

clarifications, modifications and activities for the FY 2005 SEDS-SMART NA program announcement. The NOPC closed June 27, 2005. ANA did not receive any public comments on the NOPC, and this notice shall suffice as ANA's final policy.

Additional Information

Final Policies and Procedures

1. General

This SEDS SMART NA Communities program area incorporates a majority of the requirements as contained in the SEDS program announcement. There are a few instances where ANA has opted to change the request for information for this program area only. The differences are noted below.

2. Evaluation Criteria

The Impact Indicators, as established in the FY 2005 SEDS program announcement under ANA Evaluation Criteria Five, will be used for this program area except for the following: (2) Number of codes or ordinances developed and implemented; (3) number of people to successfully complete a workshop/training; (8) number of community-based small businesses established or expanded; (9) identification of Tribal or Village government business, industry, energy or financial codes or ordinances that were adopted or enacted; and (10) number of micro-businesses started. ANA does not believe that the capture of this data will affect the impact or demonstrate the success of the grants. The number of suggested ANA Impact Indicators has been reduced to five indicators. (Legal authority: Section 803(a) of the Native American Programs Act of 1974, 42 U.S.C. 2991b)

3. ANA Funding Restrictions

ANA will use the Funding Restrictions established under the FY 2005 SEDS program announcement, except for the following: Core Administration has been modified to remove the last sentence, "Under Alaska SEDS projects, ANA will consider funding core administrative capacity building projects at the Village government level if the Village does not have governing systems in place." and the sentence, "Projects that do not further the three interrelated ANA goals of economic development, social development and governance or meet the purpose of this program announcement." This program area is not associated with the Alaska SEDS program area nor is it intended to interrelate to the goals of economic development, social development or

governance. (Legal authority: Section 803(a) of the Native American Programs Act of 1974, 42 U.S.C. 2991b)

4. Administrative Policies

ANA will be using the administrative policies as included in the FY 2005 SEDS program announcement except: "An applicant can have only one active ANA SEDS grant operating at any given time" and "Applicants proposing an Economic Development project must address the project's viability. A business plan, if applicable, must be included to describe the project's feasibility, cash flow and approach for the implementation and marketing of the business." Neither of these policies applies to this program. Special initiative awards such as this program will be issued a SEDS grant number and therefore an entity will be able to administer a regular SEDS award in addition to this project. Business development and the promotion of economic development are not components of this demonstration. (Legal authority: Section 803(a) of the Native American Programs Act of 1974, 45 U.S.C. 2991b)

5. Funding Thresholds

The funding threshold for this program area will be \$50,000 (floor amount) to \$150,000 (ceiling amount) per budget period. Applications exceeding the \$150,000 threshold will be considered non-responsive and will not be considered for funding under this announcement. (Legal authority: Section 803(a) of the Native American Programs Act of 1974, 42 U.S.C. 2991b)

Technical Correction

Upon general review of the Notice, the phrase "demonstration project" has been replaced with the text "program area". The reference to demonstration projects was inadvertently placed in the text. Upon general review, the legal authority was clarified to reflect that specific section of the authority under which this program area will be funded.

Dated: June 28, 2005.

Quannah Crossland Stamps,

Commissioner, Administration for Native Americans.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Intent To Prepare a Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment for Sacramento, Delevan, Colusa, and Sutter National Wildlife Refuges, Glenn, Colusa, and Sutter Counties, CA

AGENCY: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is preparing a Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and Environmental Assessment (EA) document for Sacramento, Delevan, Colusa, and Sutter National Wildlife Refuges (NWRs) which are part of the Sacramento NWR Complex (NWRComplex). This notice advises the public that the Service intends to gather information necessary to prepare a CCP and an EA pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended, and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The public is invited to participate in the planning process. The Service is furnishing this notice in compliance with the Service's CCP policy to:

1. Advise other agencies and the public of our intentions;
2. Obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues to include in the environmental documents; and

The Service will solicit information from the public via open houses, meetings, and written comments. Special mailings, newspaper articles, and announcements will provide information regarding opportunities for public involvement in the planning process.

DATES: Please provide written comments to the address below by September 1, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Address comments, questions, and requests for further information to: Jackie Ferrier, Refuge Planner, Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge Complex, 752 County Road 99 W, Willows, California 95988. You may find additional information concerning the refuges at the Sacramento NWR Internet site <http://www.sacramentovalleyrefuges@fws.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jackie Ferrier, Refuge Planner, Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge Complex, 752 County Road 99 W, Willows, California 95988; telephone (530) 934-2801; fax (530) 934-7814.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: By Federal law (National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (Administration Act) (16 U.S.C. 668dd–668ee)), the Service is to manage all lands within the National Wildlife Refuge System in accordance with an approved comprehensive conservation plan. The plan guides management decisions and identifies refuge goals, long-range objectives, and strategies for achieving refuge purposes. The planning process will consider many elements, including wildlife and habitat management, public recreational activities, and cultural resource protection. Public input into the planning process is essential.

The CCP will provide other agencies and the public with information regarding the future desired conditions for the refuges and how the Service will implement management strategies. The Service will prepare an EA in accordance with procedures for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321–4370d).

Sacramento NWRC consists of five NWRCs and three wildlife management areas. This CCP will include Sacramento, Delevan, Colusa, and Sutter NWRCs. The NWRC provides more than 24,000 acres of wetland and upland habitat critical to flyway and continental waterfowl populations. About forty percent of Pacific Flyway waterfowl populations winter in the Sacramento Valley. The vast majority of wetlands in the Sacramento Valley have been converted to agricultural, industrial, and urban development. Remaining wetlands are intensively managed to optimize wildlife benefits.

Comments received will be used to help identify key issues and to develop Refuge goals, habitat management and visitor services strategies. Additional opportunities for public participation will occur throughout the planning process, which is expected to be completed in 2008. Data collection has been initiated to create computerized mapping, including vegetation, topography, habitat types and existing land uses. The outcome of this planning process will be a CCP to guide refuge management for the next 15 years. We have estimated that a draft CCP and EA will be made available for public review in 2007.

Dated: July 12, 2005.

Ken McDermond,

Acting Manager, California/Nevada Operations Office, Sacramento, CA.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment for Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge, Sherburne County, MN

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announces that the Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and Environmental Assessment (EA) is available for Sherburne NWR, Minnesota.

The CCP was prepared pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. Goals and objectives in the CCP describe how the agency intends to manage the refuge over the next 15 years.

DATES: Comments on the Draft CCP/EA must be received on or before September 2, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the Draft CCP are available on compact disk or hard copy, you may obtain a copy by writing to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Conservation Planning, Bishop Henry Whipple Federal Building, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111 or you may access and download a copy via the planning Web site at <http://www.fws.gov/midwest/planning/sherburne/index.html>.

All comments should be addressed to Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge, Attention: CCP Comment, 17076 293rd Avenue, Zimmerman, MN 55398, or direct e-mail to r3planning@fws.gov. Comments may also be submitted through the Service's regional Web site at <http://www.fws.gov/midwest/planning/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Anne Sittauer at (763) 389–3323 extension 11.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 30,575-acre Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge is located in central Minnesota at the juncture of the northern boreal forest, the eastern deciduous forest, and the tallgrass prairie. It was established in

1965 under the general authority of the Migratory Bird Conservation Act of 1929 (16 U.S.C. 715d). The Act states that lands may be acquired “* * * for use as an inviolate sanctuary, or for any other management purpose, for migratory birds.” The Refuge attracts over 230 species of birds each year to its diverse habitats. Of these, over 120 are known to nest in the area. The Refuge wetlands provide habitat for about 30 nesting pairs of Greater Sandhill Cranes and serve as a staging area for thousands of cranes during fall migration. During fall and spring migration, the Refuge wetlands also support thousands of waterfowl.

The EA evaluates five different approaches, or alternatives, to future management of the Sherburne NWR. The plan also identifies wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities available to the public including hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, and environmental education and interpretation. The preferred alternative calls for: (1) Changes in the water impoundment system and upland management to create a diversity of wetland types and historic upland plant communities; (2) increased opportunities for all types of wildlife-dependent recreation; and (3) outreach, private lands, and partnership activities that will emphasize natural processes, including native habitat restoration and conservation, to form ecologically functioning connections to and from the Refuge.

The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 668dd–668ee *et seq.*) requires the Service to develop a CCP for each National Wildlife Refuge. The purpose in developing a CCP is to provide refuge managers with a 15-year strategy for achieving refuge purposes and contributing toward the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System, consistent with sound principles of fish and wildlife management, conservation, legal mandates, and Service policies. In addition to outlining broad management direction for conserving wildlife and their habitats, the CCP identifies wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities available to the public, including opportunities for hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, and environmental education and interpretation. We will review and update these CCPs at least every 15 years in accordance with the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, and the