

laboratory to be qualified, the DHHS will recommend that DOT certify the laboratory (**Federal Register**, 16 July 1996) as meeting the minimum standards of the "Mandatory Guidelines for Workplace Drug Testing" (59 Federal Register, 9 June 1994). After receiving the DOT certification, the laboratory will be included in the monthly list of DHHS certified laboratories and participate in the NLCP certification maintenance program.

Richard Kopanda,

Executive Officer, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Recreation Lakes Study

AGENCY: National Recreation Lakes Study.

ACTION: Notice of First Commission Meeting, National Recreation Lakes Study.

SUMMARY: The Omnibus Parks and Public Land Management Act of 1996 authorizes a presidential commission to review the demand for recreation at Federal lakes, and to develop alternatives for enhanced recreation uses, primarily through innovative public/private partnerships. This will be the first meeting of the Commissioner-designees and Staff.

DATES: July 20-21, 1998, starting at 8 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The briefing will be held at the National Association Public Administration Conference Room, First Floor, 800 North Capitol Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001. Please have photo identification available for admission into the building. The agenda will consist of the following: Swearing-In Ceremony for Appointed Commissioners; Election of a Vice Chairman; Overview of the Status of Recreation at Federal Lakes; Discussion of Proposed Goals; Study Process/Action Plan; Presentation of Findings Reports; Subgroups & Topic Experts; Communications Plan; Study Duration & Report Due Date; Public Comment Period; Necessary Decisions on Above Agenda Topics; Future Meetings; Time and Place of Next Meeting; and the Adjournment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeanne Whittington, 202-219-7104.

Dated: June 30, 1998.

Jana Prewitt,

Executive Director, National Recreation Lakes Study.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment and Land Protection Plan for the Proposed Establishment of Swayze Lake National Wildlife Refuge, St. Landry Parish, LA

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment and Land Protection Plan for the Proposed Establishment of Swayze Lake National Wildlife Refuge.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Southeast Region, proposes to establish a new national wildlife refuge in the Swayze Lake area in St. Landry Parish, Louisiana. The purpose of the proposed refuge is to protect, enhance, and manage a diversity of fish and wildlife habitats in the Swayze Lake area for the benefit of the area's fishery, resident and migratory waterfowl, shorebirds, wading birds, neotropical migratory birds, the federally listed Louisiana black bear, and other native wildlife. A Draft Environmental Assessment and Land Protection Plan for the establishment of the proposed refuge has been developed by Service biologists in coordination with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, parish officials, and other local entities. The assessment considers the biological, environmental, and socioeconomic effects of establishing the proposed refuge and evaluates three alternative actions and their potential impacts on the environment. Written comments or recommendations concerning the proposal are welcomed and should be sent to the address given below.

DATES: Land acquisition planning for the project is currently underway. The draft environmental assessment and land protection plan will be available to the public for review and comment on July 15, 1998. Written comments must be received no later than August 14, 1998, in order to be considered for the preparation of the final environmental assessment.

ADDRESSES: Comments and requests for copies of the draft environmental assessment and for further information on the project should be addressed to Mr. Charles R. Danner, Team Leader, Planning and Support Team, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Atlanta, Georgia 30345, or by telephone at 800/419-9582.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed refuge area consists primarily of bottomland hardwoods, wooded/shrub swamps, and other wetlands. It covers a total of approximately 20,000 acres and is located within the Atchafalaya River Basin, about 5 miles northwest of Krotz Springs in St. Landry Parish, Louisiana. The Service proposes to establish the refuge by purchasing about 9,000 acres in fee title from willing sellers. The remaining 11,000 acres would be sought through conservation easements, cooperative agreements, or fee title purchases, depending on landowner willingness.

The Swayze Lake area is nationally significant because it provides wintering habitat for migratory waterfowl, breeding habitat for wood ducks, migration habitat for shorebirds and neotropical migratory birds, and year-round habitat for wading birds. It is also a feeding area for bald eagles. The bottomland hardwoods also provide important habitat for the federally listed Louisiana black bear. Other resident wildlife include the American alligator, white-tailed deer, swamp rabbit, and furbearers such as raccoon, mink, muskrat, and otter.

The area's freshwater fishery is excellent. Numerous bayous and backwater lakes are interspersed throughout the area and provide outstanding sportfishing opportunities. Freshwater game species are abundant and include largemouth bass, black and white crappie, bluegill, and several species of catfish. Crawfishing is also extremely popular.

Dated: June 22, 1998.

Sam D. Hamilton,

Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice for Publication; Alaska Native Claims Selection

In accordance with Departmental regulation 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that decisions to issue conveyance under the provisions of Sec. 14(h)(8) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of December 18, 1971, 43 U.S.C. 1601, 1613(h)(8), will be issued to the Bering Straits Native Corporation for approximately 14,169 acres. The lands involved are in the vicinity of Iron Creek, Alaska, and are within T. 6 S., R. 30 W., Kateel River Meridian, Alaska.