

Just found out you're in charge over there now - congrats.

Please see the message below.

Thanks,

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Subject: Goose Management

EA/ Consultation w/ NMFS

Good morning Ira,

As you probably know, we (NPS & DC) are working w/USDA/Wildlife Services on an EA for Resident Canada Goose Management in Anacostia Park

As part of the NEPA process, we need to check w/ FWS and NMFS regarding the presence of RTE species (terrestrial & aquatic respectively) and ascertain from them if RTE species are present and if so do our proposed activities require consultation under Section 7 of the ESA.

I have already informally contacted the FWS regarding the terrestrial species on NPS land, and sent them a map & brief description of or proposed

project. We don't have jurisdiction over the waters of the Anacostia, and so would like you guys to deal w/ NMFS. I think that the same information sent to FWS would be appropriate for NMFS - and am sending it to you separately for your review.

My contact at NMFS is Marta Nammack, (301)713-1401 x180  
<Marta.Nammack@noaa.gov>.

Please keep me in the loop on correspondence w/ NMFS, as I am keeping the administrative record for this process.

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January 6, 2010

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National Park Service  
National Capital Parks East  
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*RE: Anacostia Park Wetlands Management Plan with resident Goose Management Strategies,  
Anacostia Park Washington DC*

Dear: Stephen W. Syphax

This responds to your letter, received December 29, 2009, requesting information on the presence of species which are federally listed or proposed for listing as endangered or threatened in the above referenced project area. We have reviewed the information you enclosed and are providing comments in accordance with section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Except for occasional transient individuals, no proposed or federally listed endangered or threatened species are known to exist within the project impact area. Therefore, no Biological Assessment or further section 7 consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is required. Should project plans change, or should additional information on the distribution of listed or proposed species become available, this determination may be reconsidered.

This response relates only to federally protected threatened or endangered species under our jurisdiction. Limited information is currently available regarding the distribution of other rare species in the District of Columbia. However, the Nature Conservancy and National Park Service (NPS) have initiated an inventory of rare species within the District. For further information on such rare species, you should contact Mary Pfaffko of the National Park Service at (202)-535-1739.

Effective August 8, 2007, under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) removed (delist) the bald eagle in the lower 48 States of the United States from the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife. However, the bald eagle will still be protected by the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, Lacey Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. As a result, starting on August 8,

2007, if your project may cause "disturbance" to the bald eagle, please consult the "National Bald Eagle Management Guidelines" dated May 2007.

If any planned or ongoing activities cannot be conducted in compliance with the National Bald Eagle Management Guidelines (Eagle Management Guidelines), please contact the Chesapeake Bay Ecological Services Field Office at 410-573-4573 for technical assistance. The Eagle Management Guidelines can be found at:

**<http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/issues/BaldEagle/NationalBaldEagleManagementGuidelines.pdf>**.

In the future, if your project can not avoid disturbance to the bald eagle by complying with the Eagle Management Guidelines, you will be able to apply for a permit that authorizes the take of bald and golden eagles under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, generally where the take to be authorized is associated with otherwise lawful activities. This proposed permit process will not be available until the Service issues a final rule for the issuance of these take permits under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act.

An additional concern of the Service is wetlands protection. Federal and state partners of the Chesapeake Bay Program have adopted an interim goal of no overall net loss of the Basin's remaining wetlands, and the long term goal of increasing the quality and quantity of the Basin's wetlands resource base. Because of this policy and the functions and values wetlands perform, the Service recommends avoiding wetland impacts. All wetlands within the project area should be identified, and if alterations of wetlands is proposed, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, should be contacted for permit requirements. They can be reached at (410) 962-3670.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide information relative to fish and wildlife issues, and thank you for your interests in these resources. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact Devin Ray at (410) 573-4531.

Sincerely,



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GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE  
OFFICE OF PLANNING



February 1, 2010

Mr. Stephen Syphax  
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RE: Environmental Impact Statement for Anacostia Park Wetlands Management Plan with  
Resident Goose Management Strategies, Anacostia Park

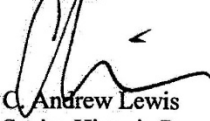
Dear Mr. Syphax:

Thank you for contacting the DC State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) regarding the above-referenced undertaking. We have reviewed the project information in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and are writing to provide our initial comments regarding effects on historic properties.

As you are aware, Anacostia Park has been determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places and the DC Inventory of Historic Sites. Therefore, we look forward to reviewing the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and to assisting the National Park Service in its efforts to avoid, minimize or mitigate any adverse effects on historic properties that may result from the wetlands management plan and resident goose management strategies.

If you should have any questions or comments regarding this matter, please contact me at [andrew.lewis@dc.gov](mailto:andrew.lewis@dc.gov) or 202-442-8841. Otherwise, we thank you for providing this opportunity to comment and we look forward to receiving the EIS as soon as it becomes available.

Sincerely,



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