and re-stock Lake Issyk-Kul with endemic fish species. The FAO project's primary aim is to solve food problems by raising efficiency of the food industry.

First meeting of Interagency Commission for Cooperation with GEF

On July 5, the first meeting was held of the Interagency Commission for Cooperation with Global Environment Facility (GEF), created by Government Resolution of April 11, 2011 №108-p. The meeting was organized by the State Agency on Environment Protection and Forestry under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic.

The Commission consists of the deputy heads of ministries and agencies of the Kyrgyz Republic and representatives of non-governmental organizations. The first meeting discussed the issues of the Regulation of

Legal Updates

The Law «On making amendments and supplements to the Law "On prohibition of cutting, transporting, acquiring and selling, exporting and importing especially precious (nuts and archa) wood species in the Kyrgyz Republic" dated July 26, 2011 N 129

The amendments to the said Law allow the cutting of especially precious (nuts and archa) wood species while carrying out the construction and blasting works, laying cables, pipelines, transport highways, and other communications, or conducting geological exploration and industrial mining of minerals on the lands of the state forestry fund, if their preservation proves not possible and if relevant compensation is paid for damages (including lost profit) and forestry production losses.

It is also required that permits for wood cutting are issued in accordance with the Rules approved by the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic and upon recommendation by the special government authority for forestry management.

Government Resolution «On Approval of Results of National Inventorization of Forests of Kyrgyz Republic» dated July 26, 2011 N 407

This Government Resolution approved the results of the National Inventorization of forests of the Kyrgyz Republic.

Based on its findings, it is concluded that the total area of forests in Kyrgyzstan is 1,116.56 thousand ha, or 5.61% of the total area of the republic, of them the area of forests of the state forestry fund and especially protected natural areas is 839.56 thousand ha (4.22%), the area of forests located outside the state forestry fund and especially protected natural territories is 277.00 thousand ha (1.39%).

Besides, according to the results of inventorization the State Agency on Environment Protection and Forestry of the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic is instructed to conduct the review of the forestry legislation of the

the Commission and perspective directions of cooperation between Kyrgyzstan and GEF for 2011-2014.

It should be noted that Kyrgyzstan has been a GEF member since 1997, and has been part of the Swiss constituency in GEF since 2002 along with all Central Asian countries and Azerbaijan. GEF acts as a financial mechanism of three UN conventions: on biodiversity, on climate change, and on persistent organic pollutants, and helps these countries to implement these conventions.

Beginning from 2000, supported by GEF, Kyrgyzstan has carried out a number of projects intended to solve environmental problems of the republic. The executing agencies are: UNDP, UN Environmental Program, World Bank, FAO, UN Industrial Development Organization and others.

In the framework of the fifth phase of GEF resources distribution, Kyrgyzstan has an opportunity to receive more than 8 million US dollars of grant funds to solve global environmental problems on the national and regional levels.

June 5 is World Environment Day

The World Environment Day celebration began in 1972, when the UN held in Stockholm a conference devoted to environmental problems. This date marked the creation of a special organization – the United Nations Environmental Program (UNEP) which announced June 5 as the «World Environment Day» to increase awareness of the importance of the environment.

Starting from 1973, June 5 is being celebrated in all UN member countries as the World Environment Day. To promote environmental awareness the Kyrgyz Government by its Resolution of September 8, 1999 №491 declared June 5 as the annually celebrated professional environment day of the Kyrgyz Republic.

State Agency on Environment Protection and Forestry under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic and Korean International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding on the project «Strengthening Forest Conservation Capacity in Kyrgyzstan»

The Memorandum of Understanding was signed on May 26 for the project which will last three years and will be directed at the development of a forest nursery, creation of a think tank for forest seed growing and forest pests monitoring.

As part of the project, it is planned to set up a laboratory for evaluating the quality of forest seeds, fighting against forest pests and diseases, on the basis of the Frunze forestry farming and protection station in the Jalal-Abad region.

Kyrgyz Republic to determine whether there is a need for amendments and supplements, to manage the Uniform forestry fund and especially protected natural areas, as well as to prepare a draft of the State (National) report on the state of forests of the Kyrgyz Republic.

Government Resolution «On making amendments and supplements to the Government Resolution "On measures to protect environment and health of people from adverse impact of dangerous chemical substances and pesticides" of July 27, 2001 N 376

This Resolution extended the list of chemical substances and pesticides which are prohibited or strictly limited for use in Kyrgyzstan.

Besides, the authorized state customs authority of the Kyrgyz Republic is instructed to timely provide information to the State Agency on Environment Protection and Forestry about discovering illegal import of chemical substances and pesticides specified in the List approved by this Government Resolution.

Government Resolution of June 6, 2011 N 288 «On approval of the Regulation on procedure of issuance of special permit for taking flora resources (including for scientific purposes)»

The Regulation sets forth the requirements for use of natural resources on lands of state forestry fund of the Kyrgyz Republic.

The Regulation requires that the right to use the flora resources shall be provided on a paid basis. The rates of the fee for use of publicly or municipally held flora resources are set forth in the Law "On rates of fees for use of the flora and fauna resources in the Kyrgyz Republic". The amount and form of the fee for use of the flora resources privately owned or used (on lease terms) by individuals or private legal entities, shall be set forth in the civil law agreement between the owner (user) of a land plot and the person intending to use the flora resources.

The right to use the flora resources may be granted to legal entities and individuals including foreign ones. Applications (requests) for special permits for taking the flora resources, including for scientific purposes, are submitted to environmental authorities. Applicants may apply both to the central office and to the local offices of environmental authorities. For all that, in the event of receipt of special permit in the central office, such permit, before the start of use of natural resources, must be registered in the local office nearest to the place of use of the flora resources. Special permit is issued for the period ranging from one month to one year.

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