



United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Federal Building, Fort Snelling
Twin Cities, Minnesota 55111

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Memorandum

TO: Area Manager, East Lansing
Area Manager, St. Paul
Field Response Coordinators

FROM: Regional Director, FWS, Twin Cities, MN (ECE)

SUBJECT: Pollution Response Spill Trailers

Regional spill response trailers are now deployed to the field. Area 1 (East Lansing) has its trailer located at Plum Brook Station, Sandusky, Ohio. Trailer keys are located in the Fish and Wildlife Service Animal Damage Control Office. Area 2 (St. Paul) has a trailer located at the National Fishery Research Laboratory, LaCrosse, Wisconsin. Keys are in the possession of the Laboratory's Administrative Officer.

We encourage the use of this equipment; however, spill trailers and their contents should be used for emergencies only. Trailer use will be limited to the following criteria:

- A. Spill of a medium or major magnitude of oil and/or hazardous materials which involve the following conditions:
 - 1. Need to protect endangered species and their habitats.
 - 2. To minimize impacts on fish and wildlife populations such as dispersal of birds and other wildlife.
 - 3. The need to collect and clean spill damaged wildlife.

Authorization of spill trailer use may be obtained by contacting the

Regional Pollution Response Coordinator (RPRC), Jim Kesel, or one of the alternates, James B. Elder or Brian Cole.

Regional Pollution Response Coordinator

Jim Kesel	Comm: (612) 725-3536
	FTS: 725-3536
	Home: (715) 386-9815

Alternate Regional Pollution Response Coordinators

James B. Elder	Comm: (612) 725-3536
	FTS: 725-3536
	Home: (612) 888-7375

Brian Cole	Comm: (612) 725-3536
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	Home: (612) 698-4495

Trailers may also be deployed by the affected Area Manager in cases where the RPRC or his alternates cannot be reached during an emergency spill situation.

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	FTS: 374-4206
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Assistant Area Manager

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The level of Fish and Wildlife Service response will depend upon the circumstances of each discharge and must be determined by the On-site Field Response Coordinator at the time of the occurrence. The objective in all cases will be to take all reasonable steps to minimize damage or loss of fish and wildlife and their habitats.

W. Ellis Klett

cc: National Pollution Response Coordinator, Wash., D.C. (ES)
Director, N.F.R.L., La Crosse, Wisc.

USFWS SPILL RESPONSE TRAILER
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NATIONAL FISHERY RESEARCH LABORATORY
LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN

5 boxes	Plastic bags 27" X 11" X 42" (100/box)
3	Titan portable electric heaters
1	Universal dial scale
1	Hand scale (inside box for Universal dial scale)
1	Small First Aid Kit
1	Large First Aid Kit
1 roll	Disposal aprons (100/roll)
6	Westinghouse heating lamps
1	Markel portable electric heater 1500 watts
2	20-foot extension cords
6 pair	Scissors
1 box	3-gallon pails (12/box)
1 box	3-gallon pails (10/box)
4	Heavy duty hoses (50 feet/hose)
1 bundle	Large burlap bags (100 lbs)
1 bundle	Rags (50 lbs)
2	Heavy duty extension cords
11	Safety goggles (Cessco)
4 dozen	Socks (bird hoods)
4	Folding tables 72" X 30"

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12 boxes	Amber Lux liquid detergent (4 1-gallon containers/box)
4 bundles	Cardboard boxes 16" X 12" X 12"
1 box	44-gallon plastic garbage cans (4 cans/box)
1 box	Adhesive tape (12 10-yard rolls/box)
1	Utility strip
3	Lanterns
6	Batteries
2 boxes	Insulated gloves (1 dozen pairs/box)
2 boxes	Rubber gloves (1 dozen pairs/box)
3 pair	Size 10 steel toe boots
3 pair	Size 11 steel toe boots
2 pair	Size 9 steel toe boots
3 pair	Size 8 steel toe boots
1 pair	Size 8 chestwaders
1 pair	Size 9 chestwaders
1 pair	Size 10 chestwaders
2 packages	Heavy duty aprons (1 dozen/package)
1	Size 36 coverall (gray)
1	Size 38RG coverall (blue)
1	Size 38 coverall (blue and white)
2	Size 40 coveralls (gray)
1	Size 42L coverall (gray)
1	Size 42RG coverall (gray)
2	Size 44 coveralls (gray)
1	Size 46RG coverall (gray)

3 sets	Small rubber rainsuits (jacket and pants)
4 sets	Medium rubber rainsuits
4 sets	Large rubber rainsuits
3	Long handled nets
1	Large bale rags
8	Brown plastic 1/2 bushel tubs
2	1200 watt hair dryers
1 package	400 Q-tips
5	Clamp style lamp holders
1	Tube KY lubricating jelly
1	Zodiac Mark II GR - 14' inflatable boat (6 man) including navigation lights, launching wheels, cover, bench seats, fuel tank seat box, and water- proof pouch
1	Evinrude 25Hp manual start outboard motor
9	60cc Plastic syringes
19	12-14 French, 16 inch rubber catheters
10	Clinical thermometers (oral)
3 gross	Safety pins
5	1/2 oz. tubes opthalmic ointment
5	1-gallon containers of mineral oil
2	Bottles Hematest reagent tablets
1	1-pound container of A & D ointment
1	1-gallon container of Zephroin disinfectant
3	Room thermometers

25	SOS Manuals
4	HELP Manuals
4	Personal flotation devices
3	Shotguns
	Cracker shells (250 rounds)
1	Tool box equipped with:
	plyers
	wrenches
	screw driver
	tape
	knife
	measuring tape
	hammer
	scissor
	marker pens
	Key for spare tire is located in the tool box (taped to inside top)

U. S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
Twin Cities, Minnesota 55111

ECE - JAN 26 1979

NOTICE

SUBJECT: Duty Assignments - Oil and Hazardous Substance Spill Emergencies

In accordance with Director Greenwalt's memorandum of July 19, 1977, concerning above subject, I have designated Mr. James Kesel of the Office of Environment as Regional Pollution Response Coordinator. James B. Elder and Brian Cole have been designated as alternate Regional Pollution Response Coordinators.

A major oil or hazardous substance spill may constitute an emergency situation requiring prompt actions by the Service to protect threatened natural resources. Such actions may be required any time of day or night on any day of the week. These actions may also extend over a considerable period of time and may require a large manpower effort. This is to advise you that I have designated such emergency needs as a top priority in the Region and that when called upon to perform you must respond to the directions you are provided.

I am therefore giving authority to Mr. Kesel, Dr. Elder, and Mr. Cole to direct any individual in the Region to respond in these situations. Usually the Field Response Coordinators or the Project Leaders will be contacted, but in the event they cannot be reached, Mr. Kesel, Dr. Elder, or Mr. Cole will direct participation by other employees and these employees will respond to directions without approval of the Project Leader.

A regional Pollution Contingency Plan is being prepared and will be distributed for your reference when completed, approximately September 30, 1979. This plan will contain the guidelines which you should follow to respond to these emergency assignments.

Ordinarily the Regional Pollution Response Coordinators will receive notification of an actual or impending emergency and may be called upon to participate in a meeting of the interagency Regional Response Team chaired by either the Environmental Protection Agency (inland area) or the Coast Guard if the emergency is located on navigable waters. If the Regional Response Team determines that a major emergency is apparent and could impact natural resources, the Regional Pollution Response Coordinator may activate the appropriate Field Response Coordinator (s) and other Service employees for additional

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assistance. If a minor spill is reported, the Regional Response Team will not be activated and the Regional Pollution Response Coordinator may call upon the appropriate Field Response Coordinator to investigate the incident.

We certainly hope a major spill never occurs in Region 3, but if it does, we must be prepared for any emergency that may threaten our fish and wild-life resources.

Charles A. Hughlett

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Acting Regional Director

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BULLETIN

SUBJECT: Railroad-Related Oil and Hazardous Substance Spill

Approximately 44 percent of all hazardous substances produced in the United States are manufactured in Region 3.

Many of these hazardous substances if spilled on, adjacent to, or upstream of a National Wildlife Refuge, Federal Waterfowl Protection Area or National Fish Hatchery could effectively close the facility for a long period of time. Oil and hazardous substances are commonly transported by rail. Spills due to railroad accidents are becoming a common place occurrence throughout the country. Many of these spills are the result of poorly maintained tracks and rights-of-way.

Many of Region 3 Wildlife refuges, Federal Waterfowl Protection Areas or National Fish Hatcheries have rail traffic through or adjacent to them. Consideration should be given to inspecting and upgrading unsound tracks and rights-of-way which may affect a U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service facility.

Managers with this problem should use the following method to obtain the needed improvements:

First, walk the tracks inspecting them for rotting ties, loose bolts, and missing spikes. It is best to observe a passing train and watch for excessive swaying and track movement. Second, make notes and take a number of photographs of the suspected track hazard. Third, send this information to the nearest National Railroad Administration Track Inspector (see attached list). The Inspector will then make an inspection and contact you with an inspection report detailing his findings. If the tracks are in poor repair, he will contact the respective railroad for repairs.

If you need assistance in dealing with unsafe trackage or an unresponsive inspector, contact Jim Kesel (ECE), Regional Pollution Response Coordinator, for assistance.

W. Ellis Klett

Acting Regional Director

Distribution: AE, ARW, AFR, FRC's
Hatcheries, Refuges, ELAO, TCAO

Attachment

FEDERAL RAIL ADMINISTRATION

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

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MAR 23 1979

Memorandum

General 5/22

To: Director, Fish and Wildlife Service

From: Assistant Solicitor, Fish and Wildlife

Subject: Federal Liability for Injuries to Volunteers During
Operations to Salvage Oiled Birds


We have reviewed our November 2, 1977, memorandum to you on the subject in light of section 4 of the Fish and Wildlife Improvement Act of 1978, P.L. 95-616 (FWIA). This memorandum supercedes our November 2, 1977, opinion.

Under the FWIA, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to recruit, train, and accept volunteers in aid of FWS programs. Section 4(c)(4) and (5) of the FWIA provides that volunteers shall be considered federal employees for purposes of the Federal Tort Claims Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 1346(b), 2671 et seq., and the Federal Employees Compensation Act, 5 U.S.C. §§ 8101 et seq., respectively.

The 1977 memorandum discussed at length the question of whether a volunteer would be considered an employee for purposes of awarding him damages in case of injury or death while in a volunteer capacity or for purposes of awarding damages to an individual injured by the volunteer while carrying out his volunteer duties. That question is now moot, since by statute the volunteers are considered employees for purposes of the Federal Employees Compensation Act and the Federal Tort Claims Act. Thus, compensation for injuries suffered by a volunteer would be recoverable under the Compensation Act in the same way as any other federal employee. Similarly, the United States would be liable under the Federal Tort Claims Act for damages caused by the "negligent or wrongful act or omission" of a volunteer while acting within the scope of his volunteer work.

In conclusion, there is no longer any question as to whether volunteers will be considered "employees" for purposes of the Federal Tort Claims Act and the Federal Employees Compensation Act. The FWIA states that the volunteers will be considered employees for purposes of those two statutes. Any liability of the United States for damages caused by the volunteers or injuries suffered by the volunteers will be determined by those two statutes.

Any questions on this matter may be directed to Mr. David Fisher at x2172.


Ronald E. Lambertson

DIRTY BIRD
PERMANENT RECORD

Record No. _____

Date received Species Sex Age Band No.

Temp. Weight Type or consistency of oil Signs of molting

Describe molting: _____

Describe degree of oiling: _____

Comments or additional problems (fractures, lacerations, bloody droppings, etc)

Initial treatment at Center

Location of capture Brought in by Prior treatment

CLEANING

Weight (before) Temp. (before) Date cleaned Time cleaned

Medication(s) used Cleaning agent(s) use

DISPOSITION

() Released _____

Federal Band No. Location of release

() Expired _____

Date out Clean/oiled Approx. time of death

() Euthanized _____

Height out Reason euthanized

DIRTY BIRD
RECORD LOG

[illegible]

Date/Time

Comment; Additional Information

CLEANING OF OILED BIRDS

Principles of Cleaning

1. Cleaning should be done when the birds are in the best possible physical condition
2. Rough handling will retard waterproofing
3. The cleaning agent must be appropriate and properly used
4. Feathers must be thoroughly cleaned and rinsed to be waterproof

The Cleaning Process

1. Tube the bird with 9% Karo solution
2. Fill the basins with detergent solution to correct temperature and strength
3. Fill "Water-Pik" reservoir with detergent solution
4. Set "Water-Pik" pressure dial on low. With the tip directly against the skin, clean the bird's head and neck.
5. Begin cleaning in first basin
6. Force out excess cleaning agent
7. Continue to other basins until the solution is also clear
8. Rinse the bird
9. Dry the bird

Drying Process

1. Tube the bird with 9% Karo solution
2. Apply ointment to the feet
3. Apply "Liquifilm" to the eyes
4. Place booties on the bird's feet
5. Dry birds
6. After the birds are dry, tube with the Karo solution again

VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

Management of volunteer groups should be handled with caution. Individuals can become emotionally involved in rehabilitation efforts and situations could arise which will add confusion to an already complex operation.

Communication with volunteer groups is one of the most important factors in a rehabilitation effort. Make them aware of daily progress in the overall operations and impress upon them their importance. Remember, they are the ones volunteering their time! Know their needs and make sure there is work for them. Some groups are highly organized and will need minimal supervision whereas other groups will require a FRC's constant attention. Prior training and organizing will help eliminate and/or minimize some problems which could emerge.

Until further notice, it is advisable that recovery of oiled birds be limited to State and Federal personnel or in some instances contractors as liability of volunteers remains a problem. Volunteers may be used, but should be avoided if possible.

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM OILED BIRD RESCUE EFFORTS

1. Mortalities will occur even when the best of care is given to the birds. You may not see this until two or three days after the birds are first picked up. Most of the mortality will occur within the first week. Do not be fooled by the initial "survival" rate. If you can achieve 30% release you will be doing very well. If everything goes well you may be able to release as high as 50% of the birds treated.
2. Pace your work. The inevitable emotional environment may stress you. If possible, work at the center for no more than six hours a day. Two six hour shifts of volunteers should be adequate. A couple of people should be assigned mid-shifts to avoid lack of continuity. Don't skip meals!
3. Be prepared for obstacles. Some are inevitable during oiled bird cleanup efforts. This is not apt to change regardless of how well you plan because of the unpredictability of events during oil spills. At times you must improvise, at other times simply do without. You can not expect to solve all the problems that people have been trying to solve for many years in one oiled bird rescue effort.
4. The rehabilitation effort can continue for two and possibly five weeks after it begins. In the past, a few people have ended up doing the drudgery work after the initial "fun" was over and the birds cleaned. The birds have been the

losers. The survival of birds and rapid restoration of waterproofing depends upon good after cleaning care. Your help is needed until the birds are released.

5. Some people feel personally responsible for the lives of the birds in their care and that every death and every obstacle is something that could have been prevented. NOT SO. If you find you are starting to feel that way, take a day or two off. You will be doing yourself, your co-workers and the birds a favor.
6. Some confusion is inevitable, as are personality conflicts. Both must be recognized as symptoms of the stress and fatigue that workers are feeling.
7. Burnout may occur before you are aware of it. If someone tells you, you need a break, follow their advice. Beyond a certain point it is hard to see yourself objectively. If you see someone else who is overtired, encourage them to go home for a rest.
8. Do not panic and release birds before they are fully waterproof. Birds released before they have completely recovered waterproofing are doomed to a slow death from exposure.

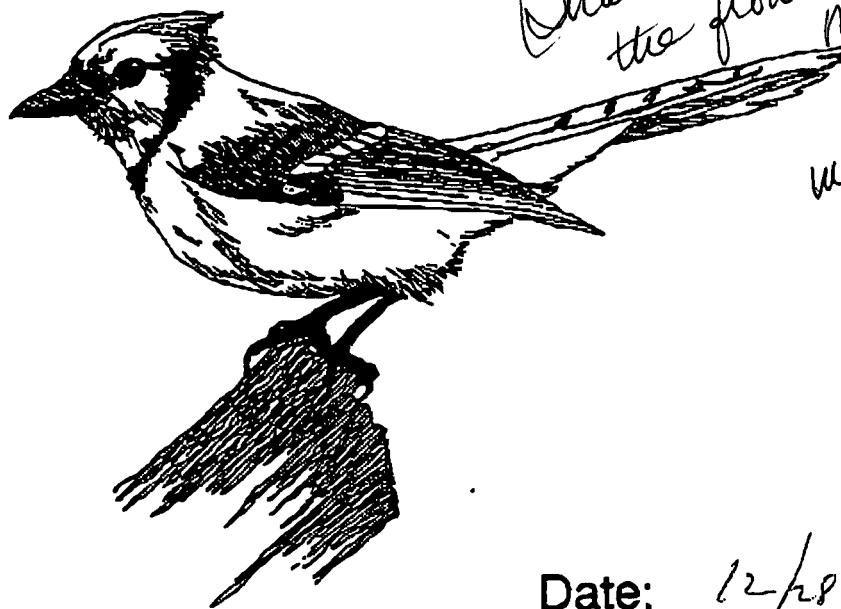
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Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge

51 East Fourth Street
Winona, Minnesota 55987



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Master
Plan
we have
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Date: 12/28/94

To: Don Hultman

Fax #: _____

From: Jim Hennartson

Fax #: 507 452-0851

Subject: I found the Master Plan / EIS Record of Decision
everybody was looking for. Am sending a copy for the
compatibility information

Jim

*copy sent
to John D. in
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assessment process, it has been determined that the lease or conveyance of this land would not affect any BLM programs and would be in the public interest.

The lease or conveyance would be subject to the following conditions:

1. Provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and to all applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior.

2. A right-of-way for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States.

Upon publication of this Notice in the Federal Register, this land shall be segregated from all forms of appropriation under the Public Land Laws, including the General Mining Laws, except for the lease or conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act. For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of the Notice, interested persons may submit comments regarding the lease/conveyance or classification of this land to the District Manager, Phoenix District, Bureau of Land Management, 2015 West Deer Valley Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85027. Any objections will be reviewed by the State Director who may sustain, vacate or modify this realty action. In the absence of any objections, this realty action will become the final determination of the Department of the Interior. Further information regarding this realty action can be obtained from the Phoenix Resource Area, Phoenix District (602-863-4464).

Henri R. Bisson,
District Manager.

Date: September 20, 1988.

[FR Doc. 88-22697 Filed 9-30-88; 8:45 am]

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[WY-940-08-4520-12]

Filing of Plats of Survey, Wyoming

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Filing of Plats of Survey.

SUMMARY: The plats of survey of the following described lands were officially filed in the Wyoming State Office, Bureau of Land Management, Cheyenne, Wyoming, effective 10:00 a.m., September 13, 1988.

Sixth Principal Meridian

T. 49 N., R. 70 W.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of the east, west and north boundaries and the subdivisional lines, T. 49 N., R. 70 W., Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming, Group No. 483, was accepted September 8, 1988.

T. 49 N., R. 71 W.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of the west and north boundaries and the subdivisional lines, T. 49 N., R. 71 W., Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming, Group No. 463, was accepted September 8, 1988.

T. 32 N., R. 93 W.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the Eighth Standard Parallel North, through Rs. 92 and 93 W., the Eleventh Auxiliary Meridian West, through T. 32 N., between Rs. 92 and 93 W., the south and west boundaries, and the subdivisional lines, T. 32 N., R. 93 W., Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming, Group No. 450, was accepted September 8, 1988.

T. 18 N., R. 107 W.

The plat, in two sheets, representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the south and north boundaries, and a portion of the subdivisional lines, T. 18 N., R. 107 W., Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming, Group No. 458, was accepted September 8, 1988.

These surveys were executed to meet certain administrative needs of this Bureau.

ADDRESS: All inquiries concerning these lands should be sent to the Wyoming State Office, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 1828, 2515 Warren Avenue, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003.

Dated: September 13, 1988.

Richard L. Oakes,

Chief, Branch of Cadastral Survey.

[FR Doc. 88-22725 Filed 9-30-88; 8:45 am]

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[ES-940-08-4520-13; ES-039057, Group 544]

Filing of Plat of Survey of Seven Islands,

September 14, 1988.

1. The plat, in four sheets, of the survey of seven islands in the St. Louis River, Township 48 North, Range 16 West, Fourth Principal Meridian, Minnesota, will be officially filed in the Eastern States Office, Alexandria, Virginia at 7:30 a.m., on October 30, 1988.

2. The survey was made upon request submitted by the Manager of the Milwaukee District Office.

3. All inquiries or protests concerning the technical aspects of the survey must be sent to the Deputy State Director for Cadastral Survey, Eastern States Office, Bureau of Land Management, 350 South Pickett Street, Alexandria, Virginia

22304, prior to 7:30 a.m., October 30, 1988.

4. All inquiries concerning color-of-title claims should be filed with the Deputy State Director for Lands and Renewable Resources, Eastern States Office, Bureau of Land Management, 350 South Pickett Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22304, after October 30, 1988.

5. Copies of the plat will be made available upon request and prepayment of the reproduction fee of \$4.00 per copy.

Lane J. Bouman,

Deputy State Director for Cadastral Survey and Support Services.

[FR Doc. 88-22597 Filed 9-30-88; 8:45 am]

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Fish and Wildlife Service

Environmental Impact Statement and Master Plan for the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge.

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Record of decision.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. James Lennartson, Refuge Manager, Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge, 51 E. 4th Street, Winona, Minnesota 55987 (507) 452-4232.

This Record of Decision is based on the Environmental Impact Statement/Master Plan (Plan) for the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge. It also considers the comments from the public received during the public review period on the draft Plan and the comments received on the final Plan.

This Plan was preceded by many interagency planning efforts regarding the Mississippi River, its tributaries, and its drainage basin. These previous plans significantly involved the public and dealt with the major interests of commercial navigation, recreation, and wildlife. This Plan has built upon these previous efforts and has considered them in developing the Plan's goals and objectives for the refuge.

The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) began this Plan in 1980 by inventorying the physical, legal, and management history of the refuge; mapping natural resources; studying habitat suitability to meet the needs of various species; and analyzing conflicting land uses and threats to habitat and wildlife. The Service solicited written comments, met with agencies and organizations, and periodically distributed newsletters and

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news releases throughout the planning process. Copies of the final Plan are now available to the public at the refuge headquarters in Winona, Minnesota.

The Plan considers five alternatives. The alternatives cover both the current situation and proposed changes. Alternative A describes the current management situation. No major changes would be made in staffing or funding, but minor changes in operation and initiation of new actions in response to various new programs and problems would continue to occur as they do now. Alternative B describes a number of needed improvements and includes most of Alternative A. Alternative C expands the wildlife actions and includes most of Alternatives A and B. Alternative D expands recreation actions and includes most of Alternatives A and B. The Preferred Alternative E combines portions of Alternatives A, B, C, and D, and it is the most environmentally preferable alternative. Proposals in Alternative E will slow environmental deterioration, improve water quality and habitat, and fulfill refuge objectives. An additional 36,570 acres of flood plain and bluff habitat will be protected by the proposed refuge boundary changes.

It is my decision to select Alternative E, the Preferred Alternative, for implementation as described in the final Environmental Impact Statement/ Master Plan.

Date: September 13, 1988.

James C. Gritman,

Regional Director, Region 3, Fish and Wildlife Service.

[FR Doc. 88-22599 Filed 9-30-88; 8:45 am]

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National Park Service

Abandoned Shipwreck Act; Public Meetings

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: This is to provide notice to Federal, State and local agencies, Indian tribes, sport divers, diveboat operators, salvors, archeologists, historic preservationists, fishermen and other interests that the National Park Service will be holding six additional public meetings prior to developing and publishing the advisory guidelines required under the Abandoned Shipwreck Act of 1987 (Pub. L. 100-298). The guidelines are to assist State and Federal agencies in developing legislation and regulations to carry out their responsibilities under the Act. The Act requires that the Director of the

National Park Service, acting on behalf of the Secretary of the Interior, develop the guidelines after consulting with appropriate public and private sector interests. Five public meetings have been held to provide an opportunity for input and advice from public and private sector interests. Six additional meetings are being held to provide further opportunities for public comment prior to development of the guidelines.

DATES: Participation is invited at public meetings to be held October 11, 1988; October 15, 1988; October 20, 1988; October 22, 1988; October 25, 1988; and October 28, 1988. See Supplementary Information below for details. In addition, written comments are invited and should be submitted on or before October 31, 1988.

ADDRESSES: Public meetings will be held in Colchester, Vermont; Lyndhurst, New Jersey; Madison, Wisconsin; Tampa, Florida; New Orleans, Louisiana; and Charleston, South Carolina. See Supplementary Information below for details. Any written comments should be addressed to Dr. Bennie C. Keel, Department Consulting Archeologist, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127, or delivered to Room 4127C, 1100 L Street NW., Washington, DC, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michele C. Aubry, Office of the Departmental Consulting Archeologist, National Park Service, Washington, DC, at 202-343-1876 or FTS 343-1876. For specific meeting location information contact:

Giovanna Peebles, State Archeologist, Vermont Division for Historic Preservation, 58 East State Street, Montpelier, Vermont 05602, at 802-828-3228

David Anderson, Box 246, Route 129, Yorktown Heights, New York 10598, at 914-245-4757

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Jim Dunbar, Archeology Field Supervisor, Bureau of Archaeological Research, Department of State, The Capitol, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250, at 904-487-2299

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 22, 1988, the National Park Service announced (53 FR 31941) that it intended to hold public meetings in Washington, DC, on September 7, 1988; San Francisco, California, on September 13, 1988; Seattle, Washington, on September 14, 1988; Austin, Texas, on September 19, 1988; and Beaufort, North Carolina, on October 6, 1988. The purpose of those meetings was to afford an opportunity for direct public input regarding the various provisions of Pub. L. 100-298 prior to developing and publishing proposed advisory guidelines.

It is the intent of the National Park Service to seek out ideas, comments and suggestions from public and private interest groups across the country. Accordingly, six additional public meetings have been scheduled as follows:

Colchester, Vermont—October 11, 1988, 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Marble Island Resort, Colchester, Vermont. Host: Vermont Division for Historic Preservation

Lyndhurst, New Jersey—October 15, 1988, 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Meadowlands Environment Center, Auditorium, 2 DeKourt Park Plaza. Host: David Anderson (sport diver)

Madison, Wisconsin—October 20, 1988, 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Auditorium, 816 State Street. Host: State Historical Society of Wisconsin

Tampa, Florida—October 22, 1988, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. University of South Florida campus, Ferguson Hall, Room BSN-1100. Host: Bureau of Archaeological Research, Division of Historical Resources, Florida Department of State

New Orleans, Louisiana—October 25, 1988, 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Minerals Management Service, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, Room 115. Host: Minerals Management Service

Charleston, South Carolina—October 28, 1988, 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Patriot's Point, aboard U.S.S. Yorktown, Theater. Host: South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology

Public Meeting Procedures

Any individual may appear and speak on his or her own behalf or, if so authorized, on behalf of a Federal, State or local Government, Indian tribe, civic group, business, club, association or private group, subject to the rules provided below. Each organization may

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*-Search and Rescue

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--Hazardous Waste Sites

--Chemical Spills

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