

CONSERVATION CROSSFEED

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DOD APPOINTED AS SITTING MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Under the direction of the new Chairman of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (Council), Mr. John L. Nau, III, the Council has been reorganized effective 4 Mar 02. Chairman John Nau has reorganized the Council's existing members and staff into three major program areas: (1) Preservation Initiatives, (2) Federal Agency Programs, and (3) Communications, Education, and Outreach. The goal of the reorganization is to better meet all needs of the historic preservation community and the Nation (see <http://www.achp.gov/news-mtg2-02.html>.) **The most significant change affecting the Department of Defense (DOD) is the appointment of the Secretary of the Department of Defense (DOD) to the Council.** On 20 Feb 02, President Bush signed an order (not an Executive Order) formally designating the DOD as a member of the Council. The Secretary of Defense's (Hon. Donald H. Rumsfeld) designee is Mr. Philip W. Grone, Principal Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Installations and Environment). Previously the DOD was an observer on the Council and now replaces HUD (Originally designated in a Council member in a presidential order dated 17 Oct 97, HUD's appointment was revoked by another presidential order issued the same day.). The appointment of DOD was requested by Chairman Nau and reflects the concern and interest DOD has regarding historic properties. DOD assumed its seat on the Council at the Council's 1 Mar 02 meeting. For more information contact Julia Cantrell at DSN 240-3515 or by e-mail at Julia.Cantrell@brooks.af.mil.

HOUSE ARMED SERVICES APPROVES ESA, MBTA EXEMPTIONS

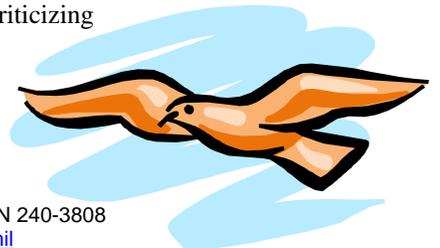
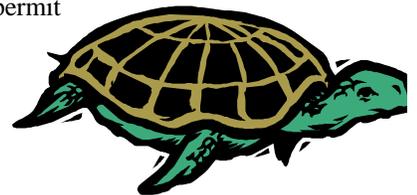
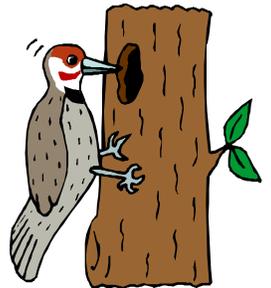
The House Armed Services Committee last week approved exemptions from the Endangered Species Act and Migratory Bird Treaty Act for the military.

If the language is ultimately approved by both Houses of Congress and signed by President Bush, as part of the Defense Authorization bill for fiscal 2003, the Fish and Wildlife Service would no longer be able to designate critical habitat on military installations where an Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan is in place.

According to Military Readiness Subcommittee Chairman Joel Hefley (R-Colo.), "we have included an amendment to the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to permit the Fish and Wildlife Service to issue a permit to the Department for the accidental taking of migratory birds incidental to authorized military readiness activities."

It's not clear when the full House will begin considering the legislation.

<http://www.house.gov/hasc/pressreleases/2002/02-05-01hefley.html> Hefley statement
<http://www.eswr.com/dodcololet.pdf> Letter from Attorney General Ken Salazar to Hefley criticizing proposal
<http://www.dcd.uscourts.gov/00-3044a.pdf> Injunction issued halting Navy training at Farallon de Medinilla in the Pacific



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NOW SHOWING: WILDLIFE CONSERVATION PHOTOGRAPHS ON INTERNET

Anyone who has ever looked for a picture of an eagle, a duck, or just a kid fishing, can now find what they need in over 2000 photographs now available via the Internet from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. This unique collection of photographs is dedicated solely to fish and wildlife, wildlands, and wildlife conservation efforts. The copyright-free images have been digitized and loaded into a searchable database and are available for downloading in high and low resolutions from the new web site: images.fws.gov/



The pictures include a comprehensive collection of waterfowl and wildlife species, as well as shots of wildlife habitats. The library also includes unique images of wildlife management and scientific field activities involving a wide variety of species.



The site is searchable by subject, location, photographer, and the results appear in a grouping of low-resolution thumbnail shots linked to higher resolution files suitable for high quality printing in nominal sizes. The lower resolution is scanned at 150 dots per inch (dpi) suitable for a 5x7 print, and the bigger file is around 400 dpi and capable delivering up to an 8x10 format.



For a number of years the Service has made prints and slides of photos available to the news media, publishers, and teachers and students in order to assist with news stories and projects dealing with wildlife. "Making these collections available via the Internet will provide better public service and will be more economical and efficient than distributing hard copies of photos," said Robyn Thorson, Assistant Director of External Affairs for the Service.

UPCOMING EVENTS 2002

Jun 2-7: Society of Wetland Scientists Conference, Lake Placid NY. For details: www.sws.org

Jun 17-21: DoD Conservation Conference – Encroachment, Tucson AZ. Go to website for reservations -- <http://web.dandp.com/conservation/>.

Aug 4-9: Society of Ecological Restoration (SER) and Ecological Society of America (ESA) Joint Conference, Tucson AZ. Details: www.esa.org/Tucson/ or www.ser.org/

Planning for '02 training

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