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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 for submission guidelines.

FWS Regional News:

Washington Office: FWS currently chairs the newly established Heritage Asset Partnership. A DOI committee charged with providing cultural resource expertise to asset managers. For more information see <http://www.doi.gov/pam/HeritageAssetsPartner.html> or contact Eugene Marino.

Take a look at the May/June issue of Refuge Update as it focuses on Cultural Resources and the Centennial of the passage of the Antiquities Act.

The Cultural Resources website has been updated to include a section for Regional cultural resource reports.

Region 1— A cultural resources course was presented by Region archaeologists June 27-29 in Honolulu. Topics focused on compliance responsibilities for Cultural Resources. The class was well attended and well received by the participants.

Region 3—The Regional Historic Preservation Officer and the Refuge Manager at Squaw Creek NWR are examining ways to better care for several historic structures located on the Refuge. Some options include working with interested local partners. See <http://historicpreservation.fws.gov> under Recent News for more information.

Region 4—The final report describing data recovery of the Yourhaney Plantation (38GE18) at Waccamaw NWR is now available. The excavations focused on the eastern portion of a larger multicomponent site. This area yielded evidence of six structures, including the 18th century main house (earthfast foundation & stick & clay chimney), occupied primarily between 1740-1820. A second site, which appears to be an associated slave



Example of historic structures on Squaw Creek, NWR (Region 3)

quarters and later tenant house, was not excavated as it was outside the APE. The western portion contains deeper intact deposits dating back to the Early Archaic. It is outside the current APE and steps have been taken to protect it during the Visitor Center/Admin Construction. At Vieques NWR, GSA will fund four of five cultural resource management grants. The funds come from appropriated moneys associated with the transfer of the former Naval Reservation/Base to the FWS. The grants will enable us to assess the condition of NR-eligible Spanish lighthouse, do HABS/HAER document of a Quonset Hut on Camp Garcia prior to its demolition, relocate a precolumbian site in Camp Garcia, and conduct a Section 110 inventory of Laguna Kiani. For more information contact Rick Kanaski.

Other Agency News

White House—Announces the establishment of the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Marine National Monument. This monument encompasses area contained within several federal agencies including FWS. See

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2006/06/20060615-18.html> for more information.

ACHP—The Whitehouse announced a Preserve America Summit to be held in New Orleans this fall. A central focus of the summit will be the preservation of disaster affected heritage assets. See

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2006/05/20060531-6.html> for more information

DOI—Secretary Kempthorne announces three policies for FWS that follow the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act. The second policy pertains to education and interpretation opportunities on Refuges, both of which figure prominently for cultural resources.

NAGPRA—Cultural affiliation and geographic data from published notices

(http://www.cr.nps.gov/nagpra/notices/index.htm#State_Reports) and

Indian Land Cessions 1784-1894 by State and County (http://www.cr.nps.gov/nagpra/online/db/land_cessions/index.htm#land_cessions).

Guidance on alleging that a museum has failed to comply with NAGPRA is located at http://www.cr.nps.gov/nagpra/civil_penalties/index.htm.

Also at this site, National NAGPRA Program provides NAGPRA legal terms of art and definitions that a person should read and understand before they write an allegation, and a template (http://www.cr.nps.gov/nagpra/civil_penalties/Allegation_Letter_Template.doc) to use as a guide in writing an allegation.

Notices of Inventory Completion Database – search these notices at http://www.cr.nps.gov/nagpra/fed_notices/nagpradir/index.htm.

Notices of Intent to Repatriate Database – search these notices at

http://www.cr.nps.gov/nagpra/fed_notices/nagpradir/index2.htm

Notices of Intended Disposition – table available at http://www.cr.nps.gov/nagpra/NOTICES/NID_Tble_Current.pdf

Legislative News

Training News

DOI—Managing Museum Property - St. Louis, MO - July 31-August 4, 2006

Contact Donald Cumberland for more information.

NAGPRA—Training sponsored by the National NAGPRA Program:

Native American Cultural Property Law, Santa Fe, NM, September 26-28, 2006

Upcoming Events, Education, and Volunteers and Friends News

Cathlapotle Plankhouse News

Plankhouse receives donation for native planting

Ridgefield community member Allene Woodeage recently made a contribution towards the purchasing of plants for the native landscaping around the Plankhouse. Thank you Allene!

Roof of the Plankhouse has a new look

Volunteers Paul Rea and Peter Gebhardt installed natural fiber rope on the roof of the Plankhouse. This new addition recreates the look of a roof that traditionally would have been lashed in place. Come visit the Plankhouse and check out this new look for yourself.

Requests for Information