

Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-0317 x3989 (this is not a toll free number) for copies of the proposed forms and other available information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department is submitting the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended).

This Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection will serve as an appropriate measure of the activities and the performance of housing counseling agencies; (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 the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

The Department is especially interested in learning whether the proposed information collection changes are sufficient to determine and measure performance in the Housing Counseling Program.

This Notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: Housing Counseling Program.

OMB Control Number, if applicable: 2502-0261.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: Section 106 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 authorizes HUD to contract with organizations to provide counseling to tenants and homeowners to assist them in improving their housing conditions and in meeting the responsibilities of tenancy and home ownership. Counseling agencies are required to submit their qualifications to provide such services. HUD-approved agencies can compete for program funds. Successful grant applicants are required to submit performance data to enable HUD to evaluate the effectiveness of the program.

Agency form numbers, if applicable: HUD-9900, HUD-9902, and HUD-9908.

Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response: The total number of

responses is 2,675. Frequency of reporting is annual for each of the three forms. Total response hours are 1,940: HUD-9900, 8 hours; HUD-9902, 1 hour; and HUD-9908, 10 minutes. The HUD-9900 consolidates and replaces the HUD-9900-A, HUD-9900-B, and HUD-9900-C. Two forms approved under the previous information collection request, HUD-9903 and HUD-9921, are deleted.

Status of the proposed information collection: Revision of currently approved collection.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C., Chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: September 19, 2001.

Sean Cassidy,

General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Receipt of Application for Endangered Species Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior

ACTION: Notice of receipt of application for endangered species permit.

SUMMARY: The following applicants have applied for permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

If you wish to comment, you may submit comments by any one of several methods. You may mail comments to the Service's Regional Office (see **ADDRESSES**). You may also comment via the internet to victoria-davis@fws.gov. Please submit comments over the internet 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 Service that we have received your internet message, contact us directly at either telephone number listed below (see **FURTHER INFORMATION**). Finally, you may hand deliver comments to either Service office listed below (see **ADDRESSES**). 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 administrative record. We will honor such requests to the extent

allowable by law. There may also be other circumstances in which we would withhold from the administrative record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. 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.

DATES: Written data or comments on these applications must be received, at the address given below, by October 26, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, *subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act*, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia 30345 (Attn: Victoria Davis, Permit Biologist). Telephone: 404/679-4176; Facsimile: 404/679-7081.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Victoria Davis, Telephone: 404/679-4176; Facsimile: 404/679-7081.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Applicant:* Jack Kilgore, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg, Mississippi, TE045109-0

The applicant requests authorization to take (capture, hold temporarily, identify, anesthetize, take the two most anterior pectoral fin rays and associated tissue, floy tag, PIT tag, and stomach flush) the pallid sturgeon (*Scaphirhynchus albus*) from the Lower Mississippi River (from the mouth of the Missouri River to the mouth of the Mississippi River). Little information exists on pallid sturgeons in the Lower Mississippi River, which hampers recovery efforts and river management decisions. Consequently, a multi-year field study in the Lower Mississippi River is being developed by the Corps of Engineers, in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, to quantify habitat preferences and life history characteristics of the pallid sturgeon. The objectives of the study are to evaluate habitat preferences by life stage and season; quantify mortality, density, age, and growth; and to evaluate diet and food preferences.

Applicant: Heather Garland, The Nature Conservancy of Tennessee, TE045107-0

The applicant requests authorization to take (survey, capture, identify, measure, and release) gray bat (*Myotis grisescens*), Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*), and Virginia big-eared bat (*Corynorhinus townsendii virginianus*) to survey and determine significant summer bat roost caves, to survey protected summer roost sites in order to determine population numbers as well as confirm colony type (maternity or bachelor, in the case of the gray bat), and to survey forested areas and bottomland hardwood areas for bat species usage. The proposed activities will take place at cave sites and forests across Tennessee and in bottomland hardwood forests around the Hatchie River.

Applicant: James E. Pilgreen, Carrollton, Mississippi, TE047127-0

The applicant requests authorization to take (survey, capture, band nestlings, mark nests) the Alabama beach mouse (*Peromyscus polionotus ammobates*) and the Perdido Key beach mouse (*Peromyscus polionotus trissylepsis*) to conduct surveys to determine the presence of beach mice on areas with existing incidental take permits. The activities will take place in Baldwin County, Alabama.

Applicant: Michelle Caviness, Ozark National Forest Service, Boston Mountain District, Fayetteville, Arkansas, TE047123-0

The applicant requests authorization to take (survey, capture, identify, measure, band, and release) the gray bat (*Myotis grisescens*), Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*), and Ozark big-eared bat (*Corynorhinus townsendii ingens*) to determine the presence and the diversity of the population. The proposed activities will take place over water sources on the Ozark-Saint Francis National Forests and the Ouachita National Forest in Arkansas.

Applicant: Rex Roberg, Roberg Environmental Consulting Services, Inc., Cabot, Arkansas, TE047483-0

The applicant requests authorization to take (survey, capture, clip elytron, relocate, and release) the American burying beetle (*Nicrophorus americanus*) to determine presence and to relocate any found during the construction phase of the municipal Class I Solid Waste Landfill facilities for the City of Fort Smith. The proposed activities will take place in Crawford and Sebastian Counties, Arkansas.

Dated: September 13, 2001.

Sam D. Hamilton,
Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Ruffe Control Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) Task Force Ruffe Control Committee. The meeting topics are identified in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

DATES: The Ruffe Control Committee will meet from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday, October 16, 2001, and from 8 a.m. to noon, Wednesday, October 17, 2001.

ADDRESSES: The Ruffe Control Committee Meeting will be held in the Days Inn, 2403 U.S. Highway 41, Marquette, Michigan.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon Gross, Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, at 703-358-2308 or by e-mail at sharon_gross@fws.gov or Mark Dryer, Ruffe Control Committee Chair, at 715-682-6185 ext. 201.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. I), this notice announces a meeting of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Ruffe Control Committee. The ANS Task Force was established by the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990.

Topics to be covered during the Ruffe Control Committee meeting include: an update of the current status of ruffe based on recent field investigations; a discussion to implement the Ruffe Control Program; and a review of actions for the upcoming year.

Minutes of the meeting will be maintained by the Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Suite 810, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203-1622, and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Friday.

Dated: September 14, 2001.

Everett Wilson,

Acting Co-Chair, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Assistant Director—Fisheries and Habitat Restoration.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Paperwork Reduction Act Requests, Submission to OMB

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the Information Collection Requests for the Bureau of Indian Affairs Higher Education Grant Program Annual Report Form, OMB No. 1076-0106, and the Higher Education Grant Program Application, OMB No. 1076-0101 require reinstatement. The information collection requirements, with no appreciable changes, described below are being submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Submit your comments and suggestions on or before October 26, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent directly to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention: Desk Officer for Department of the Interior. Please submit copies of any comments to Garry R. Martin, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Indian Education Programs, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240-0001, or hand deliver to Room 3526-MIB at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Copies of the information collection may be obtained by contacting Garry R. Martin, 202-208-3478. Comments can be reviewed at the location listed in the **ADDRESSES** section between the hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Abstract

The information collection is necessary to request applications for this program and to assess the need for this program as required by 25 CFR 40. One comment was received during the comment period for the 60-day **Federal Register** notice (66 FR 21174). The commenter believes that this documentation is critical to support their future requests for increased funding of student grants.

Comments

Comments are invited on:
(a) Whether these information collections are necessary for the proper