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PUBLIC INPUT SOUGHT ON NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE PLAN

The Department of the Interior's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is seeking ideas from the public on management of the Service's National Wildlife Refuge System. A series of 31 public meetings will be held across the country beginning in March to allow interested individuals and others an opportunity to offer suggestions on management options.

The planning effort, entitled "Refuges 2003" to honor the 100th anniversary of the Nation's first refuge, Pelican Island in Florida, is aimed at planning management programs and policies for the next 10 to 15 years on the more than 450 refuges in the 93 million-acre National Wildlife Refuge System.

Following the meetings, a draft environmental impact statement will be developed and public hearings will be held to allow additional comment by interested parties. The document is expected to be completed late next year.

Those interested in attending should check local newspapers for exact times and locations, or contact the appropriate Fish and Wildlife Service regional office listed below for details.

Meeting Schedule

Region 1 (California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Washington); Telephone: 503/231-6121

April 1	Portland, Oregon
April 2	Nampa, Idaho
April 4	Sacramento, California
April 8	Long Beach California
April 10	Honolulu, Hawaii
April 11	Kilauea, Hawaii

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Region 2 (Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas);

Telephone: 505/766-3940

March 19 Albuquerque, New Mexico

March 20 Austin, Texas

Region 3 (Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota,
Missouri, Ohio, Wisconsin); Telephone: 612/725-3519

April 23 Bloomington, Minnesota

April 24 Bridgeton, Missouri

April 25 Toledo, Ohio

Region 4 (Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky,
Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina,
Tennessee, Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico); Telephone: 404/331-0295

March 11 Atlanta, Georgia

March 12 Orlando, Florida

March 13 Baton Rouge, Louisiana

March 14 Memphis, Tennessee

March 21 Little Rock, Arkansas

April 29 Raleigh, North Carolina

Region 5 (Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts,
New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island,
Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia);

Telephone: 617/965-5100 ext. 206

March 5 Newburyport, Massachusetts

March 6 Hauppauge, New York

March 7 Batavia, New York

April 30 Virginia Beach, Virginia

May 1 Pomona, New Jersey

Region 6 (Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota,
South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming); Telephone: 303/236-7904

April 3 Salt Lake City, Utah

April 15 Lakewood, Colorado

April 16 Bismarck, North Dakota

April 17 Billings, Montana

April 18 Jackson, Wyoming

Region 7 (Alaska); Telephone: 907/786-3486

March 25 Anchorage, Alaska

March 26 Fairbanks, Alaska

March 27 Soldotna, Alaska

Washington, DC; Telephone: 202/208-5634

May 2 Arlington, Virginia