

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Receipt of Petition for Federal Acknowledgment of Existence as an Indian Tribe

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

This notice is published in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.

Pursuant to 25 CFR 83.9(a), notice is hereby given that the Gabrielino/Tongva Indians of California Tribal Council, 5450 Slauson Avenue, Suite 151, Culver City, California 90230, has filed a letter of intent to petition for acknowledgment by the Secretary of the Interior that the group exists as an Indian tribe. The petition was received by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) on August 14, 1997, and was signed by members of the group's governing body.

This is a notice of receipt of a letter of intent to petition and does not constitute notice that the petition is under active consideration. Notice of active consideration will be sent by mail to the petitioner and other interested parties at the appropriate time.

Under Section 83.9(a) of the Federal regulations, interested parties may submit factual and/or legal arguments in support of or in opposition to the group's petition. Any information submitted will be made available on the same basis as other information in the BIA's files. Such submissions will be provided to the petitioner upon receipt by the BIA. The petitioner will be provided an opportunity to respond to such submissions prior to a final determination regarding the petitioner's status.

The petition may be examined, by appointment, in the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Branch of Acknowledgment and Research, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20240. Phone: (202) 208-3592.

Dated: January 12, 1998.

Hilda A. Manuel,

Deputy Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Maine Acadian Culture Preservation Commission; Meeting

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) that the Maine Acadian Culture Preservation Commission will meet on Friday, February 6, 1998. The meeting will convene at 7:00 p.m. in the Centre culturel du Mont-Carmet, Lille Village of Grand Isle, Aroostook County, Maine.

The Maine Acadian Culture Preservation Commission was appointed by the Secretary of the Interior pursuant to the Maine Acadian Culture Preservation Act (Pub. L. 101-543). The purpose of the Commission is to advise the National Park Service with respect to:

- The development and implementation of an interpretive program of Acadian culture in the state of Maine.
- The selection of sites for interpretation and preservation by means of cooperative agreements.

The Agenda for this meeting is as follows:

1. Review of October 17 and December 12 summary reports.
2. Speaker: Adrien Berube of the Université de Moncton, Edmundston, New Brunswick, Canada. "Ten Facts About The History of Madawaska Which Should Be Taken With A Grain Of Salt".
3. Report of the National Park Service Project Staff.
4. Opportunity for public comment.
5. Proposed agenda, place, and date of the next Commission Meeting.

The meeting is open to the public. Further information concerning Commission meetings may be obtained from the Superintendent, Acadia National Park. Interested persons may make oral/written presentations to the Commission or file written statements. Such requests should be made at least seven days prior to the meeting to: Superintendent, Acadia National Park, P.O. Box 177, Bar Harbor, ME 04609-0177; telephone (207) 288-5472.

Paul F. Haertel,

Superintendent, Acadia National Park.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

[EOIR 121; AG Order No. 2139-98]

Executive Office for Immigration Review; Motion To Reopen: Suspension of Deportation and Cancellation of Removal

AGENCY: Department of Justice, Executive Office for Immigration Review.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 203 of the Nicaraguan Adjustment and Central American Relief Act (NACARA), certain aliens who are nationals of Guatemala, El Salvador, and particular former Soviet bloc countries who have final orders of deportation or removal may file a motion to reopen their cases before the Immigration Court or the Board of Immigration Appeals to apply for suspension of deportation or cancellation of removal. NACARA specifies that the Attorney General shall designate a time period in which such motions to reopen may be filed without regard to the statutory and regulatory time and number restrictions on motions to reopen. This notice designates that the time period for filing such motions will be from January 16, 1998, to September 11, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Margaret M. Philbin, General Counsel, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Suite 2400, 5107 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, Virginia 22041, telephone: (703) 305-0470.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

Section 203 of the Nicaraguan Adjustment and Central American Relief Act (Pub. L. 105-100; 111 Stat. 2160, 2193) (NACARA), signed into law on November 19, 1997, amended section 309 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-208; 110 Stat. 3009-625) (IIRIRA) to provide special rules regarding applications for suspensions of deportation and cancellation of removal by certain aliens. These aliens include Guatemalan, Salvadoran, and particular former Soviet bloc nationals described in section 309(c)(5)(C)(i) of IIRIRA, as amended by section 203 of NACARA.

In addition, NACARA amended section 309 of IIRIRA to allow aliens with final orders of deportation or removal who have become eligible for cancellation of removal or suspension of deportation as a result of the amendments made by section 203 of NACARA to file one motion to reopen