

agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

This Notice also lists the following information:

*Title of Proposal:* Financial Standards for Housing Agency-Owned Insurance.

*OMB Control Number:* 2577-0186.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* Public Housing Agency (PHA)-owned insurance organizations must furnish HUD with professional evaluations of performance consisting of an annual audit and an actuarial report upon their establishment date. A claim audit is submitted to HUD every three years by the organizations. This information is needed in order for HUD to continue to approve the entity as an organization to provide insurance to PHAs.

*Agency form numbers:* None.

*Members of affected public:* PHA-owned insurance entities.

*Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:* 19 respondents, one response annually for the audit and actuarial report, eight hours per response; one response every three years for the claim audit, two hours per response.  $152 + 38 = 190$  total hours reporting burden.

*Status of the proposed information collection:* Extension.

**Authority:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: August 7, 2000.

**Rod Solomon,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Program and Legislative Initiatives.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Notice of Availability of the Wisconsin Proposed Resource Management Plan Amendment/Environmental Assessment

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Milwaukee Field Office, DOI.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Milwaukee Field Office, has released a Proposed Resource Management Plan Amendment (RMPA) and Environmental Assessment (EA), to assess the future disposition of 12 public domain parcels in the State of Wisconsin. The parcels are located in Bayfield, Door, Langlade, Oneida, Vilas, and Waupaca Counties. Four of the tracts contain historic lighthouses declared excess by the U.S. Coast Guard and the remaining parcels are small, isolated tracts located in northern Wisconsin.

The planning effort has followed the procedures set forth in 43 CFR, Subpart 1600. The EA has been prepared under 40 CFR 1500, et seq.

The public has 30 days in which to protest the proposed plan in accordance with 43 CFR 1610.5-2. Any person who participated in the planning process and has an interest which is or may be adversely affected by the implementation of the plan may file a protest with the Director, BLM at the address below. All protests must be postmarked within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. There is no provision in the law that allows extensions to this protest period.

All protests must be accompanied by a statement of reasons why BLM's findings are in error or based on faulty or insufficient analysis.

**DATES:** The protest period commences with the publication of this notice. Comments must be postmarked no later than September 13, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** All protests must be mailed to the following address: Director, Bureau of Land Management, Attention: Ms. Brenda Williams, Protests Coordinator, WO-210/LS-1075, Department of the Interior, Washington, DC 20240 or by overnight mail address to: Director, Bureau of Land Management, Attention: Ms. Brenda Williams, Protests Coordinator (WO-210), 1620 L Street, N.W., Room 1075, Washington, D.C. 20036. Protests sent to the Milwaukee Field Office or Eastern States Office will not be considered properly filed and may be rejected for not being timely-filed.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Howard Levine, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, telephone at (414) 297-4463, or by electronic mail at Howard\_Levine@es.blm.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Proposed RMPA/EA contains three alternatives: (1) Transfer of the parcels to other Federal, State or local agencies, non-profit groups, Native American Tribes or private land owners; (2) no action, in which BLM would retain the tracts and manage them on a custodial basis; and (3) retention by BLM which would actively manage the properties under multiple use and sustained yield principles.

The Proposed RMPA identifies disposal criteria that will be consulted if Alternative 1 is chosen and when BLM reviews site-specific proposals to acquire the properties. The criteria serve two purposes. First, they prescribe the management and resource objectives for each property based on the planning issues developed during the scoping period. Second, the criteria establish the procedures, such as consultations or studies, that must be completed prior to transfer of any tract. These consultations and studies, coupled with specific development proposals, will be used to analyze environmental impacts for the properties.

Complete records of all phases of the planning process will be available at the Milwaukee Field Office and are available upon request.

Dated: August 7, 2000.

**James W. Dryden,**

*Milwaukee Field Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Information Collection Renewal To Be Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Approval Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Information collection; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The collection of information described below is submitted to OMB for renewal under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. A copy of the information collection requirements is included in this notice. Copies of specific information collection requirements, related forms and explanatory material may be obtained by contacting the Service Information

Collection Office at the address and/or phone numbers listed below.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received on or before September 13, 2000. OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove information collection, but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, to ensure maximum consideration, OMB should receive public comments by the above referenced date.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and suggestions on specific requirements should be sent to the Desk Officer for Interior Department, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, and the Service Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 222 ARLSQ, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240. If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments by any one of several methods. You may mail comments to the above address. You may also comment via the Internet to R9LE\_www@fws.gov. Please submit Internet comments as an ASCII file, avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Please also include "Attn: Information Collection Renewal, 3-177 form" and your name and return address in your Internet message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the system that we have received your Internet message, contact us directly at the telephone number listed below. Finally, you may hand-deliver comments to the above address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kevin Adams, Chief, Office of Law Enforcement, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, telephone (703) 358-1949, fax (703) 358-2271.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The OMB regulations at 5 CFR Part 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). On Friday, February 18, 2000, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) published a 60-day notice on the information collections associated with the "Declaration for Importation and Exportation of Fish or Wildlife", Form 3-177. The comment period for this notice expired on April 18, 2000, and the Service in this notice is requesting comment for the 30-day period following the date of publication in the **Federal Register**. No comments were provided to the Information Collection

Clearance Officer as a result of the February 18 notice. The assigned OMB information collection control number is 1018-0012. This interim rule contains new information collection and we will submit the information collection requirements to OMB for review and approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law, 104-13. Comments are requested regarding (1) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the agency's function, including whether the information will have practical utility (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden, including the validity of the methodology and assumption used; (ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic material, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. The Service is requesting a three-year term of approval for this information collection activity. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The information collection in this program will not be part of a system of records covered by the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552(a)).

The Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1538(e)) makes it unlawful to import or export fish, wildlife or plants without filing any declaration or report deemed necessary for enforcing the Act or upholding the Convention on International Trade in Endangered species (CITES). The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Form 3-177, "Declaration for Importation or Exportation of Fish or Wildlife," is the documentation required of any individual importing or exporting a fish or wildlife product into or out of the United States. The information collected is unique to each wildlife shipment and enables the Service to accurately inspect the contents of the shipment, maintain records and enforce government regulations. Additionally, much of the collected information is compiled in an annual report and is forwarded to the CITES Secretariat in Geneva, Switzerland. Submission of an annual report on the number and types of imports and exports of fish and wildlife is a treaty obligation under CITES.

Service personnel use the information obtained from a 3-177 form as an enforcement tool and management aid in monitoring the international wildlife

market and detecting trends and changes in the commercial trade of wildlife and plants. The Agency's Office of Scientific Authority and the Office of Management Authority use this data to assess the needs for additional protection for indigenous species.

In addition, non-government organizations, as well as the commercial wildlife community request information that has been obtained from the 3-177 declaration form.

The 3-177 form must be filed with the Service at the time of import or export, at a port where clearance is requested. In certain instances, this form may be filed with the U.S. Customs Service.

The standard information collection includes the name of the importer/exporter and broker, the scientific and common name of the wildlife, permit numbers (if a permit is required), a description of the commodity, quantity and value, and country of origin of the wildlife. In addition, information such as the airway bill or bill of lading number, the location of the goods for inspection, and number of cartons containing wildlife assists the inspectors if a physical examination is required, and expedites the inspection and eventual clearance of the shipment.

*Title:* Declaration for Importation or Exportation of Fish or Wildlife.

*Approval Number:* 1018-0012.

*Service Form Number:* 3-177.

*Frequency of Collection:* Hourly.

*Description of Respondents:*

Businesses or individuals that import/export wildlife, scientific institutions, government agencies.

*Total Annual Burden Hours:* The reporting burden is estimated to average 15 minutes per respondent. The total annual burden hours is 21,250 hours.

*Total Annual Responses:*

Approximately 85,000 individual declaration forms are filed with the Service in a fiscal year.

We invite comments on the renewal of the 3-177 form. The information collections in this program are part of a system of records by the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552(a)). Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home addresses from the record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There may also be limited circumstances in which we would withhold from the rulemaking record, a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this clearly at the beginning of your comment. We will not consider

anonymous comments. We generally make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of

organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

Dated: July 7, 2000.

**Rebecca Mullin,**

*Information Collection Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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