

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Geological Survey****Bird Banding Laboratory Advisory Committee****AGENCY:** U.S. Geological Survey.**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The next meeting of the Advisory Committee on the Bird Banding Laboratory (Committee) will take place November 7 and 8, 2006, at the Red Lion Hotel, 3500 NE Cornell Road, Hillsboro, Oregon 97124. The meeting runs from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day. The purpose of the Advisory Committee, which is co-chaired by the USGS and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, is to represent the interests of the bird banding community, including both game and non-game birds, in advising the U.S. Department of the Interior and the USGS on current and future management of the Bird Banding Laboratory (BBL). The agenda for this meeting will focus on finalizing the draft report, including numerous recommendations for improving the BBL's business operations and its level of customer service, begun with the Committee's first meeting in November, 2005.

The meeting is open to all members of the interested public, and time on the agenda has been reserved at the conclusion of each day's work for the Committee to receive verbal comments (limited to 5 minutes per person) from the public. To speak before the Committee, please register in advance with Mr. Daniel James (see contact information below), the USGS Designated Federal Official (DFO) for the Committee).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel L. James, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 301, Reston, Virginia 20192; 703-648-4253, e-mail: dan_james@usgs.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Geological Survey****National Earthquake Prediction Evaluation Council****AGENCY:** U.S. Geological Survey.**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Public Law 96-472, the National Earthquake Prediction

Evaluation Council (NEPEC) will hold a meeting on October 16 and 17, 2006. The meeting location is University of California, Engineering Building Unit, Room 205-206, 900 University Avenue, Riverside, California 92521. The Council is comprised of members from academia and the Federal government. The Council shall advise the Director of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) on proposed earthquake predictions, on the completeness and scientific validity of the available data related to earthquake predictions, and on related matters as assigned by the Director.

At this meeting, the Council will discuss recent findings of the Working Group on California Earthquake Probabilities; will hear presentations on statistical tests being applied to prediction algorithms under the Regional Earthquake Likelihood Models project and on the organizational structure of the Center for Study of Earthquake Predictability; and will edit a draft document that provides guidelines to researchers on posing earthquake predictions in a rigorous and testable manner.

Meetings of the National Earthquake Prediction Evaluation Council are open to the public. A portion of the meeting will be closed to the public pursuant to subsections (c)(2), and (6) of subsection 552b of Title 5, U.S. Code. Those planning to attend the meeting may contact Dr. Michael Blanpied, the Executive Secretary for the NEPEC [U.S. Geological Survey, MS 905, 12201 Sunrise Valley Dr., Reston, Virginia 20192, e-mail mblanpied@usgs.gov], in order to receive copies of the agenda and other materials in advance. It is the policy of the NEPEC to accept written public comments of any length and to accommodate brief oral comments whenever possible. Interested parties should contact Dr. Blanpied at least 5 days prior to the meeting. Individuals requiring special accommodations to access the meeting should also contact Dr. Blanpied so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

DATES: October 16, 2006, commencing at 10:30 a.m. and adjourning at or before 2 p.m. on October 17, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Michael Blanpied, U.S. Geological Survey, MS 905, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192, (703) 648-6696, mblanpied@usgs.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management****[CA-310-0777-XG]****Notice of Public Meeting: Northwest California Resource Advisory Council****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Northwest California Resource Advisory Council will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting will be held Thursday and Friday, Dec. 7 and 8, 2006, in Redding, California. On Dec. 7, the members will convene at the BLM Redding Field Office, 355 Hemsted Dr., and depart immediately for a field trip to the upland areas of the Sacramento River Bend Area of Critical Environmental Concern. Members of the public are welcome on the tour. They must provide their own transportation and lunch. On Dec. 8, the meeting begins at 8 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Redding Field Office. Time for public comments is reserved for 11 a.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lynda Roush, BLM Arcata Field Office manager, (707) 825-2300; or BLM Public Affairs Officer Joseph J. Fontana, (530) 252-5332.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 12-member council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in Northwest California. At this meeting, agenda items include discussion of RAC involvement in developing recreation fee business plans, an update on development of a management plan for the South Spit at Humboldt Bay, resource management issues associated with abalone harvest offshore from the Stornetta Public Lands and an update on recovery from wildfire. The RAC members will also hear status reports from the Arcata, Redding and Ukiah field office managers. All meetings are open to the public. Members of the public may present written comments to the council. Each formal council meeting will have time allocated for public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to speak, and the time available, the time for individual comments may be limited. Members of