

modifications due to agricultural diversions, trampling and overgrazing by livestock and wild horses and burros, and recreational use; and competing nonnative plants. Conservation efforts will focus on eliminating threats from ongoing habitat modification and invading nonnative plants, and monitoring population stability and health. Habitat for Soldier Meadows cinquefoil in Soldier Meadows is currently public land administered by the Bureau of Land Management and private land under a conservation easement.

Public Comments Solicited

The Service solicits written comments on the *Recovery Plan for the Rare Species of Soldier Meadows*. All comments received by the date specified above will be considered prior to approval of the plan.

Authority

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

Dated: February 22, 1996.

Thomas Dwyer,

Acting Regional Director.

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North American Wetlands Conservation Council; Availability of Document

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that a final document, U.S. Grant Application Instructions Package For Funding Consideration Through the North American Wetlands Conservations Council Under Authority of North American Wetlands Conservation Act, is available.

DATES: Proposals may be submitted at any time. FY 1997 proposals will be accepted through August 2, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Copies of this document can be obtained by contacting the Fish and Wildlife Service, Publications Unit, Mail Stop 130 Webb, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203 during normal business hours (7:45 am-4:15 pm) in writing or by phone (703) 358-1711.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Byron Kenneth Williams, Coordinator, North American Wetlands Conservation Council at (703) 358-1784.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document provides the schedules,

review criteria, definitions, description of information required in the proposal, and a format for proposals submitted for Fiscal Year 1997 funding. Major changes since last year are: (1) Federal projects must have a 1:1 match; (2) Executive Summary expanded in content and length; (3) Projects with dependent phases may be submitted, not to exceed 5 years in duration; (4) Grant request cap reduced to \$1 million, although larger requests may be made if well justified; (5) Answers to six Technical Assessment Questions required and non-game bird species list changed; (6) Matches are eligible up to 2 years prior to the date the proposal is submitted; (7) One budget table required; (8) SF424 not required at proposal stage; and (9) Computer disk containing proposal outline, budget table, and Technical Assessment Questions does not accompany the document but will be sent on request.

This document was prepared to comply with the "North American Wetlands Conservation Act." The Act established a North American Wetlands Conservation Council. This Federal-State-Private body annually recommends wetland acquisition, restoration, and enhancement conservation projects to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission. These project recommendations will be selected from proposals made in accordance with this document. The Council requires that proposals contain a minimum of 50 percent non-Federal matching funds.

Dated: February 27, 1996

Jay L. Gerst,

Acting Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council Workshop; Meeting

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: As provided in Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Service announces a meeting designed to foster partnerships to enhance recreational fishing and boating in the United States. This meeting sponsored by the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council (Partnership Council), is open to the public, and interested persons may make oral statements to the Council or may file written statements for consideration.

DATES: March 26, 1996, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Adam's Mark Hotel, Bravo Dining Room, 100 East Second Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103, telephone (918) 582-9000.

Summary minutes of the conference will be maintained by the Coordinator for the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council at 1033 North Fairfax Street, Suite 200, Arlington, VA 22314, and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours within 30 days following the meeting. Personal copies may be purchased for the cost of duplication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doug Alcorn, Council Coordinator, at 703/519-9691.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Partnership Council will convene with the National Recreational Fisheries Coordination Council (Federal Council) to continue implementing the President's June 7, 1995, Executive Order for Recreational Fisheries (No. 12962). The Councils will discuss the status of the National Recreational Fisheries Conservation Plan and the process whereby the Partnership Council will monitor and evaluate implementation of that plan. The Councils will also discuss a joint policy being developed between the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service, that supports endangered species protection and recovery while allowing for recreational fisheries. The Councils will also discuss how to involve recreational fisheries stakeholders in partnerships with Federal and State resource management agencies. The Partnership Council will convene separately after a 3:00 p.m. break to discuss development of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Strategic Plan for Recreational Fisheries. Staff will report on the Council's financial expenditures and the membership status of the Council's Technical Working Group.

Bruce Blanchard,

Acting Director.

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National Park Service

General Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement Manassas National Battlefield Park, VA; Notice of Intent

In accordance with section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service

(NPS) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the impacts of alternative management strategies for the General Management Plan (GMP) for Manassas National Battlefield Park in Manassas, Virginia.

The GMP/EIS will evaluate a range of alternatives which address cultural and natural resources protection, socioeconomic concerns, traffic circulation, visitor use and facility development.

The NPS will be holding public scoping meetings on the following dates and times:

March 18, 1996, 7–9 p.m.

Park Visitor Center, Route 234 north of Manassas, VA

March 20, 1996, 7–9 p.m.

Park Visitor Center, Route 234 north of Manassas, VA

The purpose of these meetings is to determine the content that should be addressed in the GMP/EIS. Individuals unable to attend the scoping meetings may request information from the Superintendent of Manassas National Battlefield Park at the address listed below. Written comments must be submitted by April 12, 1996.

The draft GMP/EIS are expected to be completed and available for public review by fall, 1997. After public and interagency review of the draft document, comments will be considered and a final EIS will be prepared for release by summer, 1998, which will be followed by a record-of-decision. The responsible official is Robert G. Stanton, Field Director, National Capital Area, NPS. Written comments should be submitted to the Superintendent of Manassas National Battlefield Park, 12521 Lee Highway, Manassas, Virginia, 22110.

Terry R. Carlstrom,

Acting Deputy Field Director.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 332–360]

International Harmonization of Customs Rules of Origin

AGENCY: International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Request for public comment on draft proposals for chapters 64–70.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 28, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eugene A. Rosengarden, Director, Office of Tariff Affairs and Trade Agreements

(O/TA&TA) (202–205–2595), or Lawrence A. DiRicco (202–205–2606).

Parties having an interest in particular products or HTS chapters and desiring to be included on a mailing list to receive available documents pertaining thereto should advise Diane Whitfield by phone (202–205–2610) or by mail at the Commission, 500 E Street SW., Room 404, Washington, DC 20436. Hearing impaired persons are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202–205–1810. The media should contact Margaret O'Laughlin, Director, Office of Public Affairs (202–205–1819).

BACKGROUND: Following receipt of a letter from the United States Trade Representative (USTR) on January 25, 1995, the Commission instituted Investigation No. 332–360, International Harmonization of Customs Rules of Origin, under section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (60 FR 19605, April 19, 1995).

The investigation is intended to provide the basis for Commission participation in work pertaining to the Uruguay Round Agreement on Rules of Origin (ARO), under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 and adopted along with the Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization (WTO).

The ARO is designed to harmonize and clarify nonpreferential rules of origin for goods in trade on the basis of the substantial transformation test; achieve discipline in the rules' administration; and provide a framework for notification, review, consultation, and dispute settlement. These harmonized rules are intended to make country-of-origin determinations impartial, predictable, transparent, consistent, and neutral, and to avoid restrictive or distortive effects on international trade. The ARO provides that technical work to those ends will be undertaken by the Customs Cooperation Council (CCC) (now informally known as the World Customs Organization or WCO), which must report on specified matters relating to such rules for further action by parties to the ARO.

Eventually, the WTO Ministerial Conference is to "establish the results of the harmonization work program in an annex as an integral part" of the ARO.

In order to carry out the work, the ARO calls for the establishment of a Committee on Rules of Origin of the WTO and a Technical Committee on Rules of Origin (TCRO) of the CCC. These Committees bear the primary responsibility for developing rules that achieve the objectives of the ARO.

A major component of the work program is the harmonization of origin rules for the purpose of providing more certainty in the conduct of world trade. To this end, the agreement contemplates a 3-year CCC program, to be initiated as soon as possible after the entry into force of the Agreement Establishing the WTO. Under the ARO, the TCRO is to undertake (1) to develop harmonized definitions of goods considered wholly obtained in one country, and of minimal processes or operations deemed not to confer origin, (2) to consider the use of change in Harmonized System classification as a means of reflecting substantial transformation, and (3) for those products or sectors where a change of tariff classification does not allow for the reflection of substantial transformation, to develop supplementary or exclusive origin criteria based on value, manufacturing or processing operations or on other standards.

To assist in the Commission's participation in work under the Agreement on Rules of Origin (ARO), the Commission is making available for public comment draft proposed rules for goods of:

Chapter 64—Footwear, Gaiters and the Like; Parts of Such Articles
Chapter 65—Headgear and Parts Thereof
Chapter 66—Umbrellas, Sun Umbrellas, Walking-Sticks, Seat-Sticks, Whips, Riding-Crops, and Parts Thereof
Chapter 67—Prepared Feathers and Down and Articles Made of Feathers or of Down; Artificial Flowers; Articles of Human Hair
Chapter 68—Articles of Stone, Plaster, Cement, Asbestos, Mica or Similar Materials
Chapter 69—Ceramic Products
Chapter 70—Glass and Glassware of the Harmonized System that are not considered to be wholly made in a single country. The rules rely largely on the change of heading as a basis for ascribing origin.

Copies of the proposed revised rules will be available from the Office of the Secretary at the Commission, from the Commission's Internet web server (<http://www.usitc.gov>), or by submitting a request on the Office of Tariff Affairs and Trade Agreements voice messaging system, 202–205–2592 or by FAX at 202–205–2616.

These proposals, which have been reviewed by interested government agencies, are intended to serve as the basis for the U.S. proposal to the Technical Committee on Rules of Origin (TCRO) of the Customs Cooperation Council (CCC) (now known as the World Customs Organization or WCO).