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Nominations Requested for the Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group

The Fish and Wildlife Service is seeking nominations for membership on the Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group (Working Group). The Working Group is a Federal advisory committee chartered by the Secretary of the Interior under provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA - Public Law 92-463). In existence since February 2003, the Working Group gives interested stakeholders an opportunity to provide recommendations on policy, management, and technical subjects regarding the Trinity River Restoration Program (TRRP) to the Trinity Management Council (TMC). Specifically, the Working Group provides advice on the effectiveness of management actions in achieving restoration goals, alternative courses of action to achieve those goals, the priority of restoration projects, funding priorities, and other program components.

Nominations should represent a broad cross-section of agencies, organizations, and groups with involvement and interest in the Trinity River that are not otherwise represented on the TMC. These interests may include, but are not limited to: recreational and commercial fishermen, commercial and recreational boaters, power/ utility companies, water contractors and irrigators, foresters and forestry associations, farmers and ranchers, public trust organizations, Native American Tribes, environmental organizations; local, state or Federal agencies, and current residents of the Trinity River basin.

Nominees from organizations must be senior representatives authorized to speak on behalf of their respective constituent groups. Nominations on behalf of organizations should include a primary and alternate nominee. Nominees and the organizations which they represent must have a demonstrated interest in, and commitment to, implementation of the TRRP Record of Decision signed by Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt on December 19, 2000 with the concurrence of the Hoopa Valley Tribal Council. Representatives must also be free from any conflict of interest or financial gain resulting from the TRRP. A total of up to 20 members with alternates may be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior.

The Fish and Wildlife Service is the lead agency for receiving nominations for membership. Recommendations will be made to the Secretary of the Interior that will result in a balanced committee with a broad-based cross-section of Trinity basin stakeholders. Nominees will be evaluated based upon the following criteria:

- Knowledge of the TRRP, the Trinity River watershed, and related resources.
- Knowledge of and experience in Adaptive Environmental Assessment and Management Program.
- Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively with competing interests.

The Working Group usually meets quarterly in Weaverville, in Trinity County, California. While members serve without compensation, travel and subsistence expenses while attending meetings are reimbursable. Upon selection, the Working Group members will elect officers, conduct meetings, make decisions and provide advice based upon

the current Charter and Bylaws, and in accordance with FACA guidelines and regulations.

Nominations must be submitted by July 31, 2014 to:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Arcata Fish and Wildlife Office
Attn: Joseph C. Polos
1655 Heindon Road
Arcata, CA 95521

Nominations should include the following information:

Name and title or position of the nominee;
Contact information (mail, e-mail, telephone, fax);
Name and contact information of nominator (if self-nominated, so indicate);
Description of the group or interest represented;
Reasons why nominee should be appointed (not to exceed 2 pages);
Statement that nominee does not have a conflict of interest or receive financial gain from any group or program associated with the Trinity River Restoration Program;
Brief resume of nominee (not to exceed 2 pages);
Reference letter (self-nominated individuals only).

Questions concerning the nomination process may be directed to Vina Frye, Technical Support Staff, or Joseph Polos, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), at (707) 822-7201. Additional information is available on the Web at: Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group - <http://www.fws.gov/arcata/fisheries/tamwg.html> and Trinity Management Council or Trinity River Restoration Program <http://www.trrp.net>

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