

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****National Institutes of Health****National Institute of Child Health and Human Development; Notice of Meeting**

Pursuant to section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the National Advisory Child Health and Human Development Council.

The meeting will be open to the public, with attendance limited to space available. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the Contact Person listed below in advance of the meeting.

*Name of Committee:* National Advisory Child Health and Human Development Council; NACHHD Subcommittee on Planning and Policy.

*Date:* May 15, 2008.

*Time:* 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

*Agenda:* Topics to be discussed include: (1) Report of the Director; (2) Budget Updates; (3) Legislative Updates.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, Building 31, 31 Center Drive, Room 2A03, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Mona Rowe, Executive Secretary, NICHD/NIH/OSPAC, 31 Center Drive, Suite 2A-18, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 496-1877.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the Executive Secretary's need for confirmation from subcommittee members on their availability to participate in this meeting.

Information is also available on the Institute's/Center's home page: <http://www.nichd.nih.gov/about/nachhd.htm>, where an agenda and any additional information for the meeting will be posted when available.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.864, Population Research; 93.865, Research for Mothers and Children; 93.929, Center for Medical Rehabilitation Research; 93.209, Contraception and Infertility Loan Repayment Program, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: May 2, 2008.

**Jennifer Spaeth,**

*Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.*

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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:* Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases Special Grants Review Committee.

*Date:* June 12-13, 2008.

*Time:* 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Residence Inn Bethesda, 7335 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

*Contact Person:* Helen Lin, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, NIH/NIAMS/RB, 6701 Democracy Blvd., Suite 800, Plaza One, Bethesda, MD 20817, 301-594-4952, [linh1@mail.nih.gov](mailto:linh1@mail.nih.gov).

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.846, Arthritis, Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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**Jennifer Spaeth,**

*Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****National Institutes of Health****National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney 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 Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Special Emphasis Panel; R13 Conference.

*Date:* May 12, 2008.

*Time:* 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, Two Democracy Plaza, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* D. G. Patel, PhD, Scientific Review Officer, Review Branch, DEA, NIDDK, National Institutes of Health, Room 756, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892-5452, (301) 594-7682, [pateldg@nidk.nih.gov](mailto:pateldg@nidk.nih.gov).

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.847, Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolic Research; 93.848, Digestive Diseases and Nutrition Research; 93.849, Kidney Diseases, Urology and Hematology Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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**Jennifer Spaeth,**

*Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Fish and Wildlife Service**

[FWS-R1-R-2008-N0101; 1265000010137-S3]

**Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge, Lakeview, OR**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare a comprehensive conservation plan and environmental impact statement; announcement of four public open house meetings; and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), intend to prepare a comprehensive conservation plan (CCP) for the Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge). An environmental impact statement (EIS) evaluating effects of various CCP

alternatives, will also be prepared. The Refuge is located in Washoe and Humboldt County, Nevada, and Lake County, Oregon. We provide this notice in compliance with our CCP policy to: advise other Federal and State agencies, Tribes, and the public of our intentions, and obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues to consider in the planning process. We are also announcing public open house meetings and requesting public comments.

**DATES:** Please provide your written comments by June 30th, 2008. We will hold four open house public meetings to begin the CCP planning process; see *Public Meetings* under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for dates, times, and locations.

**ADDRESSES:** Additional information concerning CCP development is available on the following Internet site: <http://www.fws.gov/pacific/planning>. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for the addresses of the four public open house meeting locations. Send your comments or requests for more information by any of the following methods.

*E-mail:* [SheldonCCP@fws.gov](mailto:SheldonCCP@fws.gov).

*U.S. Mail:* Paul Steblein, Project Leader, Sheldon-Hart Mountain National Wildlife Refuge Complex, P.O. Box 111, Lakeview, OR 97630.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul Steblein, Project Leader, via E-mail: [SheldonCCP@fws.gov](mailto:SheldonCCP@fws.gov) or at phone number: (541) 947-3315.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **Introduction**

With this notice, we initiate our process for developing a CCP for Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge in Washoe and Humboldt Counties, Nevada, and Lake County, Oregon. This notice complies with our CCP policy and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA) to (1) Advise other Federal and State agencies, Tribes, and the public of our intention to conduct detailed planning on this refuge, and (2) obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues to consider in the environmental document and during development of the CCP.

#### **Background**

##### *The CCP Process*

The National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee) (Improvement Act), which amended the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, requires us to develop a CCP for each national wildlife refuge. The purpose for developing a CCP is to

provide refuge managers with a 15-year plan 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 our policies. We will review and update the CCP at least every 15 years in accordance with the Improvement Act.

Each unit of the National Wildlife Refuge System was established for specific purposes. We use these purposes as the foundation for developing and prioritizing the management goals and objectives for each refuge within the National Wildlife Refuge System mission, and to determine how the public can use each refuge. The planning process is a way for us and the public to identify and evaluate management goals and objectives for wildlife habitat conservation and wildlife-dependent recreation opportunities compatible with each refuge's establishing purposes and the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Our CCP process provides participation opportunities for Tribal, state, and local governments; agencies; organizations; and the public. At this time we encourage input in the form of issues, concerns, ideas, and suggestions for the future management of Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge.

We will conduct the environmental review of the Sheldon CCP/EIS in accordance with the requirements of NEPA, NEPA regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508); other appropriate Federal laws and regulations; and our policies and procedures for compliance with those laws and regulations.

##### *Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge*

The Refuge's approved boundary encompasses approximately 572,876 acres of high desert sagebrush-steppe ecosystem in Washoe and Humboldt Counties, Nevada and Lake County, Oregon. The Refuge was originally established in 1931, and the Refuge purposes are:

- “\* \* \* as a refuge and breeding ground for wild animals and birds \* \* \*” (Executive Order 5540 dated January 26, 1931 signed by Herbert Hoover);

- “\* \* \* set apart for the conservation and development of natural wildlife resources and for the protection and improvement of public grazing lands and natural forage resources \* \* \*” and “\* \* \* the natural resources therein shall be first utilized for the purpose of sustaining in a healthy condition a maximum of three thousand five hundred (3,500) antelope,

the primary species, and such non-predatory secondary species in such numbers as may be necessary to maintain a balanced wildlife population \* \* \*.” (Executive Order 7522 dated December 21, 1936);

- “\* \* \* to conserve (1) fish or wildlife which are listed as endangered species or threatened species \* \* \* or (B) plants \* \* \*” 16 U.S.C. 1534 (Endangered Species Act of 1973); and
- “\* \* \* for use as an inviolate sanctuary, or for any other management purpose, for migratory birds.” 16 U.S.C. 715d (Migratory Bird Conservation Act of 1929).

The high desert is characterized by wide-open spaces and a variety of landforms. The two most common landforms include narrow canyons that empty into rolling valleys with no drainage outlets to the ocean, and broad flat tables that end abruptly in vertical cliffs. The elevations of these landforms range from a high of 7,294 feet on Catnip Mountain, to a low of approximately 4,200 feet on the northeastern boundary. The area generally decreases in altitude from west to east.

The extent of the sagebrush-steppe ecosystem has substantially declined across the landscape primarily as a result of habitat conversion, catastrophic wildfire, and introduced exotic species. The Refuge currently represents one of the last reasonably intact examples of a sagebrush-steppe ecosystem in the Great Basin. It provides a variety of critical habitats for a host of species endemic to sagebrush-steppe, including pronghorn antelope, mule deer, greater sage-grouse, pygmy rabbit, migratory birds, desert fishes, and a range of rare plants and invertebrates.

#### **Preliminary Issues, Concerns, and Opportunities**

We have identified preliminary issues, concerns, and opportunities that we may address in the CCP. Additional issues may be identified during public scoping.

*Habitat Management and Restoration:* What actions shall the Service take to sustain and restore priority species and habitats over the next 15 years?

*Public Use and Access:* What type and level of recreational opportunities should be provided? How will public use and associated facilities be managed, taking into consideration wildlife disturbance, restrictions, liability, compatibility, and future needs?

*Cultural Resources:* How will the Refuge protect and manage its significant archaeological and historic

sites? What level and type of cultural resources education should be provided to the public?

*Feral Horses and Burros:* How can feral horses and burros best be managed for the long term consistent with refuge purposes? Should interim management

guidelines adopted under the recent Feral Horse and Burro Management EA continue in the future?

#### Public Open House Meetings

Four public open house meetings will be held to provide opportunities for the

public to learn more about the Refuge and its programs from the CCP planning team and to obtain public comments. Meeting details follow.

Date	Time	Location
May 14, 2008 .....	6 p.m. to 9 p.m. ....	Daly Middle School Gym, 220 South H Street, Lakeview, Oregon.
May 22, 2008 .....	6 p.m. to 9 p.m. ....	West Hall, Convention and Visitors Authority, 50 W. Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, NV.
June 4, 2008 .....	6 p.m. to 9 p.m. ....	Christian Life Assembly, 225 West B Street, Alturas, CA.
June 11, 2008 .....	6 p.m. to 9 p.m. ....	Pantera/Tartuca Rooms, Siena Hotel and Casino, One South Lake Street, Reno, NV.

#### Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: April 14, 2008.

**David J. Wesley,**

*Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

##### Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R9-IA-2008-N0105; 96300-1671-0000-P5]

##### Receipt of Applications for Permit

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

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

**SUMMARY:** The public is invited to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species and marine mammals.

**DATES:** Written data, comments or requests must be received by June 11, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife

Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 212, Arlington, Virginia 22203; fax 703/358-2281.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Division of Management Authority, telephone 703/358-2104.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Endangered Species

The public is invited to comment on the following application for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of these complete applications should be submitted to the Director (address above).

*Applicant: David P. Butts, Ogden, UT, PRT-180382*

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

##### Marine Mammals

The public is invited to comment on the following applications for a permit to conduct certain activities with marine mammals. The applications were submitted to satisfy requirements of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing marine mammals (50 CFR Part 18). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of the complete applications or requests for a public hearing on these applications should be submitted to the Director (address above). Anyone requesting a hearing should give specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate. The holding of such a

hearing is at the discretion of the Director.

*Applicant: Christopher M. Hanks, Lawrenceburg, KY, PRT-180764*

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population in Canada for personal, noncommercial use.

*Applicant: Jeffrey J. Sevor, Winter Park, FL, PRT-180595*

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population in Canada for personal, noncommercial use.

*Applicant: Ronald E. Kreider, Manheim, PA, PRT-180798*

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Northern Beaufort Sea polar bear population in Canada for personal, noncommercial use.

*Applicant: Donald C. Hershey, Lancaster, PA, PRT-180799*

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Northern Beaufort Sea polar bear population in Canada for personal, noncommercial use.

*Applicant: Timothy R. Decker, Apple Valley, CA, PRT-180800*

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population in Canada for personal, noncommercial use.

*Applicant: Everett C. Madson, Omaha, NE, PRT-180801*

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population in Canada for personal, noncommercial use.