DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Office of the Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Office of the Secretary

Establishment of the Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Interior; Office of the Secretary, Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of establishment.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture establish the Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council (Council). The Council will provide advice on wildlife and habitat conservation endeavors that (1) benefit recreational hunting; (2) benefit wildlife resources; and (3) encourage partnerships among the public, the sporting conservation community, wildlife conservation groups, the States, Native American Tribes, and the Federal government. We are seeking nominations for individuals to be considered as Council members.

DATES: Written nominations must be received by March 8, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Send nominations to: Bruce Decker, Chief, Division of Program and Partnership Support, External Affairs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4501 N. Fairfax Drive, Mailstop EA–3103, Arlington, VA 22203.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published in accordance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C. App.). The Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture certify that the formation of the Council is necessary and is in the public interest.

The Council will conduct its operations in accordance with the provisions of the FACA. It will report to the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture through the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), in consultation with the Director of the Bureau of Land Management; the Chief, U.S. Forest Service; and the Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Agency; and the Administrator of the Farm Services Bureau, and it will function solely as an advisory body. The Council’s duties will consist of, but are not limited to, providing recommendations for:

(a) Implementing the Recreational Hunting and Wildlife Resource Conservation Plan—A Ten-Year Plan for Implementation;

(b) Increasing public awareness and support for the Sport Wildlife Trust Fund;

(c) Fostering wildlife and habitat conservation and ethics in hunting and shooting sports recreation;

(d) Stimulating sportsmen and women’s participation in conservation and management of wildlife and habitat resources through outreach and education;

(e) Fostering communication and coordination among State and Federal Government, industry, hunting and shooting (clubs, organizations, and/or individuals related to hunting and/or shooting sports industries);

(f) Providing appropriate access to hunting and recreational shooting on Federal lands; and

(g) Providing recommendations to improve implementation of Federal conservation programs that benefit wildlife, hunting and outdoor recreation on private lands.

The Council will meet approximately two times per year. The Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture will appoint members for 2-year terms. The Council will consist of no more than 18 members.

The following officials or their designated representatives will serve as ex officio members to the Council:

- Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Director, Bureau of Land Management
- Chief, U.S. Forest Service
- Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Administrator, Farm Services Bureau
- Executive Director, Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

The Secretaries will select remaining members from among, but not limited to, the national interest groups listed below. These members must be senior-level representatives of their organizations and/or have the ability to represent their designated constituency. No individual who is currently registered as a Federal lobbyist is eligible to serve as a member of the Council.

(1) State fish and wildlife resource management agencies (representatives to be recommended by the President of AFWA).

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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National Geospatial Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of renewal of National Geospatial Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: This notice is published in accordance with Section 9(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (Pub. L. 92–463). Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of the Interior...