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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:

**Washington Office:** The Cultural Resources Program website has been updated. Please visit it at <http://historicpreservation.fws.gov> Contact Eugene Marino for more information.

**Region 1**—The ARPA case in which Region 1 Archaeologist Carla Burnside participated was featured in Discovery Magazine's Top 100 Science Stories of 2005. A great accomplishment for Carla and the Region 1 Cultural Resources Team.

**Region 2**— Archaeologists have discovered a cache of artifacts near South Padre Island that they say could be up to 5,000 years old, potentially providing new clues about early peoples of the Texas coast. The artifacts were found in May during the environmental company's archaeological survey of the Bahia Grande, a 6,000-acre lowland between Brownsville and Port Isabel on the Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge. The survey was required before the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service proceeds with plans to restore wetlands lost to the digging of the Brownsville Ship Channel during the 1930s. U.S. Fish & Wildlife has decided to move at least one of the planned flooding channels so as not to disturb the site. Contact Dave Siegel for more information.

**Region 4**—Fish Hatchery 2 site, located within the boundaries of the Natchitoches National Fish Hatchery has been nominated to the National Register of Historic Places. The site contains abundant information relevant to addressing important research questions regarding regional cultural community and prehistoric social organization and subsistence patterns. The site was listed to the National Register in August 2005. For more information contact Rick Kanaski.

### Other Agency News

**NPS**—Launches its Antiquities Act Centennial website. Information on upcoming events related to the centennial can be found at <http://www.cr.nps.gov/archeology/sites/antiquities/index.htm>

**NPS**—Preserve America Grants now Available: Deadline December 16th

The *Preserve America* matching-grant program provides funding to designated *Preserve America* communities to support preservation efforts through heritage tourism, education and historic preservation planning. Grant applications are now available to assist local economies in finding self-sustaining ways to promote their cultural resources through heritage tourism. The application and guidelines are available through the [National Park Service Website](#).

<http://www.cr.nps.gov/hps/hpg/preserveamerica/application.htm>

**DOI**—Interior Secretary Gale A. Norton announced that the United States has been elected as a member of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's (UNESCO) World Heritage Committee. "Here at home, this administration has emphasized the principle that conservation can usually best be achieved through communication, consultation and cooperation among governments, the private sector, local stakeholders and other organizations," Secretary Norton said. "As of today, the U.S. delegation to the World Heritage Committee will work to bring the fundamentals of Cooperative Conservation to the

international community. We will also vigorously assert our national sovereignty during future deliberations over World Heritage Sites in an effort to help restore the credibility of the Convention across our nation and in the United States Congress. Once again, America has a seat at the table.”

**NPS—announces the following newly installed THPOs  
Stockbridge –Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians**

Ms. Sherry White, THPO  
N8476 Moh-He-Con-Nuck Road  
Bowler, WI 54416  
Telephone: 715-793-4387  
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**Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians**

Dr. Joseph M. Nixon, Ph.D., THPO  
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians  
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Palm Springs, CA 92262  
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**Ho-Chunk Nation**

Mr. William Quackenbush, THPO  
The Ho-Chunk Nation  
P.O. Box 677  
Black River Falls, WI 54615  
Telephone: 715-284-7181  
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**Keweenaw Bay Indian Community**

Ms. Summer Sky Cohen, THPO  
Keweenaw Bay Indian Community  
107 Beartown Road  
Baraga, MI 54615  
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**Smith River Rancheria**

Ms. Daraxa Mattice, THPO  
Smith River Rancheria  
140 Rowdy Creek Road  
Smith River, CA 95567-9525  
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**Bishop Paiute Tribe**

Mr. Leland Chavez, THPO  
Bishop Paiute Tribe  
50 Tu Su Lane  
Bishop, CA 93514  
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Fax: 760-873-4614

**USGS—USGS Assists History Channel in Mount St. Helens Documentary Planning:** USGS scientists spoke with a creative consultant regarding the making of a Mount St. Helens documentary for the History

Channel. The documentary would explore how the 1980 and current eruptions of Mount St. Helens spurred development of new volcano monitoring techniques and response planning at other volcanoes, with a focus on Mount Rainier.

**National NAGPRA**—the 2005 National NAGPRA report is now available at [www.cr.nps.gov/nagpra/documents/NNReport0510.pdf](http://www.cr.nps.gov/nagpra/documents/NNReport0510.pdf)

## Legislative News

S. 1378 Comments sought on legislation to re-authorize the Advisory Council for Historic Preservation. This bill will make the Council a permanent entity eliminating the need for future re-authorizations.

H.R. 3085—Trail of Tears Documentation Act—directs Interior departments to provide a more complete picture of events associated with the Trail. It would expand information to cover all routes of the trail.

### Native American Omnibus Act of 2005 - s.536

Sec. 108. definition of Native American.

Section 2(9) of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (25 U.S.C. 3001(9)) is amended-

(1) by inserting 'or was' after 'is'; and

(2) by inserting after 'indigenous to' the following: 'any geographic area that is now located within the boundaries of.'

**Latest Major Action: 5/12/2005 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 100**

## Training News

**DOI**—Museum Property Management training  
March 13-17 in Tallahassee FL  
July 31-August 4 in St. Louis

Curating Natural History Collections  
April 3-7 in Washington DC

Contact Donald Cumberland for more information.

**AAM**—Best Practices in Collections Stewardship: Writing a Collections Management Policy  
January 13-14, 2006 - New Orleans. See <http://www.aam-us.org/> for more information.

**FWS and NPS**—plan a workshop focusing on ARPA permits discussing better ways to ensure permittee compliance with their ARPA permits.

## **Requests for Information**

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