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## Historical Happenings

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



*Historical Happenings provides information on the USFWS Cultural Resources Management program. Information comes from sources such as the Regional Historic Preservation Officers, websites, new sources, as well as other cultural resource management professionals.*

*Issues are also available on the USFWS Cultural Resources website <http://historicpreservation.fws.gov>. Submissions are encouraged and can be made via email. Please contact Eugene Marino at [Eugene\\_Marino@fws.gov](mailto:Eugene_Marino@fws.gov) for submission guidelines.*

### FWS Regional News:

#### Heritage Committee Meeting Recently Held

The US Fish and Wildlife Service Heritage Committee had their spring meeting at the Aldo Leopold Foundation in Wisconsin on May 5-6, 2009. We met in a very "Green" building, this LEED Platinum visitor center/office combined energy efficiency with best forest management practices. Much of the wood came from the site itself from trees needing to be harvested. Several of the beams were actually from trees planted by Aldo Leopold 65 years earlier. Attending the meeting were Chairman Jim Kurth, Historian Mark Madison, Curators Jeanne Harold (NCTC) and Randi Smith (DC Booth), other current employees Greg Dehmer, Paul Tritaik, Steve Chase, and Chris McKay, and retirees John Cornely, Richard and Nancy Coon, Jerry and Judy Grover, and Denny and Kathy Holland. As usual, preservation and use of Service history was the main topic of discussion. The Heritage Committee Strategic plan is nearly finished. The Service History Manual Chapter is completed. Ongoing research projects include the Order of the Yellow Dogs, and Law Enforcement (including badge carrying hatchery employees in 1901). Some of the refuge annual narratives are being digitized. Annual reports from refuge sand hatcheries are some of the most used documents in the museum collections. A group was formed to work on preservation of electronic records and photographs, acknowledging a need to preserve many documents that exist only in electronic form, including some web pages. Although guidance exists concerning things like printing email, it doesn't work out well in practice for busy employees. The group hopes to identify ways to assist employees in preserving electronic records so we don't lose large parts of our history. A discussion paper will be written for the next meeting, contact Randi Smith if you have comments. A

CCC marker sign is being developed. The oral history project was discussed, as was the Memorial Wall/sculpture/brick walk at NCTC. The next meeting will be during the Retiree Association Reunion in Kennebunkport, Maine, Oct. 6-8, 2009.

#### Region 7—

A 20 year effort to document traditional Native place names in the Koyukuk River drainage was completed recently with the publication of a 54 page full color atlas. In the mid-1980's Kanuti Refuges local Refuge Information technician, Johnson Moses of Allakaket, helped Dr. Eliza Jones compile hundreds of traditional Native place names near the villages of Hughes, Allakaket, Alatna, Bettles and Evansville. Dr. Jones and Moses recorded interviews with Native elders who told the stories behind the names of places within Kanuti refuge and surrounding areas. This information was documented by university of Alaska researcher Wendy Arundale in an unpublished report where it remained for 20 years.

In 2005-2006 the FWS and National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) funded Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association to gather traditional knowledge on fishing sites and fish spawning areas in the Koyukuk Drainage. At that time, Kanuti Refuge staff wanted to include traditional place names in their revised Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) due in 2008. Kanuti Refuge planner, Deborah Webb, painstakingly entered Moses' and Jones' work into a computerized GIS so computer records accurately depicted the unique lettering to ensure accurate pronunciation of the Koyukon language. With a Challenge Cost Share from the FWS, the YRDFFA included Moses' and Jones' information in their refined and comprehensive Atlas of place names. With additional support from NOAA and the Lannan Foundation, YRDFFA recently published "Middle

Koyukuk River of Alaska-An Atlas of Fishing Places and Traditional Place Names". Copies can be obtained from the Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association at 725 Christensen Dr., Suite 3B, Anchorage, Alaska 99501. They can also be contacted via e-mail at [info@yukonsalmon.org](mailto:info@yukonsalmon.org), or by **Phone:** (907) 272-3141 • 1-877-99-YUKON (98566), or **Fax:** (907) 272-3142.

## Other Agency News

**NPS—the Director of the National Park Service has formally approved the proposal of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe to assume certain State Historic Preservation Officer duties within the exterior boundaries of the tribe’s trust lands in Connecticut. The Tribe has assumed formal responsibility for review of Federal undertakings pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.** In addition, the Tribe has assumed all of the other SHPO functions set out in the Act with the exceptions of assisting in the certification of local governments and assisting in the evaluation of Investment Tax Credit rehabilitation projects. The Tribe’s historic preservation officer is Ms Kathleen Knowles. Please address correspondence to:

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**ACHP**—Organizes efforts to assist agencies with their stimulus projects.

In the first of a series of planned meetings, ACHP staff discussed Section 106 and NEPA compliance with regard to the stimulus to federal NEPA and NHPA managers.

## Legislative News

President Obama released his entire FY2010 budget and provided overall funding of \$12 billion for the Department of the Interior, including \$77.675 million for the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) and \$20 million for the Save America’s Treasures (SAT) program. The proposed increase for the HPF is \$8.691 million over FY’09 enacted levels and also includes an increased of +\$4.315 million to \$46.5 million for the States as well as an increase of +\$1.052 million to the Tribes to \$8.0 million. Preserve America received \$3.175 million after being zeroed out of the FY’09 omnibus spending bill earlier this year.

The House Energy and Commerce Committee approved a climate change bill (HR 2454) after a week-long markup that includes a 120 percent boost for

incentives to retrofit historic structures listed in the National Register of Historic Places. In addition, committee chairman Henry Waxman (D-CA) agreed to hold at least one day of hearings after the Memorial Day recess on the bill’s provisions to cap greenhouse gases and set up a market-based program for businesses to buy and sell emission allowances as they work to meet the agreed-upon cap limits. As approved by the committee, the bill would do the following:

Cap emissions at 17 percent below 2005 levels in 2020, 42 percent below in 2030 and 83 percent below in 2050. A company could buy pollution allowances from another business in lieu of meeting its obligation to reduce emissions.

Require the government to sell about 15 percent of these allowances at an auction and distribute the rest for free. A much greater percentage would be auctioned in future decades.

Require 15 percent of the nation’s electricity to come from renewable sources including wind, solar, biomass and geothermal by 2020. An additional 5 percent in energy savings would have to come through greater efficiency. States could petition to meet a standard for 12 percent renewable use and 8 percent from efficiency.

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

### Archeological Resources Protection Training Program

The Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) presents this thirty-seven hour class which provides training in all aspects of an archeological investigation and subsequent prosecution of the crimes. This premier class is taught by accomplished instructors that are nationally recognized subject matter experts in the fields of law enforcement, archeology and law. The class cumulates in a twelve-hour archeological crime scene practical exercise where law enforcement officers and archeologist work as a team to investigate and document a crime scene. Attendees will gather and process physical evidence, write incident reports, executive summaries, search warrants, damage assessments, and provide testimony in a courtroom scenario.

XP-ARPTP-903 / Department of the Navy, Jacksonville, FL – September 14-18, 2009

XP-ARPTP-904 / San Juan Public Lands Center, Durango, Co – September 21-25, 2009

XP-ARPTP-101 /Apostle Islands National Lakeshore  
NP, Bayfield, Wisconsin – October 19 – 23, 2009

XP-ARPTP-102 / Jean Lafitte National Historical Park  
and Preserve, New Orleans, La – November – 02-06,  
2009

This class is open to all sworn law enforcement officers,  
prosecutors and Federal Archeologist. To register  
please contact your agencies training representative at  
FLETC.

Contact FLETC Senior Instructor Charles Louke at  
(912)280-5188 for course information

There are a number of activities at the Cathlapotle  
plankhouse. For information on these events take a  
look at [www.plankhouse.org](http://www.plankhouse.org)