

had been filed by the Corps for modification 5 to enhancement permit 895. Modification 5 to permit 895 was issued to the Corps on January 28, 1999. Permit 895 authorizes the Corps annual direct takes of juvenile, endangered, SnR sockeye salmon; juvenile, threatened, naturally produced and artificially propagated, SnR spring/summer chinook salmon; juvenile, threatened, SnR fall chinook salmon; and juvenile, endangered, naturally produced and artificially propagated, UCR steelhead associated with the operation of the Juvenile Fish Transportation program at four hydroelectric projects on the Snake and Columbia Rivers in the Pacific Northwest (Lower Granite, Little Goose, Lower Monumental, and McNary Dams). Permit 895 also authorizes the Corps annual incidental takes of adult salmonids associated with fallbacks through the juvenile fish bypass systems at the four dams. For modification 5, the Corps is authorized an increase in the annual direct take of juvenile, threatened, SnR fall chinook salmon. An associated increase in juvenile fall chinook salmon indirect mortalities is also authorized. Modification 5 is valid for the duration of the permit, which expires on December 31, 1999.

Notice was published on November 18, 1998 (63 FR 64064), that an application had been filed by IDFG for modification 1 to scientific research permit 1124. Modification 1 to permit 1124 was issued to IDFG on January 28, 1999. Permit 1124 authorizes IDFG annual direct takes of adult and juvenile, endangered, SnR sockeye salmon; adult and juvenile, threatened, naturally produced and artificially propagated, SnR spring/summer chinook salmon; and juvenile, threatened, SnR fall chinook salmon associated with scientific research in the state of Idaho. For modification 1, IDFG is authorized an increase in the annual direct take of juvenile, threatened, naturally produced, SnR spring/summer chinook salmon. IDFG underestimated parr production and emigration of this species in 1998. Modification 1 is valid for the duration of the permit, which expires on December 31, 2002.

Notice was published on October 21, 1998 (63 FR 56148), that an application had been filed by MRC for a scientific research permit. Permit 1181 was issued to MRC on January 28, 1999, and authorizes takes of adult and juvenile, threatened, CCC coho salmon associated with fish population and habitat studies on MRC properties within the CCC ESU. ESA-listed fish may be observed or captured, anesthetized, handled, allowed to recover from the anesthetic,

and released. Indirect mortalities are also authorized. Permit 1181 expires on June 30, 2004.

Notice was published on October 21, 1998 (63 FR 56148), that an application had been filed by RNT for a scientific research permit. Permit 1183 was issued to RNT on February 2, 1999. Permit 1183 authorizes RNT takes of adult and juvenile, threatened, CCC and SONCC coho salmon in California, associated with fish population and habitat studies in the coastal stream drainages within the ESUs. ESA-listed fish will be captured, anesthetized, handled, allowed to recover from the anesthetic, and released. ESA-listed salmon indirect mortalities associated with the research are also authorized. Permit 1183 expires on June 30, 2004.

Notice was published on November 18, 1998 (63 FR 64063), that an application had been filed by GAA for a scientific research permit. Permit 1184 was issued to GAA on February 2, 1999. Permit 1184 authorizes takes of adult and juvenile, threatened, CCC coho salmon, and adult and juvenile, endangered, SCC steelhead associated with fish population and habitat studies throughout these ESUs. ESA-listed fish may be observed or captured, anesthetized, handled, allowed to recover from the anesthetic, and released. Indirect mortalities are also authorized. Additionally, fish rescue operations may be authorized by NMFS on a case-by-case basis. Permit 1184 expires on June 30, 2004.

Dated: February 5, 1999.

Kevin Collins,

Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Recognition of Accrediting Agencies, State Agencies for Approval of Public Postsecondary Vocational Education, and State Agencies for Approval of Nurse Education

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Request for comments on agencies applying to the Secretary for renewal of recognition.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Karen W. Kershenstein, Director, Accreditation and Eligibility Determination Division, U.S. Department of Education, 7th and D Streets, SW, Room 3915 ROB-3, Washington, DC 20202-5244, telephone: (202) 708-7417. Individuals who use a

telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUBMISSION OF THIRD-PARTY COMMENTS:

The Secretary of Education recognizes, as reliable authorities as to the quality of education offered by institutions or programs within their scope, accrediting agencies and State approval agencies for public postsecondary vocational education and nurse education that meet certain criteria for recognition. A notice published in the **Federal Register** on December 24, 1998 (Volume 63, page 71275) invited interested third parties to present written comments on agencies scheduled for review at the May 1999 meeting of the National Advisory Committed on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI). The purpose of this notice is to add an accrediting agency whose interim report is scheduled for review at the May meeting. The name of that agency is included at the end of this notice. This notice also extends the deadline for interested third parties to submit written comments, only for the agency named in this notice, from February 8, 1999 to March 15, 1999. All other provisions of the December 24, 1998 **Federal Register** notice remain in effect.

Interim Report

1. Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools, Accrediting Commission.

Dated: February 5, 1999.

Greg Woods,

Chief Operating Officer, Office of Student Financial Assistance Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection requests.

SUMMARY: The Acting Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: An emergency review has been requested in accordance with the Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3507 (j)), since public harm is reasonably likely to result if normal clearance procedures are followed. Approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has

been requested by February 26, 1999. A regular clearance process is also beginning. Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 12, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments regarding the emergency review should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Danny Werfel, Desk Officer: Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget; 725 17th Street, NW, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. Comments regarding the regular clearance and requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651, or should be electronically mailed to the internet address Pat.Sherrill@ed.gov, or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Director of OMB provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Acting Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. ED invites public comment at the address specified

above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner, (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: February 5, 1999.

William E. Burrow,

Acting Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Reinstatement.

Title: Applications for Institute for International Public Policy.

Abstract: Institute for International Public Policy: Collect program and budget information to make grants to a consortium higher education institutions.

Additional Information: Collection of information is necessary in order for the Secretary of Education to make a grant to a consortium of higher education institutions to establish an Institute for International Public Policy which will significantly increase the number of African Americans and other underrepresented minorities in the international service in both the governmental and the private sectors.

Frequency: Every three to four years.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:

Responses: 5.

Burden Hours: 250.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Board of the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education; Meeting

AGENCY: National Board of the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education, Education.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the National Board of the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education. This notice

also describes the functions of the Board. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

DATES AND TIMES: February 25, 1999 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Loews L'Enfant Plaza Hotel, 480 L'Enfant Plaza, SW, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charles Karelis, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 3100, ROB #3, Washington, DC 20202-5175. Telephone: (202) 708-5750. Individuals who use a telecommunication device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday).

Individuals with disabilities may obtain this document in an alternate format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) on request to the contact person listed in the preceding paragraph.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Board of the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education is established under Section 1001 of the Higher Education Amendments of 1980, Title X (20 U.S.C. 1131a-1). The National Board of the Fund is authorized to recommend to the Director of the Fund and the Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education priorities for funding and approval or disapproval of grants of a given kind.

The meeting of the National Board is open to the public. The National Board will meet on Thursday, February 25, from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. to provide an overview of FIPSE's programs, appropriations for FY 1999 and 2000, and special initiatives.

The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. An individual with a disability who will need an auxiliary aid or service to participate in the meeting (e.g., interpreting service, assistive listening device or materials in an alternative format) should notify the contact person listed in this notice at least two weeks before the scheduled meeting date. Although the Department will attempt to meet a request received after that date, the requested auxiliary aid or service may not be available because of insufficient time to arrange it.

Records are kept of all Board proceedings, and are available for public inspection at the office of the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education, Room 3100, Regional Office Building #3, 7th & D streets, SW, Washington, DC 20202 from the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.