

Delegations of Authority of the Department of Health and Human Services (45 FR 67772-76, dated October 14, 1980, and corrected at 45 FR 69296, October 20, 1980, as amended most recently at 62 FR 46751, dated September 4, 1997) is amended to reflect a change in the official administrative code for the Office of Communication, Centers for Disease Control And Prevention, as published at 62 FR 29142, dated May 29, 1997.

Section C-B, Organization and Functions, is hereby amended as follows:

Following the title for the *Office of Communication*, change the official standard administrative code designation from (CA3) to (CAA).

Following the title for the *Office of the Director, Office of Communication*, change the official standard administrative code designation from (CA31) to (CAA1).

Following the title for the *Division of Health Communication, Office of Communication*, change the official standard administrative code designation from (CA32) to (CAA2).

Following the title for the *Division of Media Relations, Office of Communication*, change the official standard administrative code designation from (CA33) to (CAA3).

Dated: October 7, 1997.

**David Satcher,**

*Director.*

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directions at SAMHSA. Public comments are welcome. Please communicate with the individual listed as Contact below to make arrangements to comment or to request special accommodations for persons with disabilities.

A summary of the meeting and/or a roster of committee members may be obtained from: Pamela M. Perry, Executive Secretary, Advisory Committee for Women's Services, Office for Women's Services, SAMHSA, Parklawn Building, Room 13-99, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857, Telephone: (301) 443-5184.

Substantive information may be obtained from the contact whose name and telephone number is listed below.

*Committee Name:* Advisory Committee for Women's Services.

*Meeting Date(s):* November 17-18, 1997.

*Place:* Versailles I Room, Holiday Inn Hotel—Bethesda, 8120 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

*Open:* November 17: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. November 18: 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

*Contact:* Pamela M. Perry, Room 13-99, Parklawn Building, Telephone (301) 443-5184.

Dated: October 17, 1997.

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Fish and Wildlife Service, 1849 C Street, N.W., Mail Stop 452 ARLSQ, Washington, D.C. 20240.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species (see **ADDRESSES** section) (telephone 703/358-2171).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

The Service adopted guidelines on September 21, 1983 (48 FR 43098), that govern the assignment of priorities to species under consideration for listing as endangered or threatened under section 4 of the Act. The Service adopted those guidelines to establish a rational system for allocating available appropriations to the highest priority species when adding species to the lists of endangered or threatened wildlife and plants or reclassifying threatened species to endangered status. The system places greatest importance on the immediacy and magnitude of threats, but also factors in the level of taxonomic distinctiveness by assigning priority in descending order to monotypic genera, full species, and subspecies (or equivalently, distinct population segments of vertebrates). However, this system does not provide for prioritization among different listing actions such as preliminary determinations, proposed listings, and final listings.

The enactment of Pub. L. 104-6 in April, 1995, rescinded \$1.5 million from the Service's budget for carrying out listing activities through the remainder of FY 1995. Pub. L. 104-6 prohibited the expenditure of the remaining appropriated funds for final determinations to list species or designate critical habitat which, in effect, placed a moratorium on those activities. The net effect of the moratorium and reductions in funding was that the Service's listing program was essentially shut down. The moratorium on final listings and the budget constraints remained in effect until April 26, 1996, when President Clinton approved the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1996 and exercised the authority that the Act gave him to waive the moratorium. At that time, the Service had accrued a backlog of proposed listings for 243 species. The extremely limited funding available to the Service for listing activities generally precluded petition processing and the development of proposed listings from October 1, 1995, through April 26, 1996.

When the moratorium was lifted and funds were appropriated for the administration of the listing program,

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration**

**Office for Women's Services; Notice of Meeting**

Pursuant to Pub. L. 92-463, notice is hereby given of the meeting of the Advisory Committee for Women's Services of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) in November, 1997.

The meeting of the Advisory Committee for Women's Services will include a discussion of and update on policy and program issues relating to women's substance abuse and mental health service needs at SAMHSA, including the SAMHSA fiscal year 1998 budget and reauthorization; women in senior level positions at SAMHSA; gender issues in SAMHSA's managed care activities; FY 98 Knowledge Development and Application Grants; and future women's policy and program

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Extension of Listing Priority Guidance for Fiscal Year 1997**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces an extension of the fiscal year (FY) 1997 guidance for assigning relative priorities to listing actions conducted under section 4 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) (Act). The FY 1997 guidance will remain in effect until the FY 1998 appropriations bill for the Department of the Interior becomes law and new final guidance is published in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** Questions concerning this notice should be submitted to the Chief, Division of Endangered Species, U.S.