

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4263-N-89]

Submission for OMB Review: Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: Comments due date: April 6, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments must be received within thirty (30) days from the date of this Notice. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval number and should be sent to: Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., OMB Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, Southwest, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-1305. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of the proposed forms and other available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Mr. Eddins.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department has submitted the proposal for the collection of information, as described below, to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

The Notice lists the following information: (1) the title of the information collection proposal; (2) the office of the agency to collect the information; (3) the OMB approval number, if applicable; (4) the description of the need for the information and its proposed use; (5) the agency form number, if applicable; (6) what members of the public will be affected by the proposal; (7) how frequently information submissions will be required; (8) an estimate of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information submission including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response; (9) whether the proposal is new, an extension, reinstatement, or revision of

an information collection requirement; and (10) the names and telephone numbers of an agency official familiar with the proposal and of the OMB Desk Officer for the Department.

Authority: Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 35, as amended.

Dated: February 26, 1998.

David S. Cristy,
Director, IRM Policy and Management Division.

Title of Proposal: Periodical Estimate for Partial Payment and Related Schedules.

Office: Public and Indian Housing.
OMB Approval Number: 2577-0025.
Description of the Need for the Information and its Proposed Use: The Periodical Estimate for Partial Payment and related schedules are submitted monthly to the public housing agency (PHA) by a general contractor. The forms are used to establish the amount due on the project from a PHA for work completed during the current month.

Form Number: HUD-5001, 51002, 51003, and 51004.

Respondents: State or Local Governments and Non-Profit Institutions.

Frequency of Submission: Monthly and Recordkeeping.

Reporting Burden:

	Number of respondents	×	Frequency of response	×	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
HUD-51001	12		145		3.5		6,090
HUD-51002	10		145		1		1,450
HUD-51003	36		145		1.5		7,830
HUD-51004	12		145		2.5		4,350
Recordkeeping	1,740		1		.25		435

Total Estimated Burden Hours: 20,155.

Status: Reinstatement, no changes.
Contact: William C. Thorson, HUD, (202) 708-4703, Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., OMB, (202) 395-7316.

Dated: February 26, 1998.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

Invitation for Proposals

SUMMARY: The Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council is asking the public, private organizations, and government agencies to submit proposals for restoration of resources and services injured by the Exxon Valdez oil spill. The Invitation to Submit Restoration

Proposals for Federal Fiscal Year 1999, a booklet explaining the process, is available from the Trustee Council office.

DATES: Proposals are due April 15, 1998, at 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council, 645 "G" Street, Suite 401, Anchorage, Alaska 99501-3451.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Restoration Office, (907) 278-8012 or toll free at (800) 478-7745 (in Alaska) or (800) 283-7745 (outside Alaska).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Following the Exxon Valdez oil spill in March 1989, a Trustee Council of three state and three federal trustees, including the Secretary of the Interior, was formed. The Trustee Council prepared a restoration plan for the injured resources and services within the oil spill area. The restoration plan calls for annual work plans identifying projects

to accomplish restoration. Each year proposals for restoration projects are solicited from a variety of organizations, including the public.

Dated: February 26, 1998.

Willie R. Taylor,
Director, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Receipt of Applications for Permit

The following applicants have applied for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of

1973, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*):

PRT-839607

Applicant: Franz Metz, Hobe Sound, FL.

The applicant requests a permit to import a sport-hunted cheetah (*Acinonyx jubatus*) trophy from Namibia for the purpose of enhancement to the survival of the species.

PRT-839405

Applicant: The Cincinnati Zoo, Cincinnati, OH.

The applicant requests a permit to import 4 wild-caught cheetahs (*Acinonyx jubatus*) from Namibia for the purpose of captive propagation.

PRT-839842

Applicant: Michael A. Passaglia, Yuba City, CA.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

The public is invited to comment on the following applications for permits to conduct certain activities with marine mammals. The applications were submitted to satisfy requirements of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing marine mammals (50 CFR 18).

PRT-770191

Applicant: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Jacksonville, FL.

Permit Type: Enhancement.

Name and Number of Animals: West Indian manatee (*Trichechus manatus*), unlimited.

Summary of Activity to be Authorized: The applicant requests renewal and amendment to the enhancement permit for recovery, rehabilitation and release of West Indian manatees (*Trichechus manatus*). To reduce space constraints at Florida facilities, the applicant has requested an amendment to the permit that would allow for the temporary transfer of manatees to facilities outside of Florida for continued rehabilitation. Authorization for incidental public display with an appropriate education program at the out-of-state facilities is requested as is currently allowed for in-state facilities.

Source of Marine Mammals: Florida.

Period of Activity: Up to 5 years from issuance date of permit, if issued.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the

Office of Management Authority is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and the Committee of Scientific Advisors for their review.

PRT-839518

Applicant: John Kloosterman, Tucson, AZ.

The applicant requests a permit to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy taken prior to April 30, 1994, from the Baffin Bay polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

Written data or comments, requests for copies of the complete application, or requests for a public hearing on this application should be sent to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203, telephone 703/358-2104 or fax 703/358-2281 and must be received within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice. Anyone requesting a hearing should give specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate. The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Director.

Documents and other information submitted with the application are available for review, *subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act*, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the above address on or before April 6, 1998.

Dated: February 27, 1998.

MaryEllen Amtower,

Acting Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Proposed Listing Priority Guidance for Fiscal Years 1998 and 1999

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces proposed guidance for assigning relative priorities to listing actions conducted under section 4 of the Endangered Species Act (Act) during fiscal year (FY) 1998 and FY 1999. Although the Service is returning to a more balanced listing program, serious backlogs remain and a method of prioritizing among the various activities is necessary. Highest

priority will be processing emergency listing rules for any species determined to face a significant and imminent risk to its well being. Second priority will be processing final determinations on proposed additions to the lists of endangered and threatened wildlife and plants; the processing of new proposals to add species to the lists; the processing of administrative petition findings to add species to the lists, delist species, or reclassify listed species (petitions filed under section 4 of the Act); and a limited number of delisting and reclassifying actions. Processing of proposed or final designations of critical habitat will be accorded the lowest priority.

DATES: Comments on this guidance will be accepted until April 6, 1998. The FY 1997 Listing Priority Guidance (extended on October 23, 1997) will remain in effect until the Final FY 1998 and FY 1999 guidance is published.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding this guidance should be addressed to the Chief, Division of Endangered Species, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1849 C Street, N.W., Mailstop ARLSQ-452, Washington, D.C. 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 703-358-2171 (see **ADDRESSES** section).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Service adopted guidelines on September 21, 1983 (48 FR 43098-43105), that govern the assignment of priorities to species under consideration for listing as endangered or threatened under section 4 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The Service adopted those guidelines to establish a rational system for allocating available appropriations to the highest priority species when adding species to the lists of endangered or threatened wildlife and plants or reclassifying threatened species to endangered status. The system places greatest importance on the immediacy and magnitude of threats, but also factors in the level of taxonomic distinctiveness by assigning priority in descending order to monotypic genera, full species, and subspecies (or equivalently, distinct population segments of vertebrates). However, this system does not provide for prioritization among different types of listing actions such as preliminary determinations, proposed listings, and final listings.

Serious backlogs of listing actions resulted from the 1995 funding