

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Room 5196, Telephone Conference.

Contact Person: Ms. Carol Campbell, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5196, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435-1257.

Name of SEP: Biological and Physiological Sciences.

Date: June 12, 1998.

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: Holiday Inn, Chevy Chase, MD. Contact Person: Dr. Sandy Warren, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5134, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435-1019.

Purpose/Agenda: To review Small Business Innovation Research.

Name of SEP: Behavioral and Neurosciences.

Date: April 10, 1998.

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: Ramada Inn, Rockville, Maryland. Contact Person: Dr. Luigi Giacometti, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5170, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435-1246.

Name of SEP: Multidisciplinary Sciences.

Date: June 29-30, 1998.

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Place: Doubletree Hotel, Rockville, MD. Contact Person: Dr. Dharam Dhindsa, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5206, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435-1174.

The meetings will be closed in accordance with the provisions set forth in secs. 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5, U.S.C. Applications and/or proposals and the discussions could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material and personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications and/or proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.306, 93.333, 93.337, 93.393-93.396, 93.837-93.844, 93.846-93.878, 93.892, 93.893, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: March 17, 1998.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to Pub. L. 92-463, notice is hereby given of the following meeting of the SAMHSA Special Emphasis Panel II in April 1998.

A summary of the meeting may be obtained from: Ms. Dee Herman, Committee Management Liaison, SAMHSA, Office of Program Planning and Coordination (OPPC), Division of

Extramural Activities, Policy, and Review, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 17-89, Rockville, Maryland 20857. Telephone: (301) 443-7390.

Substantive program information may be obtained from the individual named as Contact for the meeting listed below.

The meeting will include the review, discussion and evaluation of individual contract proposals. These discussions could reveal personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals and confidential and financial information about an individual's proposal. The discussion may also reveal information about procurement activities exempt from disclosure by statute and trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged and confidential. Accordingly, the meeting is concerned with matters exempt from mandatory disclosure in Title 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(3), (4), and (6) and 5 U.S.C. App. 2, § 10(d).

Committee Name: SAMHSA Special Emphasis Panel II.

Meeting Date: April 1, 1998.

Place: Conference Room 12-94, Parklawn Building, 600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857.

Closed: April 1, 1998 10:30 a.m.—adjournment.

Contact: Joan Harrison, Room 17-89, Parklawn Building, Telephone: (301) 594-2811 and FAX: (301) 443-3437.

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

Dated: March 18, 1998.

Jeri Lipov,

Committee Management Officer, SAMHSA.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to Pub. Law 92-463, notice is hereby given of the following meeting of the SAMHSA Special Emphasis Panel I in May 1998.

A summary of the meeting and a roster of the members may be obtained from: Ms. Dee Herman, Committee Management Liaison, SAMHSA, Office of Policy and Program Coordination, Division of Extramural Activities, Policy, and Review, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 17-89, Rockville, Maryland 20857. Telephone: 301-443-7390.

Substantive program information may be obtained from the individual named as Contact for the meeting listed below.

The meeting will include the review, discussion and evaluation of individual grant applications. These discussions could reveal personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications. Accordingly, this meeting is concerned with matters exempt from mandatory disclosure in Title 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) and 5 U.S.C. App. 2, § 10(d).

Committee Name: SAMHSA Special Emphasis Panel I (SEP I).

Meeting Dates: May 18-19, 1998.

Place: Residence Inn, Missouri Room, 335 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20815.

Closed: May 18, 1998 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.; May 19, 1998 9:00 a.m.—adjournment.

Panel: Center for Mental Health Services State Reform Grants.

Contact: Marcus A. Hairstone, Ph.D., Room 17-89, Parklawn Building, Telephone: 301-443-9919 and FAX: 301-443-3437.

Dated: March 18, 1998.

Jeri Lipov,

Committee Management Officer, SAMHSA.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Availability of Draft Recovery Plan for Serpentine Soil Species of the San Francisco Bay Area, California, for Review and Comment

AGENCY: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of document availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces the availability for public review of the Draft Recovery Plan for Serpentine Soil Species of the San Francisco Bay Area, California. This recovery plan includes 28 species, of which 14 species are federally listed as endangered or threatened. The draft plan includes recovery criteria and recommended management actions for the plants—San Mateo thornmint (*Acanthomintha obovata* ssp. *duttonii*), Tiburon mariposa lily (*Calochortus tiburonensis*), Tiburon paintbrush (*Castilleja affinis* ssp. *neglecta*), coyote thistle (*Ceanothus ferrisae*), fountain thistle (*Cirsium fontinale* var. *fontinale*), Presidio clarkia (*Clarkia franciscana*), Pennell's birds-beak (*Cordylanthus tenuis* ssp. *capillaris*), Santa Clara Valley dudleya (*Dudleya setchellii*), San Mateo woolly sunflower (*Eriophyllum latilobum*), Marin dwarf flax

(*Hesperolinon congestum*), white-rayed pentachaeta (*Pentachaeta bellidiflora*), Metcalf canyon jewelflower (*Streptanthus albidus* ssp. *albidus*), Tiburon jewelflower (*Streptanthus niger*), and the bay checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha bayensis*); and an additional six species of plants, one species of moth, and seven harvestman (spider) species that are considered to be species of concern are addressed in the draft recovery plan.

DATES: Comments on the draft recovery plan must be received on or before June 22, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the draft recovery plan are available for inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the following location: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, 3310 El Camino Avenue, Suite 130, Sacramento, California (telephone (916) 979-2725). Requests for copies of the draft recovery plan and written comments and materials regarding this plan should be addressed to Wayne S. White, Field Supervisor, Ecological Services, at the above Sacramento address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Miller, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, at the above Sacramento address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Restoring endangered or threatened animals and plants to the point where they are again secure, self-sustaining members of their ecosystems is a primary goal of the Service's endangered species program. To help guide the recovery effort, the Service is working to prepare recovery plans for most of the listed species native to the United States. Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for the conservation of the species, establish criteria for downlisting or delisting listed species, and estimate time and cost for implementing the recovery measures needed.

The Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) (Act), requires the development of recovery plans for listed species unless such a plan would not promote the conservation of a particular species. Section 4(f) of the Act as amended in 1988 requires that public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment be provided during recovery plan development. The Service will consider all information presented during the public comment period prior

to approval of each new or revised recovery plan. Substantive technical comments will result in changes to the plan. Substantive comments regarding recovery plan implementation may not necessarily result in changes to the recovery plan, but will be forwarded to appropriate Federal or other entities so that they can take these comments into account during the course of implementing recovery actions. Individualized responses to comments will not be provided.

The 28 species of plants and animals covered in the draft recovery plan are primarily restricted to serpentine soils habitat in the San Francisco Bay area of California. Conversion of habitat to urban and industrial uses has extirpated the listed species and species of concern from the majority of their historic ranges. The remaining natural communities are highly fragmented, and many are marginal habitats in which these species may not persist during catastrophic events, such as fire or persistent drought. Natural communities also have been altered permanently by the introduction of aggressive, nonnative plants, which now dominate in many of the remaining undeveloped areas.

The objectives of this recovery plan are two-fold: (1) to delist the plants San Mateo thornmint, Tiburon mariposa lily, Tiburon paintbrush, coyote thistle, fountain thistle, Presidio clarkia, Pennell's birds-beak, Santa Clara Valley dudleya, San Mateo woolly sunflower, Marin dwarf flax, white-rayed pentachaeta, Metcalf canyon jewelflower, Tiburon jewelflower, and the bay checkerspot butterfly by protecting, enhancing, restoring, and appropriately managing their habitat; and (2) to ensure the long-term conservation of the 14 species of concern that occur in the same serpentine habitats with the listed species.

Public Comments Solicited

The Service solicits written comments on the recovery plan described. All comments received by the date specified above will be considered prior to approval of this plan.

Authority: The authority for this action is section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533(f).

Dated: February 13, 1998.

Don Weathers,

Acting Regional Director, Region 1.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Receipt of Petition for Federal Acknowledgment of Existence as an Indian Tribe

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

This is published in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8. Pursuant to 25 CFR 83.9(a) notice is hereby given that: The Nehantic Tribe and Nation, Inc., 231 West Main Street, Chester, Connecticut 06412, has filed a petition for acknowledgment by the Secretary of the Interior that the group exists as an Indian tribe. The petition was received by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) on September 5, 1997, and was signed by members of the group's governing body.

This is a notice of receipt of petition and does not constitute notice that the petition is under active consideration. Notice of active consideration will be sent by mail to the petitioner and other interested parties at the appropriate time.

Under Section 83.9(a) of the Federal regulations, third parties may submit factual or legal arguments in support of or in opposition to the group's petition. Any information submitted will be made available on the same basis as other information in the BIA's files. Such submissions will be provided to the petitioner upon receipt by the BIA. The petitioner will be provided an opportunity to respond to such submissions prior to a final determination regarding the petitioner's status.

The petition may be examined, by appointment, in the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Branch of Acknowledgment and Research, Room 3427—MIB, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240, (202) 208-3592.

Dated: March 11, 1998.

Hilda Manuel,

Deputy Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

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