

Office of the Secretary

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PROPOSED SAN FRANCISCO BAY
NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGEAvailability of Draft Environmental
Statement

Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, Public Law 91-190, the Department of the Interior has prepared a draft environmental statement for the Proposed San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge, California, and invites written comments within 45 days of this notice.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior proposes to acquire 23,000 acres of land in the south San Francisco Bay region, Alameda, San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties, to be included in a National Wildlife Refuge for the protection of Fish and Wildlife and to provide opportunities for wildlife oriented recreation within the open space. As part of this proposal certain acquired salt ponds would be reserved to Leslie Salt Company under an Easement Agreement with the right to continue producing salt therein by the solar evaporation process.

Copies of the draft statement are available for inspection at the following locations:

Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1500 Plaza Building, 1500 NE, Irving Street, P.O. Box 3737, Portland, Oregon 97208.

Refuge Manager, San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge, 3840 Peralta Boulevard, Fremont, California 94586.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Wildlife Refuges, Room 2343, 18th & C Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240.

Single copies may be obtained by writing the Environmental Impact Statement Coordinator, Division of Wildlife Refuges, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240.

STANLEY D. DOREMUS,
Deputy Assistant
Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

ANIMAL WELFARE

Meeting

• *Purpose.* The purpose of this document is to give notice of a public meeting concerning proposed rulemaking under the Animal Welfare Act Amendments of 1976. •

Notice is hereby given of a public meeting to be held by the Department of Agriculture for the purpose of soliciting views and comments from interested individuals, representatives of industry, organizations, and government agencies, relating to the preparation of proposed rulemaking under the Animal Welfare

Act Amendments of 1976 (Public Law 94-279), relating to the humane care and treatment of warmblooded animals.

The public meeting will be held in the Heritage Room of the Adult Education Center, University of Maryland, Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland, on October 13, 1976, beginning at 10:00 a.m. and continuing until approximately 4:30 p.m.

The agenda is as follows:

AGENDA (OCTOBER 13, 1976)

Time:	Topic
10 a.m.----	Welcoming remarks. (Purpose: To officially welcome participants and to discuss subjects to be covered.)
10:20 a.m.---	Standards (In Transit) for animals transported by commercial carriers and intermediate handlers.
	Noon recess.
1 p.m.-----	Standards (In Transit) continued.
2 p.m.-----	Standards (Terminal Facilities) for animals transported by commercial carriers and intermediate handlers.
4:30 p.m.---	Adjournment.

Written statements concerning these matters may be filed with the Department on or before October 23, 1976. Anyone who wishes to file a statement or who has further questions may file such statements with or contact Dr. Dale Schwindaman, Senior Staff Veterinarian, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Veterinary Services, Animal Care Staff, Room 767A, Federal Building, Hyattsville, MD 20782, telephone number Area Code (301) 436-8271.

All written submissions made pursuant to this notice will be made available for public inspection at the Federal Building, 6505 Belcrest Road, Room 768, Hyattsville, Maryland during regular hours of business (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, except holidays) in a manner convenient to the public business (7 CFR 1.127(b)).

Dated: September 16, 1976.

J. M. HEJL,
Deputy Administrator,
Veterinary Services.

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HORSE PROTECTION ACT
AMENDMENTS OF 1976

Meeting

• *Purpose.* The purpose of this document is to give notice of a public meeting concerning proposed rulemaking under the Horse Protection Act amendments of 1976. •

Notice is hereby given of a public meeting to be held by the Department of Agriculture for the purpose of soliciting views and comments from interested individuals, representatives of the horse industry, horse show managements, humane organizations, and government agencies, relating to the preparation of proposed rulemaking under the Horse Protection Act Amendments of 1976

(Public Law 94-360), concerning the matters listed below.

The public meeting will be held in the Heritage Room of the Adult Education Center, University of Maryland, Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland, on October 14, 1976, beginning at 10:00 a.m. and continuing until approximately 4:00 p.m.

The agenda is as follows:

AGENDA (OCTOBER 14, 1976)

Time:	Topic
10 a.m.----	Welcoming remarks. (Purpose: To officially welcome participants and to outline subjects to be covered.)
10:20 a.m.---	Designating Qualified Persons to detect sore horses: Criteria for establishing qualifications by Secretary.
	Noon recess.
1 p.m.-----	Recordkeeping and reporting requirements.
2:30 p.m.---	Detention and Seizure.
3:30 p.m.---	Action Device and equipment changes.
4 p.m.-----	Adjournment.

Written statements concerning these matters may be filed with the Department on or before October 24, 1976. Anyone who wishes to file a statement or who has further questions may file such statements with or contact Dr. Dale Schwindaman, Senior Staff Veterinarian, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Veterinary Services, Animal Care Staff, Room 769, Federal Building, 6505 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, MD 20782, telephone number Area Code (301) 436-8271.

All written statements made pursuant to this notice will be made available for public inspection at the Federal Building, 6505 Belcrest Road, Room 769, Hyattsville, MD, during regular hours of business (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays) in a manner convenient to the public business (7 CFR 1.27(b)).

Dated: September 16, 1976.

J. M. HEJL,
Deputy Administrator,
Veterinary Services.

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Farmers Home Administration

[Notice of Designation Number A374]

OKLAHOMA

Designation of Emergency Areas

The Secretary of Agriculture has determined that farming, ranching, or aquaculture operations have been substantially affected in Nowata County, Oklahoma, as a result of excessive rainfall occurring on July 3 and 4, 1976.

Therefore, the Secretary has designated this area as eligible for emergency loans pursuant to the provisions of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, as amended by Public Law 94-68, and the provisions of 7 CFR 1832.3 (b) including the recommendation of Governor David L. Boren that such designation be made.