

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention****Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control Special Emphasis Panel (SEP): Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Faculty Expansion Program, Program Announcement #02005**

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following meeting.

Name: Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control Special Emphasis Panel (SEP): Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Faculty Expansion Program, Program Announcement #02005.

Times and Date: 9 a.m.–9:30 a.m., November 29, 2001 (Open). 9:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., November 29, 2001 (Closed).

Place: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention, 10 Corporate Square Blvd, Conference Room 1304, Atlanta, Georgia 30329.

Status: Portions of the meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with provisions set forth in section 552b(c)(4) and (6), Title 5 U.S.C., and the Determination of the Deputy Director for Program Management, CDC, pursuant to Pub. L. 92-463.

Matters to be Discussed: The meeting will include the review, discussion, and evaluation of applications received in response to Program Announcement 02005.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Elizabeth A. Wolfe, Prevention Support Office, National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention, CDC, Corporate Square Office Park, 8 Corporate Square Boulevard, M/S E07, Atlanta, Georgia 30329, telephone 404/639-8025.

The Director, Management Analysis and Services office has been delegated the authority to sign Federal Register notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Dated: November 2, 2001.

John C. Burckhardt,

Acting Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention CDC.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**National Institutes of Health****National Institutes of Health Guidelines for Research Using Human Pluripotent Stem Cells**

ACTION: Notice; withdrawal of NIH Guidelines for Research Using Pluripotent Stem Cells Derived from Human Embryos (published August 25, 2000, 65 FR 51976, corrected November 21, 2000, 65 FR 69951).

SUMMARY: The National Institutes of Health (NIH) announces the withdrawal of those sections of the NIH Guidelines for Research Using Human Pluripotent Stem Cells, <http://www.nih.gov/news/stemcell/stemcellguidelines.htm>. (NIH Guidelines), that pertain to research involving human pluripotent stem cells derived from human embryos that are the result of *in vitro* fertilization, are in excess of clinical need, and have not reached the stage at which the mesoderm is formed.

The President has determined the criteria that allow Federal funding for research using existing embryonic stem cell lines, <http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2001/08/print/20010809-1.html>. Thus, the NIH Guidelines as they relate to human pluripotent stem cells derived from human embryos are no longer needed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: NIH Office of Extramural Research, NIH, 1 Center Drive, MSC 0152, Building 1, Room 146, Bethesda, MD 20892, or e-mail DDER@nih.gov.

Dated: November 2, 2001.

Ruth L. Kirschstein,

Acting Director, National Institutes of Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Office of the Secretary****Invasive Species Advisory Committee; Notice**

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Interior.

ACTION: Request for nominations for the Invasive Species Advisory Committee—Extension of Deadline for Nomination Submissions.

SUMMARY: This is an extension of the deadline for nomination submissions due to ongoing delays in surface mail processing in the Washington, DC Metropolitan Area.

DATES: Extended Deadline—Tuesday, November 27, 2001 (6 p.m. EST).

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be sent to Lori Williams, Executive Director, National Invasive Species Council, 1951 Constitution Ave., NW., Room 320, Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kelsey Passé, Program Analyst, at (202) 208-6336, fax: (202) 208-1526, or by e-mail at Kelsey_Passe@ios.doi.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Advisory Committee Scope and Objectives**

The purpose and role of the ISAC are to provide advice to the Invasive Species Council (Council), as authorized by Executive Order 13112, on a broad array of issues including preventing the introduction of invasive species, providing for their control, and minimizing the economic, ecological, and human health impacts that invasive species cause. The Council is Co-chaired by the Secretaries of the Interior, Agriculture, and Commerce. The duty of the Council is to provide national leadership regarding invasive species issues. Pursuant to the Executive Order, the Council developed a National Invasive Species Management Plan. The Plan is available on the web at www.invasivespecies.gov. The Council is responsible for effective implementation of the Plan. The Council coordinates Federal agency activities concerning invasive species; prepares, revises and issues the National Invasive Species Management Plan; encourages planning and action at local, tribal, State, regional and ecosystem-based levels; develops recommendations for international cooperation in addressing invasive species; facilitates the development of a coordinated network to document, evaluate, and monitor impacts from invasive species; and facilitates establishment of an information-sharing system on invasive species that utilizes, to the greatest extent practicable, the Internet.

The role of ISAC is to maintain an intensive and regular dialogue regarding the aforementioned issues. ISAC provides advice in cooperation with stakeholders and existing organizations addressing invasive species. The ISAC meets up to four (4) times per year.

Terms for current members of the ISAC expire at the end of 2001. Current members of the ISAC are eligible for reappointment. The Secretary of the Interior will appoint members to ISAC in consultation with the Secretaries of Agriculture and Commerce. The Secretary of Interior actively solicits

new nominees to the ISAC. Members of ISAC should be knowledgeable in and represent one or more of the following communities of interests: weed science; fisheries science; rangeland management; forest science; entomology; nematology; plant pathology; veterinary medicine; the broad range of farming or agricultural practices; biodiversity issues; applicable laws and regulations relevant to invasive species policy; risk assessment; biological control of invasive species; public health/epidemiology; industry activities, structure, and international trade; environmental education; ecosystem monitoring; natural resource database design and integration; internet-based management of conservation issues.

Members should also have practical experience in one or more of the following areas: representing sectors of the national economy that are significantly threatened by biological invasions (e.g. agriculture, fisheries, public utilities, recreational users, tourism, etc.); representing sectors of the national economy whose routine operations may pose risks of new or expanded biological invasions (e.g. shipping, forestry, horticulture, aquaculture, pet trade, etc.); developing natural resource management plans on regional or ecosystem-level scales; addressing invasive species issues, including prevention, control and monitoring, in multiple ecosystems and on multiple scales; integrating science and the human dimension in order to create effective solutions to complex conservation issues including education, outreach, and public relations experts; coordinating diverse groups of stakeholders to resolve complex environmental issues and conflicts; and complying with NEPA and other federal requirements for public involvement in major conservation plans. Members will be selected in order to achieve a balanced representation of viewpoints, so to effectively address invasive species issues under consideration. No member may serve on the ISAC for more than three (3) consecutive terms of two years. Reappointment terms will be staggered within stakeholder groups (2 or 3 years) to minimize turnover.

Members of the ISAC and its subcommittees serve without pay. However, while away from their homes or regular places of business in the performance of services of the ISAC, members shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in the government service, as authorized by

section 5703 of Title 5, United States Code.

Submitting Nominations

Nominations should be typed and should include the following:

1. A brief summary of no more than two (2) pages explaining the nominee's suitability to serve on the ISAC.
2. A resume or curriculum vitae.
3. Letters of reference.

Nominations should be sent no later than Tuesday, November 27, 2001 (6 p.m. EST) to Lori Williams, National Invasive Species Council, 1951 Constitution Ave, NW., Room 320 Washington, DC, 20240. Due to the delays in processing mail, faxed nominations will also be accepted and may be sent to (202) 208-1526.

However, all faxed nominations and letters of support *must have signatures in order to be considered*. Please fax ONE COPY ONLY to avoid congestion of the NISC office fax line.

To ensure that recommendations of the ISAC take into account the needs of the diverse groups served, the Department of the Interior is actively soliciting nominations of qualified minorities, women, persons with disabilities and members of low-income populations.

Dated: November 8, 2001.

James Tate, Jr.,

Science Advisor to the Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Availability of Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment for Salinas River National Wildlife Refuge, Monterey County, California

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announces that a Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment (CCP/EA) for Salinas River National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge) is available for review and comment. This CCP/EA, prepared pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, describes how the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service intends to manage the Refuge for the next 15 years. Also available for review with the CCP/EA

are draft compatibility determinations for waterfowl hunting, surf fishing, wildlife observation and photography, environmental education and interpretation, research, and mosquito control.

DATES: Please submit comments on the Draft CCP/EA on or before December 14, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the Draft CCP/EA should be addressed to: Mark Pelz, Planning Team Leader, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, CA/NV Refuge Planning Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Room W-1916, Sacramento, CA 95825. Comments may also be submitted via electronic mail to FW1PlanningComments@fws.gov. Please type "Salinas River NWR" in the subject line.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Pelz, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, California/Nevada Refuge Planning Office, Room W-1916, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California, 95825; (916) 414-6504; fax (916) 414-6512; or Ivette Loreda, Refuge Manager, Salinas River National Wildlife Refuge, PO Box 524, Newark, CA 94560-0524; (510) 792-0222.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Availability of Documents

Copies of the Draft CCP/EA may be obtained by writing to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Attn: Mark Pelz, California/Nevada Refuge Planning Office, Room W-1916, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California, 95825. Copies of the plan may be viewed at this address or at the San Francisco Bay NWR Complex Headquarters, #1 Marshlands Road, Fremont, California. The Draft CCP/EA will also be available for viewing and download online at <http://pacific.fws.gov/planning>.

Background

The Salinas River Refuge encompasses 366 acres located 11 miles north of Monterey, California, where the Salinas River empties into Monterey Bay. The Refuge is part of the San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge Complex, which has its headquarters in Fremont, California. Refuge lands include a range of terrestrial and aquatic habitats, including coastal dunes and beach, grasslands, wetlands, and riparian scrub. Because of its location within the Pacific Flyway, the Refuge is used by a variety of migratory birds during breeding, wintering, and migration periods. It also provides habitat for several threatened and endangered species, including western snowy plover, California brown pelican, Smith's blue butterfly, Monterey gilia,