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Nominations Requested for the Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group

The Fish and Wildlife Service is seeking nominations to renew the membership of the Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group (Working Group). The Working Group, is a Federal advisory committee chartered by the Secretary of the Interior under provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA - Public Law 92-463). In existence since February 2003, the Working Group gives interested stakeholders an opportunity to provide recommendations on policy, management, and technical subjects regarding the Trinity River Restoration Program to the Trinity Management Council. Specifically, the Working Group provides advice on the effectiveness of management actions in achieving restoration goals, alternative courses of action to achieve those goals, the priority of restoration projects, funding priorities, and other program components.

Nominations should represent a broad cross-section of agencies, organizations, and groups with involvement and interest in the Trinity River that are not otherwise represented on the Trinity Management Council. These interests may include, but are not limited to: recreational and commercial fishermen, commercial and recreational boaters, public and commercial utilities, water contractors and irrigators, foresters and forestry associations, farmers and ranchers, public trust organizations, Native American Tribes, environmental organizations; local, state or Federal agencies, and current residents of the Trinity River basin.

Nominees representing a specific organization should be individuals authorized to speak on behalf of their respective constituent groups. We strongly recommend that nominations on behalf of organizations include an alternate representative in addition to the primary nominee. Nominees and the organizations which they represent must have a demonstrated interest in, and commitment to, implementation of the Trinity River Mainstem Fishery Restoration Record of Decision signed by Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt on December 19, 2000 with the concurrence of the Hoopa Valley Tribal Council. These representatives must also be free from any conflict of interest or financial gain resulting from the Trinity River Restoration Program. A total of up to twenty members with alternates may be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior based on the nominations submitted.

The Fish and Wildlife Service is the lead agency responsible for receiving nominations for membership. Recommendations will be made to the Secretary of the Interior which will result in a balanced committee with a broad-based cross-section of Trinity basin stakeholders.

Nominees will be evaluated based upon the following criteria:

- Knowledge of and association with the Trinity River, its watershed, and related resources.
- Knowledge of and experience in adaptive management.
- Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively with competing interests.

The Working Group usually meets four times a year in the Town of Weaverville in Trinity County. While members serve without compensation, travel and subsistence expenses while attending meetings are reimbursable. Members may also serve on one or more technical subcommittees that have been formed to assist in the operations of the Restoration Program through the Management Council. Upon selection, the Working Group members will elect officers, conduct meetings, make decisions and provide advice based upon the current Charter and Bylaws, and in accordance with FACA guidelines and regulations.

Nominations should be submitted by March 21, 2008 to:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Arcata Fish and Wildlife Office
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Arcata, CA 95521

Nominations should include the following information:

- Name and title or position of the nominee;
- Contact information (mail, e-mail, telephone, fax);
- Name and contact information of nominator (if self-nominated, so indicate);
- Description of the group or interest represented;
- Reasons why nominee should be appointed (not to exceed 2 pages);
- Statement that nominee does not have a conflict of interest or receive financial gain from any group or program associated with the Trinity River Restoration Program;
- Brief resume of nominee (not to exceed 2 pages);
- One letter of reference (for self-nominated individuals only).

Questions concerning the nomination process may be directed to the Fish and Wildlife Service by contacting Vina Frye or Randy Brown; Technical Support Staff and Designated Federal Official, respectively, at (707) 822-7201.

Additional information:

- Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group - <http://www.fws.gov/arcata/fisheries/tamwg.html>
- Trinity Management Council or Trinity River Restoration Program – <http://www.trrp.net>

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