

DEPARTMENT of the INTERIOR

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

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SIX PUBLIC HEARINGS SET FOR PROPOSED REGULATIONS ON FISH AND WILDLIFE COORDINATION ACT

Six public hearings have been scheduled for late June on recently proposed regulations that would establish procedures all Federal agencies must meet to comply with the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act when planning water-related projects. The Department of the Interior and Commerce published the joint proposals in the May 18, 1979, Federal Register.

The proposed regulations require all Federal agencies to give conservation of fish and wildlife equal weight with economic and other benefits associated with projects such as the discharge of industrial wastes, hydroelectric power generation and flood control.

Under the proposal, Federal agencies would have to consult with State and Federal wildlife agencies on potential impacts on fish and wildlife at several points during project planning and development. The procedures are intended to minimize potential project delays and last minute modifications through early consultation.

The Federal wildlife agencies that must be consulted are Interior's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Commerce's National Marine Fisheries Service of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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The public hearings, announced in the June 8, 1979, Federal Register, will be held at the locations and local times listed below. Oral testimony should be limited to 10 minutes but written comments of any length are welcome.

JUNE 26, 1979 - 9:00 a.m.

Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Fort Mason, Building 201
Bay and Franklin Streets
San Francisco, California

WRITE: Regional Director
Fish and Wildlife Service
Lloyd 500 Building, S-1692
500 N.E. Multnomah Street
Portland, Oregon 97232
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JUNE 27, 1979 - 9:00 a.m.

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Denver Federal Center
Denver, Colorado

WRITE: Regional Director
Fish and Wildlife Service
P.O. Box 25486
Denver Federal Center
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JUNE 27, 1979 - 10:00 a.m.

Hotel Monteleone
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New Orleans, Louisiana

WRITE: Regional Director
Fish and Wildlife Service
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Atlanta, Georgia 30347
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JUNE 27, 1979 - 1:00 p.m.

Quality Inn - Cibola
U.S. Highway 80
1601 E. Division Street
Arlington, Texas

WRITE: Regional Director
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Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103
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JUNE 27, 1979 - 1:00 p.m.

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Room 564-568
Twin Cities, Minnesota

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Fish and Wildlife Service
Federal Building, Fort Snelling
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JUNE 28, 1979 - 9:00 a.m.

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Washington, D.C.

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