



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

June 2004

## Historical Happenings

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

### FWS Regional News:

Region 1—Wahluke school district partners with Hanford Reach for an educational fieldtrip to learn about the monument's past and its impact on the future of the area. Contact Jenna Gaston for more information.

Region 5—Museum Property from Patuxent National Wildlife Refuge will be moving to NCTC the week of July 12<sup>th</sup>. 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.

WO—RSSI Museum Property data call is out. A response is required by June 30, 2004. Contact Eugene Marino for additional information.

### Other Agency News

ACHP The ACHP has compiled links to online studies on the economic impacts of historic preservation. The links to the studies fall into six categories:

[General Studies](#)

[Statewide Studies](#)

[General Community Studies](#)

[Impacts of Historic Designation](#)

[Impacts on Property Values](#)

[Impacts of Preservation Tax Credits](#)

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*For further reading on the economic impacts of historic preservation, the National Trust for Historic Preservation has compiled the "historic preservation economic benefits research reference list" of many publications that are not available on the Web. For more information, contact the National Trust's Public Policy Department at [policy@nthp.org](mailto:policy@nthp.org).*

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 NGAPRA advises that its 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.

**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.

## **Legislative News**

### **Senate Votes to Keep Program for Saving Older Buildings**

Washington, DC. (May 12, 2004) –the Senate decided against eliminating a valuable, decades old tax incentive for renovating older buildings that Congress specifically intended to discourage demolition. After months of intense lobbying from preservationists, the Senate scrapped a plan to sunset the 10 percent portion of the Federal Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit "rehab credit" to pay for the larger "JOBS" bill the chamber overwhelmingly approved.

## **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**

## **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.

June 6 WP and WS - Maul Making I

June 27 WP and WS - Maul Making II

July 11 WP and WS - Mat Creaser

July 25 WP and WS - Atlatl Throwing and Construction

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**