

Panel. The primary purpose of the joint meeting is to review the Council's preferred alternative for its coral reef ecosystem fishery management plan, especially with regard to possible interactions from existing fisheries in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands (NWHI), and related issues.

DATES: The joint meeting will be held on January 25, 2000, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on January 26–27, 2000, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The joint meeting will be held at the Council office conference rooms, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, Hawaii; telephone: (808) 522–8220.

Council address: Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI, 96813.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone (808) 522–8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Hawaii plan team and advisory panel members will discuss and may make recommendations to the Council on the agenda items. The order in which agenda items will be addressed is tentative.

9:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 25, 2000

A. Review of the Council's preferred alternative for Coral Reef Ecosystem Fishery Management plan (CRE-FMP)/ preliminary draft environmental impact statement (DEIS)

1. Fishing permit and reporting requirements
2. Allowable fishing gear and methods
3. Marine Protected Areas
4. Framework actions
5. Plan Team coordination

B. Review of public comments on draft CRE-FMP/DEIS

1. American Samoa
2. Guam/Northern Mariana Islands
3. Hawaii

C. Review of national Coral Reef Task Force initiatives

D. Review of public scoping comments for DEIS for the bottomfish and crustaceans FMPs

1. Risk of impacts to NWHI coral reef ecosystems

E. Concerns regarding NWHI fisheries

1. Marine Mammal Commission
2. Monk Seal Recovery Team
3. Pelagic shark fishing
4. Agency concerns:
 - (a) U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
 - (b) National Marine Fisheries Service
 - (c) Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources

8:30 a.m. Wednesday, January 26, 2000

Coral Reef Ecosystem Plan Team and Ecosystem & Habitat Advisory Panel meeting jointly

Bottomfish Plan Team and Advisory Panel meeting jointly

Crustaceans Plan Team and Advisory Panel meeting jointly

F. Discussion of issues from the first day

1. Draft coral reef ecosystem FMP/ preliminary DEIS
2. Impacts of lobster and bottomfish fisheries on NWHI coral reef ecosystems
3. National Coral Reef Task Force initiatives
4. Agency/non-governmental organizations (NGO) issues regarding NWHI fisheries

8:30 a.m. Thursday, January 27, 2000

Each advisory body meeting separately

G. Final discussion and recommendations to Council

1. Draft coral reef ecosystem FMP/ preliminary DEIS
2. Impacts of lobster and bottomfish fisheries on NWHI coral reef ecosystems
3. National Coral Reef Task Force initiatives
4. Agency/NGO issues regarding NWHI fisheries

H. Other business

1. Scheduling of next meeting
- Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, these issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and any issues arising after publication of this document that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, (808) 522–8220 (voice) or (808) 522–8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: January 10, 2000.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Advisory Council on Indian Education Meeting

AGENCY: National Advisory Council on Indian Education, ED.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the National Advisory Council on Indian Education. The purposes of this meeting are to discuss the Presidential Executive Order 13096 on American Indian and Alaska Native Education, and to discuss the reauthorization of programs under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), or which the Title IX Indian Education Program is included. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and is intended to notify the public of their opportunity to attend.

Executive Order 13096 was signed by President Clinton on August 6, 1998. The order committed the Federal Government to developing a comprehensive response to the national need for better education for American Indian and Alaska Native people. Particular attention is to be provided in the areas of reading, mathematics and science, improving postsecondary attendance and completion rates, and ensuring that Indian students have access to strong, safe, and drug-free school environments. Specific long-term strategies for meeting these objectives are being developed by a Federal Interagency Task Force.

DATES: The LaQuinta Inn, Phoenix, AZ, January 26, 2000 1:30 p.m.–5 p.m. and January 27, 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: 2510 West Greenway Rd., Phoenix, AZ (602) 993–0800.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. David Beaulieu, Director, Office of Indian Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20202. Telephone: (202) 260–3774; Fax: (202) 260–7779.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Advisory Council on Indian Education is a presidentially appointed advisory council on Indian education established under Section 9151 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (20 U.S.C. 7871). The Council advises the Secretary of Education and the Congress on funding and administration of programs with respect to which the Secretary has jurisdiction and that include Indian children and adults as participants or in which those children

and adults benefit. The Council also makes recommendations to the Secretary for filling the position of Director of Indian Education whenever a vacancy occurs. The meeting of the Council is open to the public without advanced registration. Public attendance may be limited to the space without advanced registration. Public attendance may be limited to the space available. Members of the public may make statements during the meetings, to the extent time permits, and file written statements with the Council for its consideration. Written statements should be submitted to the address listed above.

A summary of the proceedings and related matters that are infomative to the public consistent with the policy of the Title 5 U.S.C. 552b will be available to the public within fourteen days of the meetings, and are available for public inspection at the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20202 from the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Michael Cohen,

Assistant Secretary, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education.

The National Advisory Council on Indian Education

January 26–27, 2000, The LaQuinta Inn, 2510 W. Greenway Rd., Phoenix, AZ 602–993–0800

Wednesday, January 26, 2000

- 1:30 p.m.
Roll Call
Introductions
Review Agenda and Purpose of Meeting
- 2:00–4:00
Presidential Execution Order 13096 on American Indian and Alaska Native Education Update on ESEA Reauthorization
Executive Order Research Agenda
- 4:00–5:00
Draft NACIE Charter and Work Plan
Annual Report Review
OIE Staff Updates
- 5:00 p.m.
Summarize Discussion & Set Agenda for Next Day

Thursday, January 27, 2000

- 9:00 a.m.
Call of Order
- 9:15–10:30
Continues Business Meeting
- 10:30–12:00
Open Meeting On:
Reauthorization of Indian Education Programs
Executive Order 13906
- 12:00–1:00
Lunch
- 1:00–4:00
Open Meeting Continued
- 4:00–4:30

Summarize Meeting Accomplishments
4:30 p.m.

Adjourn NACIE Meeting

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Floodplain Statement of Findings for the Construction of a Groundwater Interceptor Trench at the Weldon Spring Site

AGENCY: Office of Environmental Management, Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Floodplain Statement of Findings.

SUMMARY: This is a Floodplain Statement of Findings for the Weldon Spring Site prepared in accordance with 10 CFR Part 1022, DOE Floodplain/Wetlands regulations. DOE proposes to construct a groundwater interceptor trench at the Weldon Spring Site, located in St. Charles County, Missouri. The proposed trench would be located within the 100-year floodplain of the Missouri River. DOE prepared a floodplain and wetlands assessment describing the effects, alternatives, and measures designed to avoid or minimize potential harm to or within the affected floodplain. There are no practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain. DOE will allow 15 days of public review after publication of the statement of findings before implementing the proposed action.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Mr. Steve McCracken, Department of Energy, Weldon Spring Site Remedial Action Project, 7295 Highway 94 South, St. Charles, MO 63304, (636) 441–8978.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON GENERAL DOE FLOODPLAIN/WETLANDS ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW REQUIREMENTS,

CONTACT: Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance, EH–42, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 586–4600 or (800) 472–2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Floodplain Statement of Findings for the Weldon Spring Site is prepared in accordance with 10 CFR Part 1022. A Notice of Floodplain and Wetlands Involvement was published in the **Federal Register** on Monday, November 29, 1999, FR Doc. 99–30879, and a floodplain and wetlands assessment was prepared. The Record of Decision for Remedial Action for the Quarry Residuals Operable Unit of the Weldon Spring Site outlined field studies for

evaluating the effectiveness of technologies to remediate uranium-impacted groundwater in the vicinity of the Weldon Spring Quarry. The DOE is proposing to construct a groundwater interceptor trench approximately 3.9 m (2.5 miles) southwest of the site within the State of Missouri Weldon Spring Conservation Area. This action is intended to evaluate the effectiveness of remediation through the extraction of contaminated groundwater using a groundwater interceptor trench.

Under this action, the DOE would construct a 550-foot long trench approximately 90 m (300 feet) south of the quarry. The trench would be located between the Katy Trail and Femme Osage Slough, within the State of Missouri Weldon Spring Conservation Area, and approximately 1.4 km (0.88 mile) from the Missouri River. The trench would be backfilled with granular material and will have a compacted clay cap. The groundwater interceptor trench would provide continuous groundwater access for an extraction system. Contaminated groundwater would be removed from the trench and directed to a treatment plant. The trench would be operated up to two years.

This action is proposed to be located in the floodplain because the contaminated groundwater is restricted to a small area between the quarry and the slough. Access to this groundwater by means of a trench is possible only from within the floodplain. Periodic flooding of this area in the past has had no effect on contaminant distribution. The only alternative to the proposed action is no-action. Under the no-action alternative, the trench would not be constructed and no attempt would be made to extract contaminated groundwater from the quarry area. There are no practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain.

The proposed action would conform to applicable federal, state, and local floodplain protection standards. Good engineering practices would be employed to control erosion and sedimentation to downstream surface waters and adjacent floodplain areas. Impacts to the floodplain would be minimized by the avoidance (to the extent practicable) of adjacent floodplain areas. No long-term adverse impacts are anticipated to the 100-year floodplain of the Missouri River. No permanent structures would be constructed as part of the proposed action and the proposed excavation would not adversely impact floodplain storage capacity.

DOE will allow 15 days of public review after publication of the statement