

Landholding Agency: Navy  
 Property Number: 77200430025  
 Status: Excess  
 Reasons: Secured Area, Extensive deterioration

Bldgs. 10, 11  
 Naval Reserve Center  
 Spokane Co: WA 99205—  
 Landholding Agency: Navy  
 Property Number: 77200430026  
 Status: Excess  
 Reasons: Secured Area, Extensive deterioration  
 Bldgs. 2656–2658  
 Naval Air Station  
 Lake Hancock  
 Coupeville Co: Island WA 98239—  
 Landholding Agency: Navy  
 Property Number: 77200430027  
 Status: Unutilized  
 Reason: Secured Area

#### *Land (by State)*

#### Kentucky

Tracts 111, 112 (Partial)  
 Dyer Creek Access Site  
 Smithland Locks & Dam  
 Smithland Co: Livingston KY  
 Landholding Agency: GSA  
 Property Number: 54200430001  
 Status: Surplus  
 Reason: Flooding  
 GSA Number: 4–D–KY–568–B

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### **Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor Commission: Notice of Meeting**

Notice is hereby given in accordance with section 552b of title 5, United States Code, that a meeting of the John H. Chaffee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor Commission will be held on Thursday, September 16, 2004.

The Commission was established pursuant to Public Law 99–647. The purpose of the Commission is to assist Federal, State and local authorities in the development and implementation of an integrated resource management plan for those lands and waters within the Corridor.

The meeting will convene on September 16, 2004, at 7 p.m. at the Worcester Historical Museum located at 30 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609 for the following reasons:

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Chairman's Report
3. Executive Director's Report
4. Financial Budget
5. Public Input

It is anticipated that about 25 people will be able to attend the session in addition to the Commission members.

Interested persons may make oral or written presentations to the Commission or file written statements. Such requests should be made prior to the meeting to: Michael Creasey, Executive Director, John H. Chaffee, Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor Commission, One Depot Square, Woonsocket, RI 02895. Tel: (401) 762–0250.

Further information concerning this meeting may be obtained from Michael Creasey, Executive Director of the Commission at the aforementioned address.

**Michael Creasey,**

*Executive Director, BRVNHCC.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### **Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Caspian Tern Management To Reduce Predation of Juvenile Salmonids in the Columbia River Estuary**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces that the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) for Caspian Tern (*Sterna caspia*) Management to Reduce Predation of Juvenile Salmonids in the Columbia River Estuary is available for review and comment. This Draft EIS was prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA) and evaluates the environmental impacts of the proposed action of redistributing the Caspian tern colony on East Sand Island, Columbia River estuary, and reasonable alternatives. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries) are cooperating agencies in the preparation of this Draft EIS.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. Pacific time on September 21, 2004. Interested parties may contact the Service for more information at the address below.

**ADDRESSES:** Address comments, requests for copies, or more information related to the Draft EIS to: Nanette Seto, Migratory Birds and Habitat Programs, 911 NE. 11th Avenue, Portland, OR 97232, telephone (503) 231–6164,

facsimile (503) 231–2019 or [cateeis@r1.fws.gov](mailto:cateeis@r1.fws.gov).

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Nanette Seto or Tara Zimmerman, Migratory Birds and Habitat Programs, 911 NE 11th Avenue, Portland, OR 97232, telephone (503) 231–6164, facsimile (503) 231–2019.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Copies of the Draft EIS will be available for viewing and downloading online at:

1. <http://migratorybirds.pacific.fws.gov/CATE.htm>,
2. <http://www.nwp.usace.army.mil/pm/e/>, and
3. <http://nwr.noaa.gov>

Printed documents will also be available for review at the following libraries:

1. North Olympic Library System, Port Angeles Branch, Port Angeles, WA,
2. North Olympic Library System, Sequim Branch, Sequim, WA,
3. Astoria Public Library, Astoria, OR,
4. Multnomah County Central Library, Portland, OR,
5. Eugene Public Library, Eugene, OR,
6. Lake County Library, Lakeview, OR,
7. San Francisco Public Library, San Francisco, CA, and
8. Oakland Main Public Library, Oakland, CA.

Copies of the Draft EIS may be obtained by writing to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Migratory Birds and Habitat Programs, Attn: Nanette Seto, 911 NE. 11th Avenue, Portland, OR 97232.

#### **Background**

Recent increases in the number of Caspian terns nesting in the Columbia River estuary, Oregon, have led to concerns over their potential impact on the recovery of threatened and endangered Columbia River salmon. In 1999, the Corps initiated a pilot project to relocate a large tern colony from Rice Island to East Sand Island, near the mouth of the estuary, where more marine fish are abundant, for the purpose of reducing tern predation on juvenile salmonids.

In 2000, Seattle Audubon, National Audubon, American Bird Conservancy, and Defenders of Wildlife filed a lawsuit against the Corps alleging that compliance with NEPA for the proposed action of relocating the large colony of Caspian terns from Rice Island to East Sand Island was insufficient, and against the Service in objection to the potential take of eggs as a means to prevent nesting on Rice Island. In 2002, all parties reached a settlement agreement. The settlement agreement stipulates that the Service, Corps, and