

### 3. How Long Does Registration on the Notification List Last?

Placement on the list is valid for five years. Placement automatically expires at the end of five years, measured from the date the organization was placed on the Notification List or last had its membership renewed, whichever is more recent. The OHR will notify the organization at the last listed address of the need to renew their membership on the Notification List.

### 4. How Will DOI Manage and Provide Public Notification of the List?

a. The DOI will maintain the Native Hawaiian Organization Notification List and will periodically update it.

i. The OHR will publish on the DOI Web site the names and contact information of the listed Native Hawaiian organizations. The information contained therein will be updated periodically.

ii. Copies of the Notification List and instructions outlining how to become a listed organization will also be available online or may be requested from the OHR.

### 5. How Will Listed Native Hawaiian Organizations Be Notified of Federal Actions?

a. Agency officials who are seeking to consult with Native Hawaiian organizations regarding a NAGPRA or NHPA action should notify those Native Hawaiian organizations on the Notification List.

b. The notification should:

i. Be sent to the address listed on the Native Hawaiian Organization Notification List;

ii. Outline the Federal action to take place that will affect Native Hawaiians;

iii. Provide a point of contact within the acting agency for the Native Hawaiian organization where inquiries may be sent.

### 6. What Must a Listed Native Hawaiian Organization Do in Order To Remain on the Notification List?

a. To remain on the Notification List, Native Hawaiian organizations must submit a written request at least every five years. It is the responsibility of the organization to notify the OHR of changes to its U.S. mailing address.

b. The request to remain on the Notification List must be sent to the DOI, OHR, within 30 days before the organization's listing expires.

c. The request to remain on the Notification List must include a certification, signed and dated by the organization's governing body, that includes:

i. The organization's current contact information, including a valid U.S. mailing address;

ii. A statement that the organization meets the criteria listed in 2(a)(i)-(iii); and

iii. A statement that it is the official position of the organization to remain on the Notification List.

d. If the information submitted by an organization to update its registration is incomplete, the organization may not remain listed.

e. If an organization does not provide a satisfactory update every five years, registration on the Notification List will automatically expire. Registration automatically expires at the end of two years measured from the date the organization was placed on the Notification List or the date the organization last submitted a written request to remain on the Notification List, whichever is more recent.

### 7. How Does an Organization Voluntarily Remove Its Name From the Notification List?

a. If an organization wants to be removed from the Notification List prior to the automatic expiration date, the organization must send a signed and dated written statement from the organization's governing body affirmatively requesting removal from the Notification List.

b. After receipt of the removal request, the OHR will remove the organization during the periodic update of the Notification List.

Dated: September 5, 2007.

**Ka'iini Kaloi,**

*Director, Office of Hawaiian Relations.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Lacassine National Wildlife Refuge

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of the Final Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

**SUMMARY:** We, the Fish and Wildlife Service, announce our decision and the availability of the Final CCP and FONSI for Lacassine National Wildlife Refuge in Cameron and Evangeline Parishes, Louisiana. The CCP was prepared pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, and in accordance with the National

Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and describes how the refuge will be managed for the next 15 years.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the CCP/FONSI may be obtained by writing to: Lacassine National Wildlife Refuge, 1428 Highway 27, Bell City, Louisiana 70630; Telephone: 337/598-2216. The CCP/FONSI may also be accessed and downloaded from the Service's Web site: <http://southeast.fws.gov/planning/>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Judy McClendon, Refuge Planner, at the address in the **ADDRESSES** section or by electronic mail at the following address: [judy\\_mcclendon@fws.gov](mailto:judy_mcclendon@fws.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Introduction:* With this notice, we finalize the CCP process for Lacassine National Wildlife Refuge, begun as announced in the **Federal Register** (68 FR 2566; January 17, 2003). For more about the process, see that notice. We released the Draft CCP and Environmental Assessment (EA) to the public, announcing and requesting comments in a notice of availability in the **Federal Register** (71 FR 65832; November 9, 2006). Lacassine National Wildlife Refuge, established on December 30, 1937, is one of four refuges that makes up the Southwest Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge Complex. The 34,724-acre refuge is strategically located on the boundary of coastal marshes and agricultural habitats at the southern terminus of the Mississippi and Central Flyways, making the refuge critically important to migratory birds, especially wintering waterfowl.

With this notice, we announce our decision and the availability of the Final CCP/FONSI in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act [40 CFR 1506.6(b)] requirements. We completed a thorough analysis of the environmental, social, and economic considerations, which we included in the Final CCP/FONSI. The FONSI documents the selection of Alternative B, the preferred alternative.

*Alternatives and Preferred Alternative:* The Draft CCP/EA identified and evaluated three alternatives for managing the refuge over the next 15 years. Alternative A, the no-action alternative, would have continued current management of the refuge. Alternative C would refocus management priority to actively investigating and extending the life/value of Lacassine Pool as a migratory bird sanctuary. We chose Alternative B (maximize refuge management capabilities in all programs) as our preferred alternative. This determination was made based on the

best professional judgment of the planning team and the comments received on the Draft CCP/EA. We believe this management alternative will be the most effective one to contribute to the purposes for which the refuge was established and to the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System. Implementation of the goals, objectives, and strategies in the CCP will allow us to manage the refuge for migratory birds, with special emphasis on waterfowl (especially northern pintails and mottled ducks); native flora and fauna; and rare and endangered species and habitat types. The refuge will provide opportunities for research by serving as a demonstration area and outdoor laboratory for those studying the ecology of southwest Louisiana wetlands. It will encourage appropriate and compatible wildlife-dependent recreation, such as hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, wildlife photography, and environmental education and interpretation.

**Authority:** This notice is published under the authority of the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, Public Law 105-57.

Dated: April 12, 2007.

**Cynthia K. Dohner,**

*Acting Regional Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### Model Tribal Probate Code, Guidance for Submission of Tribal Probate Codes Under 25 U.S.C. Section 2205

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is announcing the availability of a Model Tribal Probate Code with comments entitled "Model Tribal Probate Code." BIA issues notices to inform tribes, Indians, and other interested persons about important policies, procedures, and related decisions, and these notices serve to provide guidance to tribes and BIA personnel. This notice provides guidance to tribes considering the creation and adoption of a Tribal Probate Code containing provisions applicable to trust and restricted property and includes a copy of the "Model Probate Code with Comments."

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Eufrona Snyder, Office of Trust Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs,

Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW., Mailstop 4620-MIB, Washington, DC 20240; telephone number: (202) 208-5831; fax number: (202) 208-2549.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. General Information

###### *a. Does This Action Apply to Me?*

This action is directed to federally recognized tribes and the public in general. Since other persons may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the information in this notice, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

###### *b. How Can I Get Copies of This Document and Other Related Information?*

Please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** who will arrange for a copy to be sent to you.

###### *c. Is There a Comment Period for This Notice and to Whom Do I Send Comments?*

The comment period for the "Model Tribal Probate Code with Comments" will open on the date of publication of this notice and last for twenty (20) days. Comments can be directed to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

##### II. What Guidance Does This Notice Provide?

The Model Tribal Probate Code is intended to serve as suggested guidelines for Tribes considering the creation and adoption of a Tribal Probate Code containing provisions applicable to trust and restricted property. The Model Tribal Probate Code is not binding on tribes and is not a rulemaking. The Model Tribal Probate Code sets forth the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) policy and interpretation of the American Indian Probate Reform Act of 2004 (AIPRA) as it relates to the creation and approval of Tribal Probate Codes. After the Department reviewed several Tribal Probate Codes that contained provisions contrary to AIPRA, the Department of the Interior (Department) decided to draft a Model Tribal Probate Code. The Department may revise the Model Tribal Code from time to time based on further experience.

The underlying purposes and policies of this code are: (1) To clarify the provisions of the American Indian Probate Reform Act of 2004 (AIPRA) relating to the creation and adoption of

Tribal Probate Codes under 25 U.S.C. 2205; (2) to promote an efficient system for Tribes to determine the descent and distribution of the decedent's trust and non trust estates; (3) to facilitate use and enforcement of Tribal Probate Codes.

The Model Tribal Probate Code is only intended to address trust and restricted lands. The Department does not have jurisdiction over non trust or non restricted assets. Those provisions are within the sole authority of the Tribe, subject to its constitution. Tribes may have provisions for non trust assets that greatly differ from those provisions concerning trust assets. The Department recommends that Tribal Probate Codes delineate which provisions apply to trust and non trust assets.

##### III. Does This Notice Contain Binding Requirements?

No, the Model Tribal Probate Code is intended to serve as suggested guidance for Tribes formulating Tribal Probate Codes that contain provisions applicable to trust and restricted assets.

Dated: July 31, 2007.

**Carl J. Artman,**

*Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

#### MODEL TRIBAL PROBATE CODE (With comments and suggested guidelines)

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