

Section 778 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended, authorizes the Secretary to award grants for interdisciplinary training projects designed to provide or improve access to health care in rural areas.

To provide additional time for applicants to complete applications, the deadline date for this program is extended to February 15, 1994.

Applications will be considered to be "on time" if they are either:

- (1) Received on or before the established deadline date, or
- (2) Sent on or before the established deadline date and received in time for orderly processing. (Applicants should request a legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark or obtain a legibly dated receipt from a commercial carrier or U.S. Postal Service. Private metered postmarks shall not be acceptable as proof of timely mailing.)

Late applications not accepted for processing will be returned to the applicant.

If additional programmatic information is needed, please contact: Dr. Marcia Brand, Program Officer, Division of Associated, Dental and Public Health Professions, Bureau of Health Professions, HRSA, Parklawn Building, room 8C-02, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, Telephone: 301-443-6763, FAX: 301-443-1164.

Dated: January 26, 1994.

William A. Robinson,

Acting Administrator.

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National Institutes of Health

Consensus Development Conference on Helicobacter Pylori and Peptic Ulcer Disease

Notice is hereby given to the NIH Consensus Development Conference on "Helicobacter Pylori and Peptic Ulcer Disease," which will be held February 7-9, 1994, in the Masur Auditorium of the National Institutes of Health, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland 20892. This conference is sponsored by the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases and the NIH Office of Medical Applications of Research. The conference is cosponsored by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. The conference begins at 8:30 a.m. on February 7 and 8 and at 9 a.m. on February 9.

One in a series of NIH Consensus Development Conferences, this conference will evaluate all the data that are available on H. pylori and its role in

causing peptic ulcer disease and gastric malignancy and on the best and most appropriate means of diagnosing and treating H. pylori infection. The conference will bring together specialists in gastroenterology, infectious disease, epidemiology, and pathology, as well as representatives from the public.

Following 1½ days of presentations and discussion by the audience, an independent non-Federal consensus panel will weigh the scientific evidence and write a draft statement in response to the following key questions:

- What is the role of H. pylori infection in causing peptic ulcer disease and gastric malignancy?
- Does eradication of H. pylori infection alter the natural history of peptic ulcer disease?
- Which patients with H. pylori infection should be treated?
- What are the best and most appropriate means of diagnosis and monitoring of H. pylori infection?
- What are the best means of eradication of H. pylori infection?
- What are the most important issues to be addressed by future research in H. pylori infection?

On the final day of the meeting, the consensus panel chairman will read the draft statement to the conference audience and invite comments and questions.

Advance information on the conference program and conference registration materials may be obtained from: Laura Hazan, Technical Resources, Inc., 3202 Tower Oaks Blvd., suite 200, Rockville, Maryland 20852, (301) 770-3153.

The final consensus statement will be submitted for publication in professional journals and other publications. The final consensus statement will be available approximately April 1, 1994. Requests for the final consensus statement should be addressed to the NIH Consensus Program Information Service, P.O. Box 2577, Kensington, Maryland 20891, phone 1-800-NIH-OMAR (1-800-644-6627).

Dated: January 24, 1994.

Harold Varmus,

Director, NIH.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

National Wild & Scenic Rivers System; Approval of Application

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DOI.

ACTION: Notice of approval.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of the Interior hereby announces approval of an application by the Governor of Arkansas to include segments of the Cossatot River, Arkansas and its tributary Brushy Creek as state-administered components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alan Ragins, Rivers, Trails and Conservation Program, National Park Service, Southwest Region, P.O. Box 728, 1220 St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-0728 (Telephone: 505-988-1876).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the authority granted the Secretary of the Interior by section 2 of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (Pub. L. 90-542, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1273, *et seq.*) and upon proper application of the Governor of the State of Arkansas, a 10.4-mile segment of the Cossatot River and a 0.3-mile segment of Brushy Creek in Arkansas are hereby designated as state-administered components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

The Secretarial designation covers that part of the Cossatot and Brushy Creek within the boundaries of the Cossatot River State Park-Natural Area in Polk and Howard Counties. This action is based on the designation of the river by the State of Arkansas and the protection offered this river and its immediate environment by and pursuant to applicable State laws and regulations.

On July 3, 1990, President Clinton, then the Governor of Arkansas, petitioned the Secretary of the Interior to add the above described segments of the Cossatot River to the National System. On April 22, 1992, Congress added the Cossatot to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (Pub. L. 102-275). However, the State is pursuing its original request for Secretarial designation for the following reasons:

1. To officially classify the State-managed river segments as "Scenic."
2. To recognize the State Management Plan for the Cossatot River State Park and Natural Area.
3. To refine the current definition of the State's portion of the scenic river corridor.

In response to the Governor's request, the Secretary, through the National Park

Service conducted a complete review of the State application and documents associated with the designation decision. As a result of that review, the Secretary has determined that the 10.4-mile segment of the Cossatot River and a 0.3-mile segment of Brushy Creek in the State's application should be designated as a State-administered component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, as provided for in section 2(a)(ii) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

The State of Arkansas has fulfilled the requirements of the Act by designating these segments as components of the Arkansas System of Natural and Scenic Rivers and by adopting a program of action that will adequately protect the river from adverse State actions. The National Park Service evaluation of the river concluded that these segments of the Cossatot River and Brushy Creek meet the criteria for the scenic classification under the Act. Accordingly, the following river segments are classified as scenic pursuant to section 2(b) of the Act to be administered by State government:

Cossatot River: Scenic—The 10.4-mile segment of the Cossatot River within the boundaries of the Cossatot River State Park-Natural Area just above the State Highway 246 crossing, at the Ouachita National Forest boundary in Polk County to the crossing at State Highway 4 in Howard County.

Brushy Creek: Scenic—The 0.3-mile segment of Brushy Creek within the boundaries of the Cossatot River State Park-Natural Area in Polk County.

This action is taken following public involvement and consultation with the Departments of Agriculture, Army, Energy, Transportation, the Federal Energy Regulation Commission, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as required by section 4(c) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. A 45-day period for public comment on the State's application and river management plan and on the environmental assessment of the proposed national designation was provided from April 15, 1991, to May 31, 1991. All comments received have been carefully considered.

Notice is hereby given that effective upon this date, the above-described river segments are approved for inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System to be administered by the State of Arkansas.

Dated: January 14, 1994.

Bruce Babbitt,
Secretary of the Interior.

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Fish and Wildlife Service

Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Intentional Introductions Policy Review Committee; Meeting

AGENCY: Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Intentional Introductions Policy Review Committee (Committee), a committee of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force. The Committee will meet to review the final version of the proposed report to Congress.

DATES: The Intentional Introductions Policy Review Committee will meet from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, February 17, 1994.

ADDRESSES: The Intentional Introductions Policy Review Committee meeting will be held in room 13836, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Building, 3, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dean Wilkinson, Intentional Introductions Policy Review Committee Chair, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Protected Resources, 1335 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 at (301) 713-2322.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. I), this notice announces a meeting of the Intentional Introductions Policy Review Committee, a committee of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force established under the authority of the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-646, 104 Stat. 4761, 16 U.S.C. 4701 *et seq.*, November 29, 1990). Minutes of the meetings will be maintained by the Coordinator, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, room 840, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203 and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Friday within 30 days following the meeting.

Dated: January 27, 1994.

Noreen Clough,

Acting Assistant Director—Fisheries, Acting Co-Chair, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force.

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Minerals Management Service

Outer Continental Shelf, Alaska, Gas and Oil Lease Sale 148

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Call for information and nominations and notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

1. **Authority.** This Call/NOI is published pursuant to the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1331-1356, (1988)), and the regulations issued thereunder (30 CFR part 256).

2. **Purpose of Call.** The purpose of the Call is to gather information for proposed OCS Gas and Oil Lease Sale 148. This proposed sale, located in the Chukchi Sea Planning Area, is tentatively scheduled for June 1997.

Information and nominations on gas and oil leasing, exploration, and development and production within the Chukchi Sea Planning Area are sought from all interested parties. This early planning and consultation step is part of the Area Evaluation and Decision Process and is important for ensuring that all interests and concerns are communicated to the Department of the Interior for future decisions in the leasing process pursuant to the OCS Lands Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1331-1356) (1988), and regulations at 30 CFR part 256. This Call does not indicate a preliminary decision to lease in the area described below. Final delineation of the area for possible leasing will be made at a later date and in compliance with all applicable laws including requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), as amended, and with established departmental procedures.

3. **Description of Area.** The area of this Call, located offshore the State of Alaska in the Chukchi Sea Planning Area as identified on the attached map, extends offshore from approximately 8 miles to 200 miles, in water depths from around 10 to 100 meters. The area available for nominations and comments consists of approximately 4,700 whole and partial blocks (about 10 million hectares or 26 million acres). Respondents may nominate and are asked to comment on any acreage within the entire Call area. A large-scale map of the Chukchi Sea Planning Area (hereinafter referred to as the Call map), showing boundaries of the area on a block-by-block basis, and a complete list of Official Protraction Diagrams (OPD's), are available from the Records Manager, Alaska OCS Region, Minerals