



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

July 2004

## Historical Happenings

Notes on Cultural Resource Management in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

### FWS Regional News:

Region 5—Museum Property from Patuxent Research Refuge will be moving to NCTC later this summer. The collection currently totals approximately 1000 cubic feet and contains biological specimens, document, photographs and artwork. Contact Shelley Hight for more information. During research associated with the on-going identification efforts, USGS biologists identified rare stomach contents from the Passenger Pigeon as well as the Carolina parakeet.

Region 7—Will be hosting a Cultural Resources course from September 14-16, 2004. The course will be aimed at FWS planning staff. Contact Debbie Corbett or Eugene Marino for additional information.

**FWS—Event Commemorates President Theodore Roosevelt's Historic Journey to Breton National Wildlife Refuge**

**This year marks the 100th anniversary of Breton National Wildlife Refuge, America's second refuge. It was established October 4, 1904 by President Theodore Roosevelt to protect pelicans and other shorebirds.**

**Eleven years after he established the refuge, President Roosevelt visited Breton with friend John Parker. Parker, who would become Louisiana's governor in 1920, escorted Roosevelt and William Sprinkle, an Audubon Society Warden, on a five-day journey touring the islands of Breton refuge. Roosevelt wrote about the trip in his autobiography, "A Book Lover's Holiday in the Open." Breton is the only National Wildlife Refuge Roosevelt ever visited.**

**To commemorate this historic expedition, Roosevelt's great-grandson Theodore Roosevelt IV, Audubon Society's Robert Perciasepe, Parker's grandson Blanc Parker, and representatives of Louisiana Governor Blanco's office will return to Breton on Friday, June 25th – 89 years after the first historic trip.**

### Other Agency News

**ACHP Section 106 Amendments Become Effective August 5, 2004** Amendments to the regulations governing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. § 470f) were published July 6, 2004, in the *Federal Register*. The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) voted to adopt the amendments at its summer 2004 business meeting May 4, 2004.

**ACHP** We are pleased to announce the 2005 Preserve America Presidential Awards Call for Entries. These prestigious awards, which were announced by First Lady Laura Bush last fall, honor exemplary achievements in protection, preservation, sustainable use and interpretation of heritage assets. Four Preserve America Presidential Awards are given each year two for projects or programs that advance heritage tourism and two for outstanding privately funded historic preservation projects or programs. During Preservation Week in May 2004, the winners of the first Preserve America Presidential Awards received their awards in the Oval Office from President and Mrs. Bush and were honored in a public ceremony in the East Room of the White House. Information about the

2004 winners can be found at [www.achp.gov](http://www.achp.gov) Nominations for the 2005 Preserve America Presidential Award must be postmarked no later than November 1, 2004. A nomination form is attached for your convenience. Additional information, as well as a downloadable nomination form, can be found at [www.preserveamerica.gov](http://www.preserveamerica.gov) Preserve America, a White House initiative developed and carried out in cooperation with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), the U.S. Department of the Interior, the U.S. Department of Commerce, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, highlights the efforts of the President and Mrs. Bush to preserve and celebrate our national heritage. The ACHP, in partnership with the National Park Service, administers the Preserve America Presidential Awards program on behalf of the White House.

**ACHP** The Preserve America e-newsletter was launched as a means to provide timely updates on events related to the EO. See [www.PreserveAmerica.gov/subscribe.html](http://www.PreserveAmerica.gov/subscribe.html)

**NPS** Is celebrating the centennial of their museum program. See <http://heritagenews.cr.nps.gov/index/Index.cfm> for more information.

**National NAGPRA** WASHINGTON, D.C.—National Park Service (NPS) Director Fran Mainella announced the selection of Dr. Sherry Hutt as the Program Manager for national implementation of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA).

Also, National NAGPRA databases are on-line and available for use by federal agencies. Information on affiliations with a draft notice, without a draft notice, and collection not yet identified to an affiliation can be reviewed at their website. See <http://www.cr.nps.gov/nagpra/notices/index.htm> for more information.

**DOI-WASHINGTON** - The Department of the Interior announced publication of revised procedures for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in order to encourage the department's cooperative conservation goals.

"We have updated the procedures to reflect our commitment to public participation and cooperative problem-solving," said Lynn Scarlett, Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget, who chaired the departmental working group assembling the procedures. The procedures are to be published today in the March 8 Federal Register. "We looked across bureaus and found the best practices that reflect our '4 C's' philosophy of conservation through communication, consultation, and cooperation. The manual revisions codify these best practices and communicate them throughout the department," Scarlett notes.

The revisions are the culmination of several years of work by the department, and are consistent with the recently released Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Task Force Report, Modernizing NEPA Implementation. The department held four listening sessions across the country in Anchorage, Portland, Denver and Washington, D.C. to elicit best practices from interested citizens and partners.

## **Legislative News**

**White House Announcements July 7:** The president signed into law the following bills: H.R. 884, which authorizes the distribution of funds awarded to the Western Shoshone Indians in settlement of claims against the United States.

**Link to the recent Indian Affairs Committee meetings.** Discussed were AIRFA and NAGPRA [http://indian.senate.gov/2004hrsgs/071404hrsg/071404wit\\_list.htm](http://indian.senate.gov/2004hrsgs/071404hrsg/071404wit_list.htm)

## **Training News**

## **HERITAGE, ENVIRONMENT & TOURISM**

Meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology, La Fonda Hotel, Santa Fe, New Mexico  
April 5-10, 2005 contact Erve Chambers, c/o Society for Applied Anthropology, P.O. Box 2436,  
Oklahoma City, OK 73101-2436; [sfaa2005@sfaa.net](mailto:sfaa2005@sfaa.net); (405) 843-5113.

**National Preservation Conference scheduled for September 28-October 3, 2004 in Louisville.**  
Check [www.nationaltrust.org](http://www.nationaltrust.org) for more information.

## **Federal Register News**

For July—SUMMARY: On April 30, 2004, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service or we) signed an annual funding agreement (AFA or Agreement) with the Council of Athabascan Tribal Governments (CATG) under the Tribal Self-Governance Act of 1994. The action was taken at the discretion of the Service. The decision reflects review and consideration of concerns, issues, and comments received during a 60-day public comment period. The Agreement was re-negotiated and slightly re-worded following the public comment period. The Agreement provides for the CATG to perform certain programs, services, functions, and activities (Activities) for the Yukon Flats National Wildlife Refuge (Yukon Flats Refuge) during a one-year period for \$59,000. The regional director for the Service in Alaska signed a decision document on this action on Monday, April 26, 2004. The Agreement was endorsed by the Secretary of the Interior on April 30, 2004, and forwarded to the U.S. Congress for a 90-day review period.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces that the Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment (CCP/EA) for the Fish Springs National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge) is available for public review and comment. This Draft CCP/EA was prepared pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act, as amended, and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The Draft CCP/EA describes the Service's proposal for management of the Refuge for 15 years.

## **Native American Liaison News**

## **Upcoming Events, Education, and Volunteers and Friends News**

**Cathlapotle Plankhouse Project Update:**

### **Schedule of Events**

(Check web site regularly for updates and workshop details)

Sunday work parties (WP) are scheduled for the following dates this summer.

Workshops (WS) will be held concurrently at the Old Shop on the River S Unit. All are welcome to attend work parties, while registration may be required for workshops.

August 8 WP and WS - Flintknapping

August 22 WP and WS - Flintknapping

Sept. 12 WP and WS - Mat Making I

Sept. 26 WP and WS - Mat Making II

Contact Virginia Parks for more information

## **Requests for Information**