

the Council on Accreditation for Children and Family Services (COA), and (4) the State of Washington Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse. The shift to an accreditation approach is expected to improve the quality of, and access to, OTPs.

An earlier, related study, conducted prior to accreditation, examined the experience of a pilot group of OTPs undergoing the accreditation process with extensive technical assistance provided through CSAT. Now that accreditation has become mandatory, the current study will assess its impact on OTPs, and the field of substance abuse treatment at a critical beginning phase.

The primary purposes of the proposed OTP Accreditation Evaluation are to assess the accreditation process and its cost and impact, and to provide input to CSAT concerning how the process might be improved. Specifically, the OTP Accreditation Evaluation will examine: (1) Processes, barriers, and costs associated with accreditation, (2) administrative and clinical impacts, (3) cost to the federal government for national implementation of the new regulations, and (4) potential policy changes affecting the accreditation-based oversight system.

The evaluation will be accomplished by secondary analysis of existing data as well as by collecting data before and after accreditation, from different

sources and using several different data collection methods. Given the great diversity of this relatively small body of programs, the first data collection effort involves administering a questionnaire to all OTPs. The questionnaire is intended to elicit information about the resources programs need to prepare for accreditation and undergo the accreditation survey; services provided; the costs of providing these services; and staff perceptions of the accreditation process. Three versions of the questionnaire will be used to accommodate OTPs' accreditation survey schedules: a pre-accreditation questionnaire, a post-accreditation questionnaire, and a post-only accreditation questionnaire. All OTPs will receive one or two questionnaires, depending on their accreditation survey status. OTPs that have not undergone an accreditation survey at the start of data collection will receive a pre-accreditation questionnaire. These OTPs will also receive a post-accreditation questionnaire six months after their accreditation survey. OTPs that have been accredited for less than four months at the start of data collection will receive a post-only questionnaire and a post-accreditation questionnaire at six months after their accreditation survey. OTPs that have been accredited for more than four months at the start of data collection will receive a post-only questionnaire.

In addition to the OTP survey, data will be obtained from existing sources

including SAMHSA surveys such as the National Survey of Substance Abuse Treatment Services (N-SSATS) and the Treatment Episode Data Set (TEDS). These will provide an historical perspective on opioid treatment services and insight regarding the extent of opioid addiction service episodes. Information from the questionnaire administered to all OTPs will be supplemented and validated by more intensive data collection to be conducted with a small sample of OTPs that have not yet undergone accreditation, stratifying on factors determined by the earlier study to be related to OTPs' accreditation experience. Data will be collected from the smaller sample of OTPs through several means over the course of one year per program (six months before and six months after an accreditation survey): (1) A questionnaire administered on-site to patients to obtain patient perceptions about accreditation and level of satisfaction (2) chart abstraction by contractor staff of limited patient outcomes data, (3) activity logs to capture the amount of OTP staff time spent by OTP staff in various broad activities, and (4) interviews with OTP staff and related community organizations concerning their perceptions and experience.

The estimated response burden for the proposed OTP accreditation evaluation over a period of two years is summarized below.

| Form | Number of respondents | Responses/respondent | Total responses | Hours/response | Total hour burden |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Self-administered pre-accreditation questionnaire | 600 | 1 | 600 | 1 | 600 |
| Self-administered post-accreditation questionnaire | 700 | 1 | 700 | 1 | 700 |
| Self-administered post-accreditation-only questionnaire | 500 | 1 | 500 | 1 | 500 |
| Activity logs | 240 | 312 | 74,880 | .1 | 7,488 |
| Activity summary worksheet | 60 | 26 | 1,560 | 1 | 1,560 |
| Chart abstraction (OTP staff spent pulling charts etc.) | 60 | 2 | 120 | 1 | 120 |
| Patient questionnaire | 6,000 | 1 | 6,000 | .3 | 1,800 |
| OTP/CBO staff interview | 300 | 2 | 600 | .7 | 420 |
| Total | 7,700 | | 84,960 | | 13,188 |
| 2-year Annual Average | 3,850 | | 42,480 | | 6,594 |

Send comments to Nancy Pearce, SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer, Room 16-105, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Dated: January 28, 2003.

Richard Kopanda,

Executive Officer, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

Invasive Species Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Interior.
ACTION: Notice of public meetings of the Invasive Species Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given of meetings of the Invasive Species Advisory Committee.

The purpose of the Advisory Committee is to provide advice to the National Invasive Species Council, as authorized by Executive Order 13112, on a broad array of issues related to preventing the introduction of invasive species and providing for their control and minimizing the economic, ecological, and human health impacts that invasive species cause. The Council is Co-chaired by the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Secretary of Commerce. The duty of the

Council is to provide national leadership regarding invasive species issues. The purpose of a meeting on March 4–5, 2003 is to convene the full Advisory Committee (appointed by Secretary Norton on April 1, 2002); and to discuss implementation of action items outlined in the National Invasive Species Management Plan, which was finalized on January 18, 2001.

DATES: Meeting of Invasive Species Advisory Committee: 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 4, 2003; and 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 5, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Washington Plaza Hotel, 10 Thomas Circle, NW., Washington, DC 20005. Meetings on both days will be held in the State Suite.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kelsey Passé, National Invasive Species Council Program Analyst; Phone: (202) 513-7243; Fax: (202) 371-1751.

Dated: January 30, 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Availability of the Final Recovery Plan for the Plant Holy Ghost Ipomopsis

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of document availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces the availability of the Final Recovery Plan for the Holy Ghost Ipomopsis (*Ipomopsis sancti-spiritus*). This plant is known from only one site in the southern Sangre de Cristo Mountains on the Santa Fe National Forest in San Miguel County, New Mexico.

ADDRESSES: Recovery plans that have been approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are available on the World Wide Web at <http://southwest.fws.gov>. Recovery Plans may also be obtained from the Field Supervisor, New Mexico Ecological Services Field Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2105 Osuna NE., Albuquerque, New Mexico 87113 (Telephone (505) 346-2525).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anna Marie Munoz, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, New Mexico Ecological Services Field Office, 2105 Osuna NE., Albuquerque, New Mexico 87113, (phone 505/346-2525).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

A primary goal of the endangered species program is to restore endangered or threatened animals and plants to the point where they are again secure, self-sustaining members of their ecosystems. To help guide recovery, we prepare recovery plans for most endangered or threatened species native to the United States. Recovery plans describe needed conservation actions for the species, time and cost estimates for the actions, and recovery goals for downlisting or delisting.

The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act), as amended, (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) requires that each endangered or threatened species be included in a recovery plan unless a plan would not promote a species' conservation. Section 4(f) of the Act as amended in 1988 requires that public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment be provided during recovery plan development. Information presented during the public comment period has been considered in the preparation of the final recovery plan, and is summarized in the appendix to the recovery plan. We will forward substantive comments regarding recovery plan implementation to appropriate Federal or other entities so that they can take these comments into account during the course of implementing recovery actions.

Holy Ghost ipomopsis was given endangered status under the Act on March 23, 1994 (59 FR 13840). It is known from a single canyon in the Santa Fe National Forest in northwestern San Miguel County, New Mexico. An estimated 2,500 plants occupy about 80 hectares (200 acres) along a U.S. Forest Service road. Impacts from road maintenance, recreation, and catastrophic forest fire are immediate management concerns. In the long term, present land uses influence management away from frequent disturbances that produce the preferred habitat for this species.

Recovery will focus on protecting and enhancing the existing population. Additional recovery work will include research to determine the biological and ecological requirements of the species, establishment of a botanical garden population and a seed bank, establishment of a management plan, and reintroduction into suitable habitat in the upper Pecos River Basin.

Authority

The authority for this action is section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533(f).

Dated: October 11, 2002.

Geoffrey L. Haskett,

Acting Regional Director, Southwest Region, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Meeting of the Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. I), this notice announces a meeting of the Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group (TAMWG). The TAMWG affords stakeholders the opportunity to give policy, management, and technical input concerning Trinity River restoration efforts to the Trinity Management Council. Primary objectives of the meeting will include: overall orientation to the restoration program, selection of officers, establishment of technical advisory committees, development of operating guidelines, and setting future meeting dates. Background information will be presented on the Trinity River Flow Evaluation, Final Environmental Impact Statement, Implementation Plan, Record of Decision, fiscal year 2003 program of work, approved budget, and status of major planning and construction projects. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group will meet from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, February 20, 2003, and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, February 21, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Victorian Restaurant, 1709 Main Street, Weaverville, CA 96093.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Mary Ellen Mueller of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, California/Nevada Operations Office, 2800 Cottage Way, W-2606, Sacramento, California 95825, (916) 414-6464. Dr. Mary Ellen Mueller is the designee of the committee's Federal Official—Steve Thompson, Manager of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, California/Nevada Operations Office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For background information and questions regarding the Trinity River Restoration Program, please contact Douglas Schleusner, Executive Director, Trinity