

- *Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:* 93.230.

- *Program Contact:* For questions concerning program issues, contact: Frances Cotter, Project Officer, Office of Managed Care, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Rockwall II, Suite 740, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, (301) 443-8796.

- *For questions regarding grants management issues, contact:* Christine Chen, Grants Management Officer, Division of Grants Management, OPS, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Rockwall II, 6th Floor, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857, (301) 443-8926.

- *Application kits are available from:* National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information (NCADI), P.O. Box 2345, Rockville, MD 20847-2345, Telephone: 1-800-729-6686.

4. Public Health System Reporting Requirements

The Public Health System Impact Statement (PHSIS) is intended to keep State and local health officials apprised of proposed health services grant and cooperative agreement applications submitted by community-based nongovernmental organizations within their jurisdictions.

Community-based nongovernmental service providers who are not transmitting their applications through the State must submit a PHSIS to the head(s) of the appropriate State and local health agencies in the area(s) to be affected not later than the pertinent receipt date for applications. This PHSIS consists of the following information:

- a. A copy of the face page of the application (Standard form 424).
- b. A summary of the project (PHSIS), not to exceed one page, which provides:
 - (1) A description of the population to be served.
 - (2) A summary of the services to be provided.
 - (3) A description of the coordination planned with the appropriate State or local health agencies.

State and local governments and Indian Tribal Authority applicants are not subject to the Public Health System Reporting Requirements.

Application guidance materials will specify if a particular FY 2000 activity is subject to the Public Health System Reporting Requirements.

5. PHS Non-Use of Tobacco Policy Statement

The PHS strongly encourages all grant and contract recipients to provide a

smoke-free workplace and promote the non-use of all tobacco products. In addition, Public Law 103-227, the Pro-Children Act of 1994, prohibits smoking in certain facilities (or in some cases, any portion of a facility) in which regular or routine education, library, day care, health care, or early childhood development services are provided to children. This is consistent with the PHS mission to protect and advance the physical and mental health of the American people.

6. Executive Order 12372

Applications submitted in response to the FY 2000 activity listed above are subject to the intergovernmental review requirements of Executive Order 12372, as implemented through DHHS regulations at 45 CFR part 100. E.O. 12372 sets up a system for State and local government review of applications for Federal financial assistance. Applicants (other than Federally recognized Indian tribal governments) should contact the State's Single Point of Contact (SPOC) as early as possible to alert them to the prospective application(s) and to receive any necessary instructions on the State's review process. For proposed projects serving more than one State, the applicant is advised to contact the SPOC of each affected State. A current listing of SPOCs is included in the application guidance materials. The SPOC should send any State review process recommendations directly to: Division of Extramural Activities, Policy, and Review, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Parklawn Building, Room 17-89, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857.

The due date for State review process recommendations is no later than 60 days after the specified deadline date for the receipt of applications. SAMHSA does not guarantee to accommodate or explain SPOC comments that are received after the 60-day cut-off.

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Richard Kopanda,

Executive Officer, SAMHSA.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Grant Programs Technical Assistance Workshops; Notice of Meetings

AGENCY: Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), HHS.

ACTION: Notice of Technical Assistance Sessions for Potential Applicants for the SAMHSA/CSAT Grant Program: TI 00-004—"Cooperative Agreement to Bridge the Gap: Phase II Implementation of Community-Based Practice/Research Collaboratives."

Notice is hereby given for the following technical assistance sessions to be provided to prospective applicants for SAMHSA/CSAT Guidance for Applicants (GFA) TI 00-004. The text of the grant announcement can be downloaded from the SAMHSA Web Site at www.samhsa.gov or ordered from the National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information (NCADI) at (800) 729-6686.

The technical assistance sessions will be held as follows: Session I—April 5, 2000, 1-3 p.m., 7th Floor Conference Room, Rockwall II Building, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, 5515 Security Lane, Rockville, MD 20852; Session II—April 12, 2000, 3-5 p.m., Hilton New Orleans Riverside, New Orleans, LA. Each two-hour session will follow the following format: (1) Presentation of the key components of the GFA, and (2) question and answer session.

Potential applicants are strongly encouraged to review the grant announcement prior to attending a technical assistance session to determine if they meet the capability criteria listed below for the implementation phase. Applications may be submitted by domestic public and private non-profit and for-profit entities such as community-based organizations, public or private universities, colleges, and hospitals, and units of State or local government. In order to accomplish the goals of the Phase II PRC Implementation Program, applicants are required to have met the following criteria: (1) An operational, community based PRC has been established in which providers participate as full partners with researchers, policy makers and other stakeholder groups; (2) a formal organizational structure and statement of operating procedures, roles and

responsibilities of stakeholder members and designated consumer representative has been developed and endorsed by stakeholder groups; (3) a formal needs assessment of PRC stakeholders has been conducted and utilized to establish a consensus based research and knowledge application agenda and implementation plan; and (4) stakeholders have endorsed the implementation plan.

There is no registration fee for the sessions. Preregistration is encouraged. Registrants are responsible for costs associated with their own travel, meals and lodging. To preregister and for logistical assistance, please contact Un Lee, Tascon, Inc., (301) 315-9000. Session confirmation will be faxed.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Intent To Prepare a Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Associated Environmental Assessment for the Washington Coast National Wildlife Refuges (Refuges), Which Are Located in Clallam, Jefferson, and Grays Harbor Counties, WA

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a comprehensive conservation plan and associated environmental assessment.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) intends to gather information necessary to prepare a Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and an associated environmental assessment for the Washington Coast National Wildlife Refuges (Refuges), which are composed of Flattery Rocks National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), Quillayute Needles NWR, and Copalis NWR, located in Clallam, Jefferson, and Grays Harbor Counties, Washington. The Service is furnishing this notice in compliance with Service CCP policy and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and implementing regulations to advise other agencies and the public of our intentions, and to obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues to include in the environmental document.

DATES: Submit comments on issues to include on or before April 29, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Address comments and requests for more information, to be put on the mailing list, or for a copy of the most recent planning update to: Refuge Manager, Washington Maritime National Wildlife Refuge Complex, 33 S. Barr Road, Port Angeles, Washington, 98362, or call the Complex at (360) 457-8451. Submit faxes to (360) 457-9778. If you choose to submit comments via electronic mail, visit our Pacific Region Planning Website: <http://www.r1.fws.gov/planning/plnhome.html>. Please send these comments using the "Guest Mailbox" provided at that site.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Refuge Manager Kevin Ryan at the address and phone number above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Washington Coast NWRs (Flattery Rocks, Quillayute Needles, and Copalis NWRs), were established in 1907 by Theodore Roosevelt for the purpose of being "a preserve and breeding ground for native birds and animals" (Executive Orders 703, 704, and 705). These three Refuges extend over 100 miles along the outer coast of Washington State and include more than 600 rocks, reefs, and islands. Approximately 80% of the seabirds in the State nest within the Refuges. It was the original intent, with the establishment of the Refuges, to preserve these islands in a natural condition and to minimize human intrusion. As such, all islands are closed to public entry. Because of the physical characteristics of these islands, landings and access are extremely hazardous. On October 23, 1970, the Washington Islands Wilderness was established by Public Law 92-504. This placed all the islands, except for Destruction and James Islands, under wilderness designation.

It is Service policy to have all lands within the National Wildlife Refuge System managed in accordance with an approved Comprehensive Conservation Plan. This CCP will guide management decisions and identify Refuge goals, long-range objectives, and strategies for achieving Refuge purposes. Public input into this planning process is encouraged. The CCP will provide other agencies and the public with a clear understanding of the desired conditions for the Refuges and how the Service will implement management strategies over the next 15 years. Until the CCP is completed, Refuge management will continue to be guided by official Refuge purposes; Federal legislation regarding management of national wildlife refuges; and other legal, regulatory, and policy guidance.

Comments and concerns received will be used to develop goals, key issues and management strategies, and draft alternatives. Additional opportunities for public participation will occur throughout the CCP process, which is expected to be completed in early 2001. Interested federal, state, and local agencies, Tribes, organizations, and individuals will be contacted for input.

At this time, preliminary issues identified for the CCP include: how to handle wildlife disturbances caused by low-flying aircraft and by people trespassing during low tides or in water craft; the amount of research opportunities that the Refuges can support without adversely impacting biological resources; determining if invasive species are a problem, and if so, what would be the appropriate management response; determining what opportunities exist to cooperate with agencies responsible for pollution threats; and identifying off-site educational/interpretative opportunities in cooperation with the National Park Service, National Marine Sanctuary, state and local government, and Tribes. Because of their inaccessibility and the sensitivity of wildlife to disturbance, public uses of the Refuges' Islands are not a part of the long-term planning. A range of alternatives (and their effects on the biological resources and on the local communities) that address the issues and management strategies associated with these issues will be evaluated in the environmental assessment.

With the publication of this notice, the public is encouraged to send written comments on these and other issues, courses of action that the Service should consider, and potential impacts that could result from CCP implementation on Washington Coast National Wildlife Refuges.

All comments received from individuals become part of the official public record. Requests for such comments will be handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, Council on Environmental Quality's NEPA Regulations 40 CFR 1506.6(f), and other Service and Department policy and procedures. When requested, the Service generally will provide comment letters with the names and addresses of the individuals who wrote the comments. However, the telephone number of the commenting individual will not be provided in response to such requests to the extent permissible by law. Additionally, public comment letters are not required to contain the author's name, address, or other identifying information. Such comments