

Ave., Room 319C, Bethesda, MD 20892,
(301) 594-7358

Name of SEP: Biological and Physiological
Sciences

Date: April 10, 1995

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Place: NIH, Westwood Building, Room 234
Telephone Conference

Contact Person: Dr. Jerry Roberts, Scientific
Review Administrator, 5333 Westbard
Ave., Room 234, Bethesda, MD 20892,
(301) 594-7051.

The meeting will be closed in accordance
with the provisions set forth in secs.
552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5, U.S.C.
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93.396, 93.837-93.844, 93.846-93.878,
93.892, 93.893, National Institutes of Health,
HHS)

Dated: February 27, 1995.

Susan K. Feldman,

Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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Division of Research Grants; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the
Federal Advisory Committee Act, as
amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice
is hereby given of the following Division
of Research Grants Special Emphasis
Panel (SEP) meetings:

Purpose/Agenda: To review Small
Business Innovation Research Program grant
applications.

Name of SEP: Behavioral and
Neurosciences.

Date: March 15, 1995.

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Guest Quarters Hotel, Washington,
DC.

Contact Person: Dr. Joseph Kimm,
Scientific Review Administrator, 5333
Westbard Ave., Room 309, Bethesda, MD
20892, (301) 594-7257.

Name of SEP: Clinical Sciences.

Date: April 3, 1995.

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Place: Crowne Plaza, Rockville, MD.
Contact Person: Dr. Jeanne Ketley, Chief,
Clinical Sciences, 5333 Westbard Ave., Room
203, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 594-7375.

Name of SEP: Microbiological and
Immunological Sciences.

Date: April 6-7, 1995.

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: Ramada Inn, Rockville, MD.

Contact Person: Dr. Gerald Liddel,
Scientific Review Admin., 5333 Westbard
Ave., Room 226, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301)
594-7167.

Purpose/Agenda: To review individual
grant applications.

Name of SEP: Clinical Sciences.

Date: March 24, 1995.

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Place: NIH, Westwood Building, Room
219C Telephone Conference.

Contact Person: Dr. Gopal Sharma,
Scientific Review Administrator, 5333
Westbard Ave., Room 219C, Bethesda, MD
20892, (301) 594-7130..

The meetings will be closed in accordance
with the provisions set forth in secs.
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HHS)

Dated: February 27, 1995.

Susan K. Feldman,

Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Center for Substance Abuse Prevention; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to Pub. L. 92-463, notice is
hereby given of the meeting of the Drug
Testing Advisory Board of the Center for
Substance Abuse Prevention in March
1995.

The meeting agenda will include
discussion of announcements and
reports of administrative, legislative,
and program developments. It will also
include reviews of sensitive National
Laboratory Certification Program (NLCP)
internal operating procedures and
program development issues. Therefore,
a portion of this meeting will be closed
to the public as determined by the
Administrator, SAMHSA, in accordance
with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (2), (4), and (6)
and 5 U.S.C. app. 2 10(d).

A summary of this meeting and roster
of committee members may be obtained
from: Ms. Vera Hunter, Acting
Committee Management Officer, CSAP,
Rockwall II Building, Suite 7A-140,

5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD
20857, Telephone: (301) 443-9540.

Substantive program information may
be obtained from the contact whose
name, room number, and telephone
number is listed below.

Committee Name: Drug Testing
Advisory Board

Meeting Date(s): March 30, 1995

Place: Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza, 1750
Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland
20857

Open: March 30, 1995 8:30 a.m.-11:00
a.m.

Closed: March 30, 1995 11:00 a.m.-
Adjournment

Contact: Donna M. Bush, Ph.D.,
Parklawn Building, Room 13A-54,
Telephone: (301) 443-6014.

Dated: February 28, 1995.

Jeri Lipov,

*Committee Management Officer, Substance
Abuse and Mental Health Services
Administration.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Application

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent and meeting.

Preparation of an Environmental
Impact Statement in Anticipation of
Receiving a Permit Application to
Incidentally Take Threatened and
Endangered Species in Association with
a Multiple Species Conservation Plan
for Southwestern San Diego County,
California.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife
Service (Service) has under
consideration for approval the draft
Multiple Species Conservation Program
(MSCP) plan submitted by the City of
San Diego, California. This long-term
plan, prepared by the City of San Diego
and 11 other participating jurisdictions,
will accompany a future application to
the Service for a permit under section
10(a) of the Endangered Species Act that
would authorize incidental take of listed
species. Additionally, the applicants
will request pre-listing agreements for
species which may be listed in the
future. In response to the plan, the
Service intends to prepare a joint
programmatic and project-level
Environmental Impact Statement/
Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR)
pursuant to the National Environmental
Policy Act (NEPA) and the California

Environmental Quality Act. The MSCP plan covers an approximately 900-square-mile area of rapid growth in southwestern San Diego County. The plan addresses numerous sensitive plant and animal species and their habitats. The MSCP creates a process for the issuance of permits and other authorizations under the Federal ESA, California ESA, and the California Natural Community Conservation Planning Act. This notice describes the proposed action and possible alternatives, notifies the public of a scoping meeting, invites public participation in the scoping process for preparing the joint EIS/EIR, solicits written comments, and identifies the Service official to whom questions and comments concerning the proposed action and the joint EIS/EIR may be directed.

DATES: A public scoping meeting will be held from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on March 15, 1995, at the Scottish Rite Center, 1895 Camino del Rio South, San Diego, California 92108. Oral comments will be received during the scoping meeting. Written comments are encouraged and should be received on or before April 5, 1995, at the address below.

ADDRESSES: Information, comments, or questions related to preparation of the joint EIS/EIR and the NEPA process should be submitted to Mr. Gail Kobetich, Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2730 Loker Avenue West, Carlsbad, California 92008. Written comments also may be sent by facsimile to telephone (619) 431-9618.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Nancy Gilbert, Supervisory Fish and Wildlife Biologist, at the above Carlsbad address, telephone (619) 431-9440. Persons wishing to obtain background material should contact the City of San Diego, Development Services Division, Environmental Analysis Section, 1222 First Avenue, 5th Floor, San Diego, California 92101, telephone (619) 236-6268. Documents also will be available for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday) at the above San Diego office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The MSCP study area occupies portions of the unincorporated County of San Diego and 10 additional city jurisdictions. The southern boundary of the MSCP study area is the international border with Mexico. National forest lands form much of the eastern boundary, the Pacific Ocean lies to the west, and the northern boundary is the

San Dieguito River Valley. Conservation planning to the north of the MSCP study area is being conducted by the San Diego Association of Governments, and a coalition of 8 north county cities and San Diego County. San Diego County is responsible for conservation planning in the eastern portion of the county.

The diversity of topography, soils, and climate in the study area combine to influence vegetative associations, which in turn support a high diversity of plant and animal species. Topographic features in the study area include broad flat valleys, deep canyons, perennially flowing rivers and intermittent creeks, moderately sloped terrain and steep hillsides, rolling foothills and nearly level mesas, coastal bluffs, and a series of coastal bays, inlets, and lagoons. Elevations range from mean sea level (msl) along the coast to approximately 3,738 feet above msl.

The objectives of the MSCP are to:

1. Develop a program for the maintenance of biological diversity and the conservation/protection of self-sustaining viable populations of federally-listed endangered, threatened, and key candidate species and their habitats.
2. Define a Multi-Habitat Planning Area (MHPA) within which preserve planning is focused or within which a preserve is defined, and implement a preserve system which conserves viable habitat and provides for wildlife use and movement.
3. Reduce the human-related causes of species' extirpation within the MSCP study area.
4. Establish a partnership among State, Federal, and local agencies of government to facilitate mitigation and approval of public and private sector land development and construction projects by expediting acquisition of Federal and State permits. This action would provide a long-term economic benefit.

The biological goal for the preserve design is preservation of as much of the core biological resource areas and linkages as possible. The economic goal is for the ultimate preserve to be affordable and for the costs to be shared equitably among the participants.

The plan proposes a new process for wildlife and habitat conservation, and for implementation of the Federal and State of California ESAs, which relies on existing local agency land use review and approval authority. The new process places conservation responsibilities on local jurisdictions, based on their ability to implement a segment of the MSCP for their jurisdiction. In exchange for these

coordinated conservation plans, local jurisdictions will receive from the Service permits for the taking of federally-listed species and will enter into pre-listing agreements for protection of other species of concern. A list of covered animal and plant species is incorporated in the MSCP Plan, including species that are federally or state-listed, proposed for listing, and candidates for listing.

The lands identified for open space and habitat preservation are located within the MHPA. The MHPA was cooperatively designed by the 12 participating jurisdictions in the MSCP study area, in consultation with the Service and California Department of Fish and Game, major property owners and environmental groups, based on biological, ownership, and land use criteria. Planning staff of the 5 jurisdictions that have the largest amounts of remaining habitat in the MSCP study area (County of San Diego and cities of San Diego, Chula Vista, Poway, and Santee) spent several months developing "soft lines" delineating areas within which specified percentages of land would be preserved and "hard lines" delineating 100% preservation areas. The other local jurisdictions within the MSCP study area were asked to comment on a preserve design based solely on public ownership and general plan open-space designations. The resulting MHPA covers 164,326 acres of habitat.

The habitat conservation described by the MHPA is approximate. The MHPA may be modified during the course of subsequent land use and project planning, as long as the changes are consistent with MSCP objectives. Preserve boundaries, approved through either the MSCP plan or subsequent land use plans, may be adjusted without the need to amend the MSCP plan, or applicable land use plans, when the new preserve boundary results in a preserve area that is equivalent in biological value to the original configuration or is of greater biological value.

Although the City of San Diego will prepare the draft EIS, the Service will be responsible for its content and scope. In addition, the City of San Diego will act as the lead agency for the preparation of the EIR.

Project level environmental documentation will be included in the joint EIS/EIR for amendments to a variety of planning documents for the cities of San Diego, Chula Vista, and Santee. The proposed amendments would incorporate the preserve boundaries of the MSCP plan into adopted land use plans. Actions

proposed by these 3 cities that will be addressed in the joint EIS/EIR include, but are not limited to, amendments to progress guides and general plans, local coastal programs, community plans, precise plans, and zoning ordinances.

The joint EIS/EIR will consider the proposed action (issuance of a section 10(a) ESA permit for the MSCP plan), and a reasonable range of alternatives derived from scenarios considered during development of the MSCP plan:

Alternative 1: Coastal Sage Scrub Scenario. This alternative would focus on preservation of the highest quality coastal sage scrub in the planning area with less emphasis on preserving other habitat types.

Alternative 2: Biologically Preferred/ Core and Linkage Area Scenario. This alternative would attempt to preserve those lands with the highest conservation value in the planning area, including multiple habitats and habitat linkages. This alternative is based heavily on biological criteria rather than other land use issues that determine the feasibility of preservation.

Alternative 3: Public Lands Scenario. This alternative relies more heavily than the proposed plan on public lands and open space associated with existing or proposed development.

Alternative 4: No Project (No Preserve) Scenario. This alternative assumes that conservation practices throughout the study area would occur on a project-by-project basis as occurs under existing conditions. Under the no project alternative, a regional preserve would not be established at this time within the MSCP study area.

Environmental review of the MSCP will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the 1969 NEPA, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), NEPA regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), other appropriate regulations, and Service procedures for compliance with those regulations. This notice is being furnished in accordance with section 1501.7 of the NEPA to obtain suggestions and information from other agencies and the public on the scope of issues to be addressed in the joint EIS/EIR.

Comments and participation in the scoping process are solicited. The primary purpose of the scoping process is to identify rather than to debate the significant issues related to the proposed action. Interested persons are encouraged to attend the public scoping meeting to identify and discuss issues and alternatives that should be addressed in the joint EIS/EIR. The proposed agenda for this facilitated meeting includes a summary of the proposed action; status of and threats to

subject species; and tentative issues, concerns, opportunities, and alternatives. Additional public meetings will be conducted on later dates to provide more opportunities to comment on the draft EIS/EIR.

Dated: February 28, 1995.

Thomas J. Dwyer,

Deputy Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

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Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Application

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

Notice of Additional Public Involvement Opportunities for the Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement to Allow Incidental Take of Four Threatened Species on Lands Administered by Plum Creek Timber Company in the State of Washington.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has added another scoping workshop to assist in gathering information necessary for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The EIS will consider a permit application by Plum Creek Timber Company, L.P., to take federally listed species, under the provisions of section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. It will also consider the development of an unlisted species agreement. This notice supplements the notice of intent published in the February 8 **Federal Register** (60 FR 7577).

DATES: Written comments regarding the scope of the EIS should be received on or before March 10, 1995. A scoping workshop will be held on March 8, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to Mr. Curt Smitch; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 3773 Martin Way East; Building C, Suite 101; Olympia, Washington 98501. Comments received will be available for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday). A scoping workshop will be held from 6:30-9:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria Area of the Walter Strom Middle School; 2694 State Route 903 (between Cle Elum and Roslyn); Cle Elum, Washington 98922.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Vogel, Wildlife Biologist; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 3773 Martin Way East; Building C, Suite 101;

Olympia, Washington 98501, (360) 534-9330.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A scoping workshop was held on February 22, 1995, in Bellevue, Washington. As a further opportunity for interested persons to comment on this planning effort, an additional scoping workshop is scheduled for 6:30-9:00 p.m. on March 8, 1995. The workshop location will be the Cafeteria Area of the Walter Strom Middle School; 2694 State Route 903 (between Cle Elum and Roslyn); Cle Elum, Washington 98922.

Interested parties may contact the Service at the address listed above to receive additional information, including a map for the workshop location.

Dated: February 28, 1995.

Frances J Dyer,

Deputy Regional Director.

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Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces a public meeting to discuss opportunities for a voluntary program of labeling exotic birds, certification of exotic bird breeding facilities and retail outlets, and provision of privately organized or funded technical assistance to other nations, under the Wild Bird Conservation Act (WBCA) of 1992.

DATES: The public meeting will be held on April 6, 1995, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held in Room 200 of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service building, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Susan S. Lieberman or Dr. Rosemarie S. Gnam, Office of Management Authority, at (703) 358-2095.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992, hereinafter referred to as WBCA, was enacted October 23, 1992, the purposes of which include promoting the conservation of exotic birds by: ensuring that all imports into the United States of species of exotic birds are biologically sustainable and not detrimental to the species; ensuring that imported birds are not subject to inhumane treatment during capture and