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ADDRESSES: A copy of the Plan or a summary may be obtained by writing to Doug Spencer at the address above or by placing a request through the website.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information contact Doug Spencer, Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge, 6975 Mower Road, Saginaw, MI 48601. Phone (517) 777-5930 or E-mail doug_spencer@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge includes a large area of wetlands and forests within the agricultural and urban landscape of Michigan's Saginaw County. Established in 1953, the Refuge now includes 9,226 acres and is recognized as globally significant to migratory waterfowl. It was authorized to be a sanctuary for migratory birds, fish and wildlife-oriented recreation, protection of natural resources, and the conservation of endangered and threatened species. The Michigan WMD consists of two waterfowl production areas, which are cooperatively managed with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

The Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan emphasizes the habitat needs of fish and wildlife and expanded opportunities for wildlife-dependent recreation.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Klamath Fishery Management Council Meeting

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. I), this notice announces a meeting of the Klamath Fishery Management Council, established under the authority of the Klamath River Basin Fishery Resources Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 460ss *et seq.*). The Klamath Fishery Management Council makes recommendations to agencies that regulate harvest of anadromous fish in the Klamath River Basin. The objectives of this meeting are to hear technical reports (including the ocean stock projection for Klamath River fall

chinook in 2001), review the 2000 fishery season, and discuss and plan management of the 2001 season. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The Klamath Fishery Management Council will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, February 22, 2001; and from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Friday, February 23, 2001.

Place: The meeting will be held at the Yurok Tribal Office, Highway 96, Weitchpec, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Ronald A. Iverson, Project Leader, Fish and Wildlife Service, 1829 South Oregon Street, Yreka, California 96097, telephone (530) 842-5763.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For background information on the Klamath Council, please refer to the notice of their initial meeting that appeared in the **Federal Register** on July 8, 1987 (52 FR 25639).

Dated: February 7, 2001.

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Acting California/Nevada Operations Manager, California/Nevada Office, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

2001 Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (Federal Duck Stamp) Contest

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Fish and Wildlife Service announces the dates and locations of the 2001 Federal Duck Stamp contest; the public is invited to enter and to attend.

DATES: 1. The official date to begin submission of entries to the 2001 contest is July 1, 2001. All entries must be postmarked no later than midnight, Saturday, September 15, 2001.

2. The public may view the 2001 Federal Duck Stamp Contest entries on Monday, November 5, 2001, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Requests for complete copies of the regulations, reproduction rights agreement, and display and participation agreement may be requested by calling 1-877-887-5508, or requests may be addressed to: Federal Duck Stamp Contest, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW., Suite 2058, Washington, DC 20240. You may also download the information from the

Federal Duck Stamp Home Page at duckstamps.fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Terry Bell, telephone (202) 208-4354, or fax: (202) 208-6296.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On March 16, 1934, Congress passed and President Roosevelt signed the Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act. Popularly known as the Duck Stamp Act, it required all waterfowl hunters 16 years or older to buy a stamp annually. The revenue generated was originally earmarked for the Department of Agriculture, but 5 years later was transferred to the Department of the Interior and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to buy or lease waterfowl sanctuaries.

In the years since its enactment, the Federal Duck Stamp Program has become one of the most popular and successful conservation programs ever initiated. Today, some 1.5 million stamps are sold each year, and, as of 1995, Federal Duck Stamps have generated \$501 million for the preservation of 4,389,792.86 acres of waterfowl habitat in the United States. Numerous other birds, mammals, fish, reptiles and amphibians have similarly prospered because of habitat protection made possible by the program. An estimated one third of the nation's endangered and threatened species find food or shelter in refuges preserved by Duck Stamp funds. Moreover, the protected wetlands help dissipate storms, purify water supplies, store flood water, and nourish fish hatchlings important for sport and commercial fishermen.

The Contest

The first Federal Duck Stamp was designed, at President Roosevelt's request, by Jay N. "Ding" Darling, a nationally known political cartoonist for the *Des Moines Register* and a noted hunter and wildlife conservationist. In subsequent years, noted wildlife artists were asked to submit designs. The first contest was opened in 1949 to any U.S. artist who wished to enter, and 65 artists submitted a total of 88 design entries. The number of entries rose to 2,099 in 1981 in the only art competition of its kind sponsored by the U.S. Government. To select each year's design, a panel of noted art, waterfowl, and philatelic authorities are appointed by the Secretary of the Interior. Winners receive no compensation for the work, except a pane of their stamps, but winners may sell prints of their designs,