

proposed construction and operation of the Martin Creek Hydroelectric Project No. 10942-001, located on Martin and Kelley Creeks in King County, Washington. The project would be located on about 17 acres of the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest.

Take notice that the due date for filing comments has been extended from September 26, 2000 to November 10, 2000. The extension was requested by the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service because area wild fires have stretched staff resources to a point that they can not effectively respond in the time period requested.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM98-1-000]

#### Regulations Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice

September 8, 2000.

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(h), of the receipt of exempt and prohibited off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive an exempt or a prohibited off-the-record communication relevant to the merits of a contested on-the-record proceeding, to deliver a copy of the communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication, to the Secretary.

Prohibited communications will be included in a public, non-decisional file associated with, but not part of, the decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any responses thereto should become part of the decisional record, the prohibited off-the-record communication will not be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision. Parties to a proceeding may seek the opportunity to respond to any facts or contentions made in a prohibited off-the-record communication, and may request that the Commission place the prohibited communication and responses thereto in the decisional record. The Commission will grant such requests only when it determines that fairness so requires.

Exempt off-the-record communications will be included in the decisional record of the proceeding, unless the communication was with a cooperating agency as described by 40 CFR 1501.6, made under 18 CFR 385.2201(e)(1)(v).

The following is a list of exempt and prohibited off-the-record communications received in the Office of the Secretary within the preceding 14 days. The documents may be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Exempt

1. CP00-114-000-9-5-00-Dorothy Watson
2. CP00-114-000-9-5-00-Charles and Debbie Hartwell
3. CP00-114-000-9-5-00-George Davis
4. CP00-114-000-8-25-00-Todd Mattson
5. Project No. 1962-000-8-23-00-Sally Yost
6. Project No. 1962-000-8-17-00-Lorena Gorbet
7. Project No. 1962-000-8-18-00-Keith McKinley
8. CP00-65-000-8-27-00-Richard Palmieri
9. CP98-150-000-8-24-00-Carol E. Murphy
10. CP98-150-000-8-30-00-Matthew J. Brower
11. CP00-6-00-9-7-00-Jeff Shenot, FERC
12. CP00-6-000-9-7-00-Jeff Shenot, FERC

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6868-4]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Aquatic Animal Production Industry Survey

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that EPA is planning to submit the following Proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Aquatic Animal Production Industry

Survey (EPA ICR No. 1988.01). Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before November 13, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to Ms. Marta Jordan, U.S. EPA (4303) 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460. Comments may also be submitted electronically to [jordan.marta@epa.gov](mailto:jordan.marta@epa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request a copy of the ICR, including a draft of the survey, contact Ms. Marta Jordan at (202) 260-0817.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Affected Entities:* Entities potentially affected by this action include operators of aquatic animal production facilities within or that discharge to waters of the United States. The survey is intended to identify and collect data from aquatic animal production facilities that generate and discharge process wastewater associated with industrial activities. Aquatic animal production facilities (e.g., fish hatcheries or fish farms) are privately or publicly owned facilities that contain, grow or hold aquatic animals.

*Title:* Aquatic Animal Production Industry Survey (EPA ICR No. 1988.01).

*Abstract:* EPA is planning to survey aquatic animal production facilities to collect the technical and economic information EPA will need to develop effluent limitations guidelines and standards. Currently, no nationally applicable effluent limitations guidelines and standards exist to regulate discharges from facilities in this industry. EPA will develop effluent regulations for this industry due, in part, to the widespread concern about excess nutrients and other chemicals entering the Nation's waters from animal production and feeding operations (both aquatic and land based).

EPA is required by section 304(m) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1314(m), to identify categories of sources that discharge pollutants and to establish a schedule for establishing effluent limitations guidelines for these categories. EPA is also required by the terms of a Consent Decree with the Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc. (NRDC) to develop effluent limitations guidelines and standards for the aquatic animal production industry. *NRDC v EPA*, (D.D.C. Civ. No. 89-2980, January 31, 1992, as modified). EPA is conducting the survey to collect the information EPA needs to respond to