

work organization and location, mode of transportation, and commuting costs.

**AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:**

Pub. L. 101-509; E.O. 13150; 26 USC 132(f); 5 USC 5701-5733; and Federal Employees Clean Air Incentives Act (section 2(a) of Pub. L. 103-172, found at 5 USC 7905.

**PURPOSE:**

To establish and maintain systems for providing monetary and non-monetary transportation fringe benefits to employees who use mass transportation and vanpools to commute to and from work.

**ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSE OF SUCH USES:**

System information is used to determine the eligibility of applicants for transportation benefits and to disburse benefits to eligible employees through the Department of the Treasury. The information also may be disclosed as a routine use to:

a. The Federal, State, or local agency responsible for investigating, prosecuting, enforcing, or implementing a statute, rule, regulation, or order, where the General Services Administration becomes aware of a violation or potential violation of civil or criminal law or regulation.

b. A Member of Congress or to a congressional staff member in response to a request for assistance by the subject of record.

c. Another Federal agency or to a court when the Government is party to a judicial proceeding before the court.

d. The Office of Personnel Management or the General Accounting Office when the information is required for evaluation of the subsidy program.

e. An expert, consultant, or contractor of GSA in the performance of a Federal duty to which the information is relevant.

**POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

**STORAGE:**

System records are stored electronically and on paper.

**RETRIEVABILITY:**

Records may be retrieved by name, mode of transportation, Social Security Number, or other identifier in the system.

**SAFEGUARDS:**

Records are safeguarded in accordance with the Privacy Act and the Computer Security Act. Technical, administrative, and personnel security

measures ensure confidentiality and integrity of system data. Access is limited to authorized individuals.

**RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:**

Applications will be maintained for as long as the applicant is an eligible participant in the subsidy program. System records are retained and disposed of according to GSA records maintenance and disposition schedules and the requirements of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

**SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:**

John Hughes, General Services Administration (BEAP), 1800 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20405.

**NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES:**

Inquiries should be directed to the system manager at the above address.

**RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:**

Requests for access to records should be directed to the system manager. GSA rules for accessing records under the Privacy Act are provided in 41 CFR part 105-64.

**RECORD CONTESTING PROCEDURES:**

Requests to correct records should be directed to the system manager. GSA rules for contesting record contents and for appealing determinations are provided in 41 CFR part 105-64.

**RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:**

Sources for information in the system are: employees submitting applications for parking permits, vanpool membership, ridesharing information, and transit subsidies; and other Federal agencies participating in the program.

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**Daniel K. Cooper,**

*Director, Information Management Division.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collections; Comment Request**

The Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary will periodically publish summaries of proposed information collection projects and solicit public comments in compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. To request more information on the project or to obtain

a copy of the information collection plans and instruments, call the OS Reports Clearance Officer on (202) 690-6027.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

*Proposed Project 1. Research Misconduct: An Inquiry into Etiology and Stigma—NEW—*The Office of Research Integrity (ORI), PHS is responsible for developing activities to prevent research misconduct and improve research integrity. The purpose of this survey is to study research misconduct. The survey will contribute to a better understanding of scientific misconduct, its causes, its effects on the careers of those found guilty of such misconduct and possible preventive and control measures. *Respondents:* Individuals; *Burden Information—* Number of Respondents: 84; Burden per Response: 2 hours; Total Burden: 168 hours.

Send comments to Cynthia Agens Bauer, OS Reports Clearance Officer, Room 503H, Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue S.W., Washington, D.C., 20201. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Dated: August 18, 2000.

**Kerry Weems,**

*Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Budget.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**Notice of Intent To Conduct Public Scoping Meetings To Obtain Suggestions and Information on Issues To Include in the Preparation of Comprehensive Conservation Plans for Cedar Island National Wildlife Refuge in Carteret County, North Carolina, and Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge in Dare County, NC**

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises the public that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service intends to gather information necessary

to prepare a Comprehensive Conservation Plan and associated environmental documents for both of these refuges pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and implementing regulations.

Meetings for Cedar Island National Wildlife Refuge to be conducted as follows:

Thursday, September 21, 2000, 12 Noon–3 p.m., Duke University Marine Laboratory Auditorium, 135 Duke Marine Lab Road, Beaufort, North Carolina 28516, 910/504–7504

Thursday, September 21, 2000, 6 p.m.–9 p.m., Cedar Island Community Center, 2208 Cedar Island Road, Cedar Island, North Carolina 28520, 910/225–2701

Meetings for Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge to be conducted as follows:

Monday, September 25, 2000, 1 p.m.–4 p.m., 6 p.m.–9 p.m., Rodanthe Community Center, 23186 Myrna Peters Road, Rodanthe, North Carolina 27968, 252/987–2503

Tuesday, September 26, 2000, 1 p.m.–4 p.m., 6 p.m.–9 p.m., North Carolina State Aquarium, 374 Airport Road, Manteo, North Carolina 27954, 252/473–3494, Ext. 258

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before September 27, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and requests for information concerning these refuges may be addressed to: D.A. Brown, M.S., P.W.S., 1106 West Queen Street, P.O. Box 329, Edenton, North Carolina 27932, 252/482–2364, 252/482–3855 (fax), 252/337–5283 (cell).

Information concerning these refuges may be found at the following website: <http://rtnf-rci.ral.r4.fws.gov>.

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 the following address:

D\_A\_Brown@fws.gov. Please submit Internet comments as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Please also include 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 D.A. Brown directly at the above address. Finally, you may hand-deliver comments to Mr. Brown at 1106 West Queen Street, Edenton, North Carolina. 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 address from the rulemaking record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be 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 prominently at the beginning of your comment. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. We will 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.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** It is the policy of the Fish and Wildlife Service to have all lands within the National Wildlife Refuge System managed in accordance with an approved Comprehensive Conservation Plan. The plan guides management decisions and identifies the goals, objectives, and strategies for achieving refuge purposes. Public input into this planning process is encouraged. The plan will provide other agencies and the public with a clear understanding of the desired conditions of the refuge and how the Service will implement management strategies.

Cedar Island National Wildlife Refuge was authorized by the Migratory Bird Conservation Act (45 Stat. 1222, as amended 16 U.S.C. 715–715d) in August 1964, and Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge was established by Presidential Executive Order 7864 in April 1938. Both were established as a refuge and breeding ground for migratory birds and other wildlife.

Dated: July 24, 2000.

**Sam D. Hamilton,**

*Regional Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### **Notice of Intent To Prepare a Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and Associated Environmental Assessment (EA) for Pierce National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), Franz Lake NWR, and Steigerwald Lake NWR, and Notification of Two Public Scoping Meetings**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to Prepare a Comprehensive Conservation Plan and

Associated Environmental Assessment for Pierce National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), Franz Lake NWR, and Steigerwald Lake NWR, Clark and Skamania Counties, Washington.

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises the public that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is preparing a Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and Environmental Assessment (EA) for Pierce NWR, Franz Lake NWR, and Steigerwald Lake NWR (refuges [collectively]), and announces two public scoping meetings. The refuges are located in the state of Washington, in the Columbia River Gorge, in Clark and Skamania Counties. The Service is furnishing this notice in compliance with Service CCP policy and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and implementing regulations for the following purposes: (1) To advise other agencies and the public of our intentions; (2) to obtain suggestions and information on the issues to be addressed in the CCP; and (3) to announce public meetings for scoping. It is estimated that the draft CCP and EA will be available for public review in October 2000.

**DATES:** Two public meetings are scheduled. The dates are September 20 and 21, 2000, see Public Meetings under Supplementary Information in this notice for locations and times. Submit scoping comments on or before October 6, 2000, to the Project Leader, Ridgefield NWR, the address follows.

**ADDRESSES:** Address comments, requests for more information, or requests to be added to the mailing list for this project to: Project Leader, Ridgefield NWR Complex, P.O. Box 457, Ridgefield, Washington 98642.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tom Melanson, Project Leader, (360) 887–4106.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Background**

The Service initiated development of a management plan for these refuges in 1990 but this planning effort was postponed due to anticipated changes in refuge planning procedure and policy. Two public meetings were held during this period to collect comments and suggestions from the public on how the refuges should be managed. The information obtained from these meetings, as well as new information to be collected during the current project scoping process, will be incorporated into the CCP.

The refuges are located within the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, administered by the U.S. Forest