

Pacific American Income Shares Announces Renaming of Fund to Western Asset Income Fund and Announces Dividend Policy Change

February 11, 2005 -- Pacific American Income Shares, Inc. (NYSE: PAI) announced today that its Board of Directors has approved the following:

- The renaming of the Fund to Western Asset Income Fund, subject to shareholder approval on May 10, 2005, and;
- A change in the dividend policy from quarterly to monthly dividend distributions.

The changes to the Fund name and dividend policy are expected to be effective by July 2005.

Pacific American Income Shares, Inc. is a closed-end investment company listed on the New York Stock Exchange that invests predominantly in a diversified portfolio of debt securities. Its investment adviser, Western Asset Management Company, is a subsidiary of Legg Mason, Inc. Western Asset Management Company has managed the Fund since its inception in March 1973 and was recently named 2004 Fixed-Income Manager of the Year by Morningstar.

For shareholder related questions, please contact Western Asset Management Company at (877) 844-8800.

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