

will undertake the following actions: (1) Implement a prescribed fire program designed to maintain and enhance pine stand characteristics suitable for the Woodpecker; (2) implement forest management actions to enhance existing pine stocking densities and reduce hardwood canopies; (3) enhance future pine stocking densities by planting; (4) enhance existing Woodpecker clusters through construction of artificial cavities; (5) create potential new cluster sites using artificial cavity inserts; and (6) translocate individual Woodpeckers within the enrolled property to enhance pair-bond formation and establish new groups.

The Applicant's property currently supports seven clusters of Woodpeckers. Conservation measures proposed by the Applicant will enhance existing habitat conditions and contribute to the continued survival of the seven Woodpecker clusters currently residing on the property. In addition, the Applicant intends to similarly manage unoccupied habitat in a similar manner that will create suitable habitat for Woodpeckers. The Applicant anticipates that the proposed conservation measures will lead to additional groups of Woodpeckers inhabiting the enrolled property. Without the proposed Agreement, it would not be possible for the Applicant to undertake the proposed conservation measures and receive regulatory assurances from the Service through the Endangered Species Act.

Consistent with the Service's Safe Harbor policy and implementing regulations, we propose to issue a permit to the Applicant authorizing the incidental take of Woodpeckers, that occur on the enrolled lands through lawful activities on the enrolled land, as long as baseline conditions are maintained and terms of the Agreement are implemented. Future activities of the Applicant could result in a return to the baseline condition, but the Applicant has indicated that a return to baseline condition is not anticipated.

This Notice also advises the public that the Service has made a preliminary determination that issuance of the enhancement of survival permit will not result in significant impacts to the human environment and is, therefore, categorically excluded from review under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4331 *et seq.*) (NEPA), pursuant to 516 Departmental Manual 2, Appendix 1 and 516 Departmental Manual 6, Appendix 1. This Notice is provided pursuant to Section 10 of the Endangered Species Act. The Service

specifically requests information, views, and opinions from the public.

We will evaluate the proposed Agreement, associated documents, and comments submitted by the public to determine whether the requirements of Section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act and NEPA regulations have been met. If we determine that the requirements are met, we will issue an enhancement of survival permit under Section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act to the Applicant in accordance with the terms of the Agreement and specific terms and conditions of the authorizing permit. We will not make our final decision until the end of the 30-day comment period and will fully consider all comments received during the comment period.

Dated: October 18, 2006.

**Jeffrey M. Fleming,**

*Southeast Region, Acting Regional Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Meeting Announcement: Sporting Conservation Council

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Sporting Conservation Council (Council). This meeting is designed to review wildlife conservation endeavors that benefit recreational hunting and wildlife resources and that encourage partnerships among the public, the sporting conservation community, wildlife conservation groups, and State and Federal governments. This meeting is open to the public, and will include a session for the public to comment.

**DATES:** We will hold the meeting on November 28, 2006, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on November 29, 2006, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. From 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. on November 29, we will host a public comment session.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in the Riviera Room at the Omni Corpus Christi Hotel Marina, 707 North Shoreline Blvd., Corpus Christi, Texas 78401.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Phyllis T. Seitts, 9828 North 31st Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85051-2517; 602-906-5603 (phone); or

*Twinkle\_Thompson-Seitts@blm.gov* (e-mail).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Secretary of the Interior established the Council in February 2006 (71 FR 11220, March 6, 2006). The Council's mission is to provide advice and guidance to the Federal Government through the Department of the Interior on how to increase public awareness of: (1) The importance of wildlife resources, (2) the social and economic benefits of recreational hunting, and (3) wildlife conservation efforts that benefit recreational hunting and wildlife resources.

The Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture signed an amended charter for the Council in June 2006 and July 2006, respectively. The revised charter states that the Council will provide advice and guidance to the Federal Government through the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture.

The Council will hold a meeting on the dates shown in the **DATES** section at the address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section. The meeting will include a session for the public to comment.

Dated: November 2, 2006.

**Phyllis T. Seitts,**

*Designated Federal Officer, Sporting Conservation Council.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Public Meeting, Alaska Resource Advisory Council

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Alaska Resource Advisory Council will meet as indicated below.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held December 13-14, 2006, at the University of Alaska—Anchorage campus, Library Building, Third Floor, Anchorage, Alaska. The December 13 meeting starts at 1 p.m. in Room 302A. The December 14 meeting begins at 8 a.m. in Room 307 with a public comment period starting at 1 p.m.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Danielle Allen, Alaska State Office, 222 W. 7th Avenue #13, Anchorage, AK 99513. Telephone (907) 271-3335 or e-mail [Danielle\\_Allen@ak.blm.gov](mailto:Danielle_Allen@ak.blm.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The 15-member Council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in Alaska. At this meeting, topics planned for discussion include:

- National Petroleum Reserve—Alaska
- Community Based Planning
- Lands Transfer Program
- Other topics the Council may raise

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the Council. Each formal Council meeting will also have time allotted for hearing public comments. Depending on the number of people wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation, transportation, or other reasonable accommodations, should contact BLM.

Dated: November 1, 2006.

**Julia Dougan,**

*Acting State Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### **Boston Harbor Islands Advisory Council; Notice of Meeting**

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) that the Boston Harbor Islands Advisory Council will meet on Wednesday, December 6, 2006. The meeting will convene at 4 p.m. at Northeastern University, Shillman Hall, Room 220, Boston, MA.

The Advisory Council was appointed by the Director of National Park Service pursuant to Public Law 104-333. The 28 members represent business, educational/cultural, community and environmental entities; municipalities surrounding Boston Harbor; Boston Harbor advocates; and Native American interests. The purpose of the Council is to advise and make recommendations to the Boston Harbor Islands Partnership with respect to the development and implementation of a management plan and the operations of the Boston Harbor Islands national park area.

The Agenda for this meeting is as follows:

1. Call to Order, Introductions of Advisory Council members present.
2. Review and approval of minutes of the September meeting.
3. Preparation for the Annual Meeting in March.
4. Park Update.
5. New Business.
6. Public Comment.
7. Adjourn.

The meeting is open to the public. Further information concerning Council meetings may be obtained from the Superintendent, Boston Harbor Islands. Interested persons may make oral/written presentations to the Council or file written statements. Such requests should be made at least seven days prior to the meeting to: Superintendent, Boston Harbor Islands NRA, 408 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, MA 02110, telephone (617) 223-8667.

Dated: October 24, 2006.

**Bruce Jacobson,**

*Superintendent, Boston Harbor Islands NRA.*

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## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 332-478]

### **U.S.-China Trade: Implications of U.S.-Asia-Pacific Trade and Investment Trends**

**AGENCY:** United States International Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Institution of investigation and scheduling of hearing.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* November 1, 2006.

**SUMMARY:** Following receipt of a request letter on October 2, 2006, from the Committee on Ways and Means of the U.S. House of Representatives (Committee) under section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. (332(g))), the U.S. International Trade Commission (Commission) instituted investigation No. 332-478, *U.S.-China Trade: Implications of U.S.-Asia-Pacific Trade and Investment Trends*.

*Background:* In its October 2, 2006 letter, the Committee requested that the Commission prepare three reports with respect to U.S.-China trade, with the first report to be delivered 12 months after receipt of the letter and the second and third reports, 18 and 24 months after receipt of the letter, respectively. This notice announces institution of the first of three investigations for the

purpose of preparing the requested reports. The Commission will issue separate notices relating to the second and third reports at a later date (see below).

As requested by the Committee, in its first report the Commission will analyze the principal trends and patterns in trade and foreign direct investment (FDI) between Asia-Pacific countries and the United States and their implications for the U.S.-China trade relationship. The report will include: (1) A discussion of the main factors influencing these trends; (2) an in-depth examination of the industries that have had a major effect on trade and investment patterns in recent years; and (3), if required, formal quantitative analyses that may help explain these trends and provide an assessment of the reliability of the data used in each analysis. The report will also review the relationship between international trade and FDI, the trade and investment policies in the major countries of the region, and their effect on economic activity both on a global scale and within the Asian and Pacific region. The Commission will provide its first report to the Committee by October 2, 2007.

The Committee also directed that the Commission provide two other reports on U.S.-China trade. For the second report, the Committee asked the Commission to investigate the driving factors behind the rapid growth in U.S.-China trade. The Commission expects to initiate the investigation relating to this report in April 2007 and to provide its report to the Committee by April 2, 2008.

For the third report, the Committee asked the Commission to provide an in-depth examination of China's integration with the global economy through processing trade and FDI, and its implications for U.S.-China trade and investment. The Commission expects to initiate the investigation relating to this report in October 2007 and to provide its report to the Committee by October 2, 2008.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Project leaders Nannette Christ (202-205-3263 or [nannette.christ@usitc.gov](mailto:nannette.christ@usitc.gov)) or Dennis Fravel (202-205-3404 or [dennis.fravel@usitc.gov](mailto:dennis.fravel@usitc.gov)) for information specific to this investigation (the first report). For information on the legal aspects of these investigations, contact William Gearhart of the Commission's Office of the General Counsel (202-205-3091 or [william.gearhart@usitc.gov](mailto:william.gearhart@usitc.gov)). The media should contact Margaret O'Laughlin, Office of External Relations (202-205-1819 or [margaret.olaughlin@usitc.gov](mailto:margaret.olaughlin@usitc.gov)).