

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

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Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group (TAMWG) affords stakeholders the opportunity to give policy, management, and technical input concerning Trinity River (California) restoration efforts to the Trinity Management Council (TMC). The TMC interprets and recommends policy, coordinates and reviews management actions, and provides organizational budget oversight. This notice announces a TAMWG meeting, which is open to the public.

DATES: TAMWG will meet from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Monday, September 10, 2012.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Trinity County Library, 351 Main Street, Weaverville, CA 96093.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Meeting Information: Nancy J. Finley, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1655 Heindon Road, Arcata, CA 95521; telephone: (707) 822-7201. *Trinity River Restoration Program (TRRP)*

Information: Robin Schrock, Executive Director, Trinity River Restoration Program, P.O. Box 1300, 1313 South Main Street, Weaverville, CA 96093; telephone: (530) 623-1800; email: rschrock@usbr.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.), this notice announces a meeting of the TAMWG. The meeting will include discussion of the following topics:

- Designated Federal Officer (DFO) updates,
- Discussion of Charter,
- Discussion with Department of the Interior Solicitor,
- Executive Director's report,
- TMC Chair report,
- Update from TRRP Workgroups
- Update on the 2012 Water Year
- Presentation on Water Year

Forecasting

- Hatchery Report (if available).

Completion of the agenda is dependent on the amount of time each item takes. The meeting could end early if the agenda has been completed.

Dated: August 14, 2012.

Nancy Finley,

Field Supervisor, Arcata Fish and Wildlife Office, Arcata, CA.

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Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge, Jasper County, IA

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce the availability of a draft comprehensive conservation plan (CCP) and environmental assessment (EA) for Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge, NWR) for public review and comment. In this draft CCP/EA we describe how we propose to manage the refuge for the next 15 years.

DATES: To ensure consideration, we must receive your written comments by September 19, 2012. We will hold an open house-style meeting during the comment period to receive comments and provide information on the draft plan. In addition, we will use special mailings, newspaper articles, internet postings, and other media announcements to inform people of opportunities for input.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments or requests for more information by any one of the following methods:

- *Email:* r3planning@fws.gov. Include "Neal Smith Draft CCP/EA" in the subject line of the message.
- *Fax:* Attention: Refuge Manager, 515-994-3459.
- *U.S. Mail:* Attention: Refuge Manager Christy Smith, Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 399, 9981 Pacific Street, Prairie City, IA 50228.

- *In-Person Drop Off:* You may drop off comments during regular business hours at the above address.

You will find the draft CCP/EA, as well as information about the planning process and a summary of the CCP, on the planning Web site: <http://www.fws.gov/midwest/planning/nealsmith/index.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christy Smith, 515-994-3400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Introduction

With this notice, we continue the CCP process for Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge, which we began by publishing a notice of intent in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 7667) on December 17, 2008. For more about the initial process and the history of this refuge, see that notice.

Background

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) (Administration Act), requires us 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 (NWRS), consistent with sound principles of fish and wildlife management, conservation, legal mandates, and Service policies. In addition to outlining broad management direction on conserving wildlife and their habitats, CCPs identify 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 the CCP at least every 15 years in accordance with the Administration Act.

Each unit of the NWRS 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 NWRS mission, and to determine how the public can use each refuge. The planning process is a way for us and the public to evaluate management goals and objectives that will ensure the best possible approach to wildlife, plant, and habitat conservation, while providing for wildlife-dependent recreation opportunities that are compatible with each refuge's establishing purposes and the mission of the NWRS.

Additional Information

The draft CCP/EA, which includes detailed information about the planning process, refuge, issues, and management alternatives considered and proposed, may be found at <http://www.fws.gov/midwest/planning/nealsmith/index.html>. There are four alternative refuge management options considered in the EA. The Service's preferred alternative is reflected in the draft CCP.