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PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED ON WILDERNESS PROPOSAL FOR CAPE ROMAIN REFUGE

The Interior Department's Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife announced today that a public hearing will be held January 15 in Charleston, South Carolina, on its proposal to designate as wilderness 28,000 acres within the Cape Romain National Wildlife Refuge in that State.

The refuge is located about 20 miles north of Charleston. It extends about 15 miles along the coast and includes many acres of marshland, barrier islands, and beaches.

The area is an important nesting ground for thousands of shore and water birds, and loggerhead sea turtles. Alligators, bald eagles, ospreys, and waterfowl use the refuge, and tidal waters are rich in marine life.

A map and other information about the Cape Romain wilderness proposal are available from the Refuge Manager, Cape Romain National Wildlife Refuge, McClellanville, South Carolina 29458, or the Regional Director, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, Peachtree-Seventh Building, Atlanta, Georgia 30323.

Oral or written statements may be submitted at the hearing, or written comments can be sent to the Regional Director, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife in Atlanta, Georgia, by March 1, 1971.

Notice of the January 15 hearing, to begin at 9 a.m. at the Charleston County Library, 404 King Street, was published in the Federal Register on October 29, 1970.