

**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

24 CFR Part 901

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**Notice of Extension of Public
Comment Period on Public Housing
Assessment System Proposed Rule**

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, and Office of the Director of the Real Estate Assessment Center, HUD.

ACTION: Proposed rule; Notice of extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: On June 30, 1998, HUD published a proposed rule that establishes a new system for the assessment of public housing—the new Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS). The public comment period on the proposed rule was scheduled to end July 30, 1998. This notice extends the public comment period on the PHAS proposed rule to August 13, 1998.

DATES: *Comment Due Date:* August 13, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this interim rule to the Regulations Division, Office of General Counsel, Room 10276, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410. Communications should refer to the above docket number and title. Facsimile (FAX) comments are *not* acceptable. A copy of each communication submitted will be available for public inspection and copying between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. weekdays at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information contact the Real Estate Assessment Center, Attention: William Thorson, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 4900 L'Enfant Plaza East, SW, Room 8204, Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 755-0102 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access that number via TTY by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 30, 1998 (63 FR 35672), HUD published a proposed rule that establishes a new system for the assessment of public housing—the new Public Housing

Assessment System (PHAS). The rule provides for the assessment of the physical condition, financial health, management, and resident services of public housing.

The public comment period on the PHAS proposed rule was scheduled to end July 30, 1998. A number of public housing agencies have requested additional time to submit their comments. Accordingly, the Department has decided to extend the public comment period on the PHAS proposed rule to August 13, 1998.

Dated: July 28, 1998.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

36 CFR Part 242

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

50 CFR Part 100

**Northwest Arctic Federal Subsistence
Regional Advisory Council Meeting;
Subsistence Management Regulations
for Public Lands in Alaska**

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA; Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice informs the public of the Regional Council meeting identified above. The public is invited to attend and observe meeting proceedings. In addition, the public is invited to provide oral testimony before the Northwest Arctic Advisory Council on a Special Action request to change Subsistence Management Regulations for Public Lands in Alaska for the 1998-99 regulatory year as set forth in a final rule on June 29, 1998 (63 FR 35332-35381). The Regional Council will receive testimony and will consider a request opening sheep hunting in Unit 23 in northwest Alaska and closing Federal lands in the same area to non-qualified subsistence users.

DATES: The Federal Subsistence Board announces the forthcoming public meeting of the Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council. The

Northwest Arctic Regional Council will meet in Kotzebue, AK on July 29, 1998, at 1 p.m. in the Alaska Technical Center.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Chair, Federal Subsistence Board, c/o Thomas H. Boyd, Office of Subsistence Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, (907) 786-3888. For questions related to subsistence management issues on National Forest Service lands, inquiries may also be directed to Ken Thompson, Regional Subsistence Program Manager, USDA, Forest Service, Alaska Region, (907) 271-2540.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Regional Councils have been established in accordance with Section 805 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, Pub. L. 96-487, and Subsistence Management Regulations for Public Lands in Alaska, 36 CFR part 242 and 50 CFR part 100, subparts A, B, and C (57 FR 22940-22964). The Regional Councils advise the Federal Government on all matters related to the subsistence taking of fish and wildlife on public lands in Alaska and operate in accordance with provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

The Northwest Arctic Regional Council meeting will be open to the public. The public is invited to attend this meeting, observe the proceedings, and provide comments to the Regional Council.

This document provides less than the required 15 days notice. However, under the proposal just received, the opening date for the hunt and the proposed closure of public lands to non-Federally qualified users would take effect August 1. Thus, in order to provide the Regional Council and the public an opportunity to comment on this proposal before Board action and for the Board to act in a timely manner on this proposal, the Board finds good cause under 41 CFR 101-6.1015(b)(2) to conduct the meeting with less than 15 days notice. Additional notice of the meeting will be placed in local papers and broadcast on local radio and television stations.

Dated: July 24, 1998.

Ken Thompson,

Acting Regional Forester, USDA-Forest Service.

Thomas H. Boyd,

Acting Chair, Federal Subsistence Board.

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