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MEDIA ADVISORY

**National Pollinator Week, June 24-30, 2007
NEWS HIGHLIGHTS – Washington, DC**

Washington, DC – The following are the highlights for news related events in Washington, D.C. during the first ever National Pollinator Week, June 24-30:

Dr. E.O. Wilson, Pulitzer-Prize-winning scientist, will deliver the keynote lecture for National Pollinator Week. He will focus on the international problem of declining populations of both wild and managed pollinators, both of which are vital to our food supply and ecosystem health.

Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns, who issued the proclamation for National Pollinator Week last fall, will speak at the U.S. Postal Service First Day of Issuance Ceremony for the *Pollination* stamp series, to be held at the USDA.

The **House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans** will hold an oversight hearing focusing on how pollinators help maintain healthy ecosystems on the nation's public lands. The witness list will be posted at <http://resourcescommittee.house.gov/hearings/hearingdetail.aspx?NewsID=110>.

Dr. May Berenbaum, head of the University of Illinois Department of Entomology and Chair of the National Academy of Sciences Pollinator Study Panel, will be the featured speaker at a hill seminar sponsored by the National Coalition for Food and Agricultural Research.

The **Department of Defense**, the **Natural Resources Conservation Service**, and the **Bureau of Land Management** will sign MOU's with the Coevolution Institute, which coordinates National Pollinator Week and manages the North American Pollinator Protection Campaign (www.nappc.org). The resulting agreements represent dialogue concerning over a billion acres of land.

National Pollinator Week By Date / Contact:

Monday, June 25

National C-FAR Hill Seminar—“*The Birds & the Bees & the GNP*”

Date: Monday, June 25

Time: 12:30 p.m.

Venue: 1320 Longworth House Office Building

Contact: Tom Van Arsdall (540) 785-0949 tom@vanarsdall.com

Tuesday, June 26

Department of Defense -- Coevolution Institute/NAPPC MOU signing

Date: Tuesday, June 26

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Venue: Pentagon

Contact: Chris Isleib (703) 695-6294 Chris.Isleib@osd.mil

House Natural Resources Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans Subcommittee Hearing—“The Birds and the Bees—How Pollinators Help Maintain Healthy Ecosystems”

Date: Tuesday, June 26

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Venue: 1324 Longworth House Office Building

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Natural Resources Committee Communications (202) 225-6065

Wednesday, June 27

Pollinators: An In-Depth Look—Lecture with question and answer session with E.O. Wilson

Date: Wednesday, June 27

Time: 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Venue: Kaiser Family Foundation Public Affairs Center (1330 G Street, NW)

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VIP Reception: A Celebration of Pollinators and Professor E.O. Wilson / NRCS – Coevolution Institute/NAPPC MOU Signing

Date: Wednesday, June 27

Time: 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Venue: USDA Whitten Patio

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Thursday, June 28

Unveiling of the U.S. Forest Service Information Center Pollination and Wildflower Exhibit

Date: Thursday, June 28

Time: 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Venue: U.S. Forest Service Visitors' Center, 1400 Independence Ave., SW

Contact: John Heil, Office of Communications, (202) 205-1778 jheil@fs.fed.us

Bureau of Land Management – Coevolution Institute/NAPPC MOU Signing

Date: Thursday, June 28

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Venue: Department of the Interior Main Office, (1849 C St., NW, Room 5655)

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Friday, June 29

U.S. Postal Service First Day of Issuance Celebration for *Pollination* Stamp Series

Date: Friday, June 29

Time: 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Venue: USDA Whitten Patio

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Pending Legislation:

Pollinator Habitat Protection Act (S. 1496), Senator Max Baucus

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Pollinator Protection Act (H.R. 1709), Rep. Alcee Hastings

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Pollinator Protection Act (to be introduced during National Pollinator Week), Senator Barbara Boxer

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The mission of the Coevolution Institute is to catalyze stewardship of biodiversity. CoE facilitates the North American Pollinator Protection Campaign (NAPPC), a tri-national collaboration working to promote awareness and scientific understanding of pollinators; gather, organize and disseminate information about pollinators; provide a forum to identify and discuss pollinator issues; and promote projects, initiatives and activities that enhance pollinators. For more information about NAPPC, go to <http://www.nappc.org>.

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