

Place: Natcher Building, Room 5As.25, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: John R. Lymangrover, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, National Institutes of Health, NIAMS, Natcher Bldg., Room 5As25N, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-594-4952.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases; Notice of Closed Meeting

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 meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: March 16, 2001.

Time: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Ramada Inn, 1775 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

Contact Person: Richard J Bartlett, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases, Natcher Bldg./Bldg. 45, Room 5As37B, (301) 594-4952.

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Name of Committee: National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: April 16, 2001.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Double Tree Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20853.

Contact Person: Tracy A. Shahan, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, National Institutes of Health/NIAMS, Natcher Bldg., Room 5AS25H, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 594-4952.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

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Name of Committee: National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: March 5, 2001.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Double Tree Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

Contact Person: Richard J. Bartlett, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases, Natcher Bldg./Bldg. 45, Room 5As37B, (301) 594-4952.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Intent To Prepare Comprehensive Conservation Plans and an Associated Environmental Impact Statement

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare comprehensive conservation plans and an associated environmental impact statement for island units of the eastern Massachusetts national wildlife refuge complex.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

(Service) intends to gather information necessary to prepare Comprehensive Conservation Plans (CCP) and an associated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) pursuant to section 102(2)C of the National Environmental Policy Act and its implementing regulations, for three units of the eight-unit Eastern Massachusetts National Wildlife Refuge Complex, located in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. These three refuges are Monomoy National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), Nantucket NWR, and Nomans Land Island NWR. The Refuges are in Barnstable, Nantucket, and Dukes Counties, Massachusetts. Concurrent with the CCP process, the Service will conduct a wilderness review and incorporate a summary of the review into the appropriate CCP and EIS. The CCPs of the remaining five refuges of the Complex (Assabet River NWR, Great Meadows NWR, Mashpee NWR, Massasoit NWR, and Oxbow NWR) will be evaluated in a separate Environmental Assessment (EA).

This notice amends a previous notice, published on February 24, 1999, that stated an EIS would be developed for all eight units of the Complex (then called Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge Complex). Comments already received for these refuges under the previous notice will be considered. The Service invites agencies, groups and the public to submit any additional comments concerning the scope of issues to be addressed, as well as possible alternatives and environmental impacts to consider in the EIS.

The Service is furnishing this notice in compliance with the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 668dd *et seq.*):

- (1) To advise other agencies and the public of our intentions, and
- (2) To obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues to include in the environmental documents.

DATES: Inquire at the following address for dates of planning activity and due dates for comments.

ADDRESSES: Address comments and requests for more information to the following: Refuge Manager, Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, Weir Hill Road, Sudbury, Massachusetts 01776, (978) 443-4661.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: By Federal law, all lands within the National Wildlife Refuge System are to be managed in accordance with an approved CCP. The CCP guides management decisions and identifies refuge goals, long-range objectives, and

strategies for achieving refuge purposes. The planning process will consider many elements, including habitat and wildlife management, habitat protection and acquisition, public use, and cultural resources. Public input into this planning process is essential. The CCP will provide other agencies and the public with a clear understanding of the desired conditions for the Refuges and how the Service will implement management strategies.

The Service has already solicited information from the public via open houses, meetings, and written comments. Special mailings, newspaper articles, and announcements will continue to inform people in the general area near each refuge of the time and place of opportunities for further public input to the CCP.

The Eastern Massachusetts NWR Complex is a diverse group of coastal and inland refuges. Habitats include forest, field, riparian, barrier island beach, freshwater marsh, and pond. Monomoy NWR contains 2,700 acres, a portion of which is Federal Wilderness Area; Nantucket 40 acres; and Nomans Land Island 628 acres.

Review of this project will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), NEPA Regulations (40 CFR 1500-1508), other appropriate Federal laws and regulations, and Service policies and procedures for compliance with those regulations. Concurrent with the CCP process we will conduct a wilderness review and incorporate a summary of the review into the CCP. Wilderness review is the process we use to determine if we should recommend Refuge System lands and waters to Congress for wilderness designation.

We estimate that the draft environmental documents will be available in fall 2001 for public review and comment.

Dated: January 19, 2001.

Mamie Parker,

Acting Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Hadley, Massachusetts.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

North American Wetlands Conservation Council; Standard Grant Application Instructions

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: Instructions for applying for standard grants (see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**) under the U.S. North American Wetlands Conservation Act.

DATES: Proposals may be submitted at any time. To ensure adequate review time prior to upcoming North American Wetlands Conservation Council (Council) meetings, the Council Coordinator must *receive* proposals by March 23, 2001 and July 6, 2001. If a March proposal needs to be resubmitted, the due date is July 16.

ADDRESSES: For detailed application instructions, sample proposal information, frequently asked questions, and summaries of recently approved proposals, visit the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) web site at <http://northamerican.fws.gov/nawcahp.html>. If you cannot access the web site, request computer disk or paper copies of the web site material from the Council Coordinator at Council Coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 110, Arlington, VA 22203. Send proposals to the Council Coordinator at the above address. If you choose to submit the Proposal Summary by electronic mail (versus computer disk), send to betтина_sparrowe@fws.gov. Mail one original and two copies of the proposal to the Council Coordinator. Also, mail an electronic copy of the Proposal Summary on computer disk with the rest of the proposal or send an electronic copy by electronic mail to betтина_sparrowe@fws.gov. Send a copy of the proposal to your U.S. North American Waterfowl Management Plan (NAWMP) Coordinator (see next section) and all partners in the proposal.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: North American Wetlands Conservation Council Coordinator at (703) 358-1784, r9arw_nawwo@fws.gov or betтина_sparrowe@fws.gov or a NAWMP Joint Venture Coordinator (Coordinator) at the numbers given below. Coordinators can give you advice about developing a proposal and about proposal ranking and can provide compliance requirements for the National Environmental Policy Act, National Historic Preservation Act, and contaminant surveys. Even though all areas of all States are not in a Joint Venture, each Coordinator is available to provide information to NAWCA applicants. To determine which Coordinator to call, consult the following Joint Venture list, but note that some States are in more than one Joint Venture and may be listed more