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**MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
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OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH)
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SUBJECT: 2010 Training Workshop for DoD Natural Resources Professionals

Each year, the National Military Fish and Wildlife Association (NMFWA) conducts a Training Workshop for DoD Natural Resources Professionals. This workshop provides an excellent opportunity for DoD personnel specializing in fish and wildlife management to meet and discuss challenges and solutions to managing these resources. It also affords an opportunity for DoD natural resource managers to meet with counterparts from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and State fish and wildlife agencies who work on Sikes Act issues and many other areas of common concern.

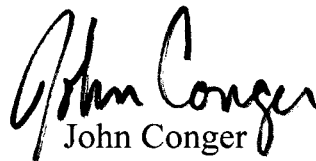
This year's Training Workshop (Agenda attached) will be held on March 22-26, 2010, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in conjunction with the 75th North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference. This year, NMFWA will offer two Legacy-sponsored training events, a half-day Climate Change Tools Workshop for Adapting Management Strategies and a full day Advanced Sikes Act Workshop. A third workshop will explore DoD-Forest Service Partnerships. Additional NMFWA technical presentations will include sessions on DoD and Conservation NGO Partnerships, Bat Conservation, International Migratory Bird Conservation, International Wildlife and Habitat Conservation Initiatives, Wildlife Research Supporting Integrated Natural Resources Management Plans (INRMPs), and INRMP Conservation Tools.

In 2008, the NMFWA began offering certification as a "Certified Military Natural Resources Professional (CMNRP)." This certification provides formal recognition of an employee's education and experience as military natural resources professional. Certification also provides a clear indication that the certified individual recognizes that the primary purpose of DoD land management is to support military training and

readiness. The annual NMFWA training workshop meets CMNRP continuing education requirements.

Additional information on the NMFWA program is available at http://nmfwa.org/2010_Meeting/index.cfm. Information on the North American Conference is at <http://www.wildlifemanagementinstitute.org>.

I would appreciate your support in informing your personnel about this conference and workshop and encouraging appropriate participation. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Peter Boice at 703-604-0524.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Conger". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "John" and "Conger" being capitalized and prominent.

John Conger
Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense
(Installations and Environment)

Attachment:
As stated

2010 Department Of Defense
Natural Resources Training Workshop
March 22 - 26, 2010
Hilton Milwaukee City Center
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Monday, March 22, 2010

Workshop 1 - Climate Change Tools for Adapting Management *Strategies* Workshop

The DoD Legacy Program is sponsoring a *Climate Change Tools for Adapting Management Strategies* workshop from 8:30-12:30 on Monday, March 22, at the 2010 National Military Fish and Wildlife Association (NMFWA) Annual Meeting. This workshop seeks to inform DoD natural resource personnel, as well as range and facilities personnel whose work relates to DoD natural resources issues, about tools that can be used to help adapt management strategies in light of climate change impacts. The workshop's focus will be on describing currently available tools and providing information on how and when to appropriately use them. Specifically, the workshop will:

1. educate DoD natural resources personnel about tools that are, or will soon be, available to help them adapt management activities in light of anticipated climate change impacts;
2. describe how and when to use these various tools; and
3. guide them through the use of these tools.

Invited speakers will provide a diverse look at climate change issues, providing in-depth assessments of the tools available to better handle changes resulting from our changing climate. There will be an opportunity to view posters and displays, as well as interact with speakers at the end of the session. A draft agenda will be available in January.

For more information or to register for this workshop, please contact Alison Dalsimer at DoDNRRConservation@bah.com.

Workshop 2 - DoD / Forest Service Partnership Workshop

DoD and the Forest Service will explore the importance of engaging further in conservation partnerships on diverse landscapes in the nation. Starting with the Forest Service's Northeast Region, NMFWA will host this workshop to update the audience on resource conservation topics of common interest to military installations and national forests including the importance of landscape level partnerships, migratory birds including the Forest Service's Wings Across the Americas program, and the DoD Partners in Flight Program, for such key species as the Kirtland's Warbler; and the importance of pollinators in managing natural resources under military installation INRMPs and Forest Service Management Plans. POC: clayware@fs.fed.us

Tuesday, March 23, 2010

DoD Policy Update

NMFWA Members Meeting

DoD Breakouts

- **Army**
- **Air Force**
- **Navy**
- **Marines**
- **National Guard**

Wednesday, March 24, 2010

Session 1

DoD Natural Resources Conservation Outreach

The DoD Natural Resources Conservation Outreach session will include an overview of conservation outreach tools, supported by the DoD Legacy Program, that are currently available for use by military installations, military commands, and headquarters in promoting the successful DoD natural resources conservation program. The session will segue into an innovative conservation outreach session that looks at alternative futures on a given landscape for military installations dealing with multiple natural resource issues and solutions with partners on that landscape. POC: Jane.Mallory.ctr@osd.mil

Session 2

Cooperative Conservation: DoD and Conservation NGO Partners

As we look across the diverse landscapes in our country in overlaying our conservation missions, many people tend to overlook a key conservation partner, the military, who manage incredible biodiversity and natural resources on their lands. In that overlay of conservation missions in the United States, the Armed Forces represent a significant partner in their stewardship balanced with their military mission. Conservation non-governmental organizations (NGO's), such as The Nature Conservancy and Bat Conservation International (BCI), play a key role in partnerships with the Department of Defense and other partners, in supporting DoD's conservation program in high diversity landscapes. By the very nature of military training and testing, the military manages millions of acres in the nation that includes landscape level conservation efforts. Conservation NGOs can provide important partnership efforts inside and outside the military installation fence-line to help protect military readiness and to sustain natural resources and economic drivers across diverse landscapes. How do these key conservation NGOs work with the military and other partners in landscape level conservation efforts? How do these NGOs work with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and State fish and game agencies to leverage conservation priorities among military installations and other partners at the landscape level?

Let us look at three overviews presented by our panel today as we explore the DoD conservation NGO's role in partnerships. POC: bbarnes@tnc.org

Session 3

Bat Conservation

This session will focus on bat conservation issues that military installations and landscape partners and land managers are facing together such as the white-nosed syndrome (WNS) that is affecting millions of bats in the northeast United States. Concerns about WNS spreading across the nation to the west will require even more partnership efforts with DoD, USFWS, BCI, states, tribes, academia, and other stakeholders in seeking conservation and management solutions together. Multiple, large military ranges in the west include several caves and abandoned mines that are key bat roosts for several species. Session speakers will address different aspects of the WNS issue and solutions, adaptive monitoring, conservation needs and partnerships. POC: Trish.Griffin@us.army.mil

Herpetology (Working Group Meeting)

Meeting will share information, enhance knowledge and technical capabilities, and increase awareness and appreciation regarding the management of herpetile species (amphibians and reptiles) on U.S. military lands and waters. This year's meeting will include a discussion with Partners in Amphibians and Reptile Conservation (PARC) representatives. POC: James.Asmus@usmc.mil

Climate Change (Discussion of potential for Working Group)

Organizational meeting.

Thursday, March 25, 2010

Session 1

International Military Conservation Session 1

International Migratory Bird Conservation on military installations. POC: Richard.A.Fischer@usace.army.mil

Session 2

International Military Conservation Session 2

This session will discuss international wildlife and habitat conservation initiatives in different continents with military interest. POC: hallhealy@aol.com

Session 3

Wildlife Research Providing INMRP Support

This session will discuss DoD wildlife research and monitoring tools that support military installations missions and INRMP implementation. POC: Richard.A.Fischer@usace.army.mil

DoD Partners in Flight (Meeting)

New DoD PIF Strategic Plan, Coordinated Bird Monitoring, etc. POC: ceberly@dodpif.org

BASH (Meeting)

Bird Air Strike Hazard (BASH) Group Installations with airfields and air operations strive to preserve of war fighting capabilities through the reduction of wildlife hazards to aircraft operations. Meeting will focus on information sharing. POC: Matt.Klope@navy.mil

Bat (Working Group Meeting)

The NMFWA Bat Working Group will meet to share information and discuss current research and management actions relevant to military installations. Topics will include bat survey methods, habitat management, bat exclusion needs, and education and awareness programs. Special concerns with threatened and endangered species will be addressed. POC: Trish.Griffin@us.army.mil

NMFWA Guest Speaker – Curt Meine

POC: David Beckmann, Fort McCoy WI, David.Beckmann1@us.army.mil

Friday, March 26, 2010

Session 1

INRMP Conservation Tools

POC: ripley@powerc.net

Session 2

Camp Ripley INRMP & ACUB in Action

This session will introduce the audience to the award-winning Camp Ripley natural resources program and the complementing ACUB. How do you implement an active INRMP that supports a changing mission while seeking to engage a landscape partnership through the Army Compatible Use Program? Our session speakers will present an overview of both the INRMP and the ACUB for Camp Ripley. POC: Jay.Brezinka1@us.army.mil

Invasive Species (Working Group Meeting)

The intent of the meeting is to relate the current status of the working group and to discuss lessons learned from the management of invasive species at several installations. Future plans for the group will also be addressed at the meeting.

Co-Chairs: Taura Huxley and Alison Dalsimer

Fish and Wildlife Recreation (Working Group Meeting)

TBD. Chair: Ray Rainbolt, Fort Drum NY, raymond.e.rainbolt@us.army.mil

Program Chair: Steve Helfert, DoD Liaison, USFWS, steve_helfert@fws.gov