

Import Bank in Room 1143, 811 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20571.

Agenda: This meeting will focus on improving deal flow for transactions in Sub-Saharan Africa. SAAC members and the Bank staff will discuss business development plans, the Bank's pipeline of prospective transactions, and the industry-specific experience of particular SAAC members.

Public Participation: The meeting will be open to public participation, and the last 10 minutes will be set aside for oral questions or comments. Members of the public may also file written statement(s) before or after the meeting. If any person wishes auxiliary aids (such as a sign language interpreter) or other special accommodations, please contact, prior to September 6, 2002, Teri Stumpf, Room 1215, 811 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20571, Voice: (202) 565-3502 or TDD (202) 565-3377.

Further Information: For further information, contact Teri Stumpf, Room 1215, 811 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20571, (202) 565-3502.

Peter B. Saba,

General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Request for Nominations of Candidates To Serve on the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is soliciting nominations for possible membership on the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). This committee provides advice and guidance to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, regarding the most appropriate application of antigens and related agents for effective communicable disease control in the civilian population. The Committee reviews and reports regularly on immunization practices and recommends improvements in the national immunization efforts.

The Committee also establishes, reviews, and as appropriate, revises the

list of vaccines for administration to children eligible to receive vaccines through the Vaccines for Children Program.

Nominations are being sought for individuals who have expertise and qualifications necessary to contribute to the accomplishments of the Committee's objectives. Nominees will be selected based upon expertise in the field of immunization practices; multi-disciplinary expertise in public health; expertise in the use of vaccines and immunologic agents in both clinical and preventive medicine; knowledge of vaccine development, evaluation, and vaccine delivery; or knowledge about consumer perspectives and/or social and community aspects of immunization programs. Federal employees will not be considered for membership. Members may be invited to serve up to four-year terms.

Consideration is given to representation from diverse geographic areas, both genders, ethnic and minority groups, and the disabled. Nominees must be U.S. citizens.

The following information must be submitted for each candidate: Name, affiliation, address, telephone number, and a current curriculum vitae. e-mail addresses are requested if available.

Nominations should be sent, in writing, and postmarked by September 15, 2002 to: Gloria Kovach, Program Analyst, National Immunization Program, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road, NE, M/S E-61, Atlanta, Georgia 30333. Telephone and facsimile submissions cannot be accepted.

The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for both CDC and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Dated: August 20, 2002.

John Burckhardt,

Acting Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor Commission; Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 552b of Title 5, United

States Code, that a meeting of the John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor Commission will be held on Thursday, September 26, 2002.

The Commission was established pursuant to Public Law 99-647. The purpose of the Commission is to assist federal, state and local authorities in the development and implementation of an integrated resource management plan for those lands and waters within the Corridor.

The meeting will convene at 7 p.m. at the Maderia Club located at 46 Maderia Avenue in Central Fall, RI for the following reasons:

1. Approval of Minutes.
2. Chairman's Report.
3. Executive Director's Report.
4. Approval Financial Budget.
5. Public Input.

It is anticipated that about twenty-five people will be able to attend the session in addition to the Commission members.

Interested persons may make oral or written presentations to the Commission or file written statements. Such requests should be made prior to the meeting to: Michael Creasey, Executive Director, John H. Chafee, Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor Commission, One Depot Square, Woonsocket, RI 02895, Tel.: (401) 762-0250.

Further information concerning this meeting may be obtained from Michael Creasey, Executive Director of the Commission at the aforementioned address.

Michael Creasey,

Executive Director BRVNHCC.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge

ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare a Comprehensive Conservation Plan for Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge, located in Brevard and Volusia Counties, FL.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Fish and Wildlife Service intends to gather information necessary to prepare a comprehensive conservation plan and associated environmental documents pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and implementing regulations to: (1) Advise other agencies and the public of our intentions; and (2) obtain suggestions and information on the

scope of issues to include in the environmental documents.

DATES: An open house to begin the public scoping process is scheduled for Saturday, September 21, 2002, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center. The Visitor Center is located 5 miles east of Titusville, Florida, on State Route 402. Special mailings, newspaper articles, and announcements will inform the public of times and locations of additional meetings to seek public input. The Service intends to hold at least three meetings during October and November 2002.

ADDRESSES: Comment, requests for additional information, and/or requests to be placed on the mailing list should be sent to: Natural Resource Planner, Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge Complex, P.O. Box 6504, Titusville, Florida 32782-6504; telephone 321/861-2368; fax 321/861-1276. Information concerning this refuge and a mailing list request form may be found at the following Web site: <http://merrittisland.fws.gov>.

If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments by any one of several methods. You may mail comments to the above address. You may also comment via the Internet at the above website. Please submit Internet comments as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Please also include your name and return address in your Internet message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the system that we have received your Internet message, contact the refuge directly at the above phone number or address. Finally, you may hand-deliver comments to the refuge's Visitor Center at the above address. Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: It is the policy of the Fish and Wildlife Service to have all lands within the National Wildlife Refuge System managed in accordance with an approved comprehensive conservation plan. The plan guides management decisions and identifies the goals, objectives, and strategies for achieving refuge purposes. Public input into this planning process is encouraged. The plan will provide other agencies and the public with a clear understanding of the management strategies to be implemented.

The Service has initiated the planning process for Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge for the conservation and enhancement of its natural resources. Covering approximately 140,000 acres and including designations such as Essential Fish Habitat, Outstanding Florida Waters, Great Florida birding Trail Eastern Gateway, Candidate Marine Protected Area, and Brevard County Historic Landmark, the refuge spans Brevard and Volusia Counties and is generally located between the Atlantic Ocean and the Indian River Lagoon, near the city of Titusville, Florida.

The Service is especially interested in receiving public input during this planning process. What do you value most about the refuge? What problems or issues do you see affecting management or public use of the refuge? What improvements do you recommend for the refuge? What changes, if any, would you like to see in the management of the refuge? The Service has provided these questions for optional use and has no requirement that information be provided.

The Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting, and enhancing fish, wildlife, and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people.

Dated: July 29, 2002.

Sam D. Hamilton,
Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Intent To Prepare a Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Associated NEPA Document for the Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge and Notice of Public Open Houses

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Prepare a Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Associated National Environmental Policy Act Document for the Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge, Sacramento County, California and Notice of Public Open Houses.

SUMMARY: The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is preparing a Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document for Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge (refuge). This notice advises the public that the Service

intends to gather information necessary to prepare a CCP and environmental documents pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended, and NEPA. The public is invited to participate in the planning process. The Service is furnishing this notice in compliance with the Service CCP policy to: advise other agencies and the public of our intentions; obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues to include in the environmental documents; and announce a series of public scoping meetings to occur in September and October 2002. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for meeting information.

DATES: To ensure that the Service has adequate time to evaluate and incorporate suggestions and other input into the planning process, comments should be received within 30 days from the date of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments or requests to be added to the mailing list to: Planning Team Leader—Stone Lakes NWR, California/Nevada Refuge Planning Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2800 Cottage Way, W-1916, Sacramento, California 95825.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Address comments and requests for additional information to: Mr. Miki Fujitsubo, Planning Team Leader, (916) 414-6507.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge is in southern Sacramento County, California, adjacent to the community of Elk Grove. The refuge is situated within the Morrison Creek, Cosumnes River, and Mokelumne River watersheds, and the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta (Delta).

The beginnings of the refuge started in the early 1970s with the recognition of the importance of the Stone Lakes Basin floodplain by the State of California and the County of Sacramento. There was strong support for a refuge because the unique lakes and waterways of the basin are entirely within the 100-year floodplain. The basin also occupies a strategic location for buffering urban encroachment into the Delta.

The refuge boundary was established in 1992 and with its first land acquisition in 1994 was officially designated the 505th unit in the National Wildlife Refuge System. The approved refuge boundary is 18,000 acres with the refuge currently owning or managing more than 4,000 acres.

The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended, mandates that all lands within the National Wildlife Refuge