

# News Release



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## **Service postpones Wildlife Trafficking Advisory Council Meeting due to Federal Government lapse in appropriations**

Because of the lapse in appropriations that has caused the federal government shutdown, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) today announced that Wildlife Trafficking Advisory Council meeting scheduled for October 21, 2013 is postponed because the Service cannot meet the logistical requirements to support the meeting. Decisions about rescheduling the meeting will be made when employees return to work. The new date will be announced via the *Federal Register*.

The Advisory Council, called for by a Presidential Executive Order in July, is tasked with making recommendations to the Administration and providing it with ongoing advice and assistance on the issue of illegal wildlife trafficking.

Members of the Council represent areas of expertise to include law enforcement and criminal justice, wildlife biology and conservation, finance and trade, communications and public relations, economic development, and international relations and diplomacy.

Additional information will be available at [www.DOI.gov/shutdown](http://www.DOI.gov/shutdown).

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