Meeting Agenda

The Council will consider:
1. National Strategy updates and Task Force discussions,
2. Administrative topics, and
3. Public comment and response.

The final agenda will be posted on the Internet at http://www.fws.gov/international/advisory-council-wildlife-trafficking/ as well as at http://www.regulations.gov.

Making an Oral Presentation

Members of the public who want to make an oral presentation in person or by telephone at the meeting will be prompted during the public comment section of the meeting to provide their presentation and/or questions. If you want to make an oral presentation in person or by phone, contact Ms. Christina Meister (FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT).

Obtaining Meeting Minutes

Summary minutes of the meeting will be available on the Council Web site at http://www.fws.gov/international/advisory-council-wildlife-trafficking/ as well as at http://www.regulations.gov.

Submitting Public Comments

You may submit your questions and information by one of the methods listed in ADDRESSES. We request that you send comments by only one of the methods described in ADDRESSES.

If you submit information via the Federal eRulemaking Portal (http://www.regulations.gov), your entire submission—including any personal identifying information—will be posted on the Web site.

If your submission is made via a hardcopy that includes personal identifying information, you may request at the top of your document that we withhold this information from public review. However, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. We will post all hardcopy submissions at http://www.regulations.gov.

Reviewing Public Comments

Comments and materials we receive will be available for public inspection at http://www.regulations.gov. Alternatively, you may view them by appointment during normal business hours at 5275 Leesburg Pike Falls Church, VA 22041–3803. Please contact Ms. Meister (see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT).

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service
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Request for Nominees for the Advisory Council on Wildlife Trafficking

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Request for nominees.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of the Interior (Secretary), after consultation with the Co-Chairs of the Presidential Task Force on Wildlife Trafficking (Task Force), is seeking nominations for individuals to serve on the Advisory Council on Wildlife Trafficking (Council).

DATES: Nominations must be received by September 9, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Send nominations, preferably by email, to Mr. Cade London, Special Assistant, Assistant Director for International Affairs, at acwtnominations@fws.gov. You may also send nominations via U.S. mail to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Attention: Mr. Cade London; 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS: IA; Falls Church, VA 22041–3803.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Christina Meister, International Affairs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, by email at acwtnominations@fws.gov (preferable method of contact); by U.S. mail at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS: IA; Falls Church, VA 22041–3803; by telephone at (703) 358–2284; or by fax at (703) 358–2276.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Council’s Role and Membership

The Council was formed and conducts its operations in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. Appendix). It reports to the Task Force through the Secretary of the Interior or her designee and functions solely as an advisory body. The Council advises and makes recommendations on issues related to combating wildlife trafficking, including, but not limited to:

1. Effective support for anti-poaching activities,
2. Coordinating regional law enforcement efforts,
3. Developing and supporting effective legal enforcement mechanisms, and
4. Developing strategies to reduce illicit trade and reduce consumer demand for illegally traded wildlife, including protected species.

The Council meets approximately 3–4 times annually, and at such time as designated by the Designated Federal Officer.

Members must include knowledgeable individuals from the private sector, former governmental officials, representatives of nongovernmental organizations, and others who are in a position to provide expertise and support to the Task Force. No member of the Council may be an employee of the Federal Government.

Members’ appointments will be for 3-year terms.

Individuals who are federally registered lobbyists are ineligible to serve on all FACA and non-FACA boards, committees, or councils in an individual capacity. The term “individual capacity” refers to individuals who are appointed to exercise their own individual best judgment on behalf of the government, such as when they are designated Special Government Employees, rather than being appointed to represent a particular interest.

Nominating Potential Council Members

The Department of the Interior is now seeking nominations for individuals to be considered as Council members.

Nominations should include a resume providing contact information and an adequate description of the nominee’s qualifications, including information that would enable the Department of the Interior to make an informed decision regarding whether individual nominees meet the membership requirements of the Council.

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