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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Seeks Public Comment on Mosquito Management Plan and Environmental Assessment for San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is asking the public to provide input on a Draft Mosquito Management Plan and Environmental Assessment for the San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge, part of the San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge Complex. The draft plan proposes several alternatives for managing mosquito populations on the Refuge, which is located in parts of Sonoma, Solano, and Napa Counties.

“Input from the public will be critical in helping us select an effective and environmentally responsible approach to mosquito management that is consistent with the mission of the Refuge,” said Winnie Chan, refuge planner for the complex.

The draft plan seeks to balance concerns about public health and the health of bird populations threatened by mosquito-borne diseases with the need to protect plants, fish and other wildlife on the Refuge. Specifically, the draft plan looks to minimize potential negative impacts of mosquito control strategies on refuge species.

Public input on the draft plan will be accepted until October 18, 2010. The document can be obtained at <http://www.fws.gov/cno/refuges/SanPablo/SanPablo.cfm> or by contacting Winnie Chan at sfbaynwrc@fws.gov or (510) 792-0222, Ext. 145.

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