

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Fish and Wildlife Service****Draft Recovery Plan for the Alaska-Breeding Population of the Steller's Eider (*Polysticta stellaris*)****AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of document availability.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces the availability for public review of the draft recovery plan for the threatened Alaska-breeding population of the Steller's eider (*Polysticta stellaris*). The draft recovery plan presents the tasks necessary to recover Alaska-breeding Steller's eiders and explains the process used to implement these actions. The Service solicits review and comment from the public on this draft plan.

**DATES:** The comment period for this draft recovery plan closes on July 29, 2002. Comments on the draft recovery plan must be received by the closing date.

**ADDRESSES:** Persons wishing to review the draft recovery plan can obtain a copy by contacting Northern Alaska Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 101 12th Ave., Rm 110, Fairbanks, AK 99701 (telephone 907/456-0203; facsimile 907/456-0208) or by accessing the website: <http://alaska.fws.gov/>. Written comments and materials regarding the plan should be addressed to Ted Swem at the above address. Comments and materials received will be available, by appointment, for public inspection during normal business hours, at the above address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ted Swem, 907/456-0203.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Background**

Restoring an endangered or threatened animal or plant to the point where it is again a secure, self-sustaining member of its ecosystem is a primary goal of the Service's endangered species program. To help guide the recovery effort, the Service is working to prepare recovery plans for most of the listed species native to the United States. Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for conservation of species, establish criteria for downlisting or delisting them, and estimate time and cost for implementing the recovery measures needed.

The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act), as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) requires the development of

recovery plans for listed species unless such a plan would not promote the conservation of a particular species. Section 4(f) of the Act, as amended in 1988, requires that public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment be provided during recovery plan development. The Service will consider all information presented during a public comment period prior to approval of each new or revised recovery plan. The Service and other Federal agencies will also take these comments into account in the course of implementing recovery plans.

Three breeding populations of Steller's eiders are recognized: two in Arctic Russia and one in Alaska. Neither Russian population is listed as threatened or endangered. The Alaska-breeding population is the only population listed as threatened or endangered, and this recovery plan pertains exclusively to the conservation of this population.

The Alaska-breeding population was listed as threatened under the Act on June 11, 1997 (62 FR 31748). The decision to list the Alaska-breeding population of Steller's eiders as threatened was based on a substantial decrease in the species' nesting range in Alaska and the resulting increased vulnerability of the remaining breeding population to extirpation. When the Alaska-breeding population of the Steller's eider was listed as threatened, the factor or factors causing the decline were unknown. Factors identified as potential causes of decline included predation, hunting, ingestion of spent lead shot in wetlands, and changes in the marine environment that could affect Steller's eider food or other resources. Since listing, other potential threats, such as exposure to oil or other contaminants near fish processing facilities in southwest Alaska, have been identified, but the causes of decline and obstacles to recovery remain poorly understood. Accordingly, a significant number of early recovery tasks will involve research to identify threats and evaluate their impacts.

The draft recovery plan presents the tasks necessary to recover Alaska-breeding Steller's eiders and explains the process used to implement these actions. The draft recovery plan (1) provides background on the species and its natural history; (2) presents and explains the criteria used in measuring recovery; (3) lists recovery tasks that the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) and Steller's Eider Recovery Team have identified as necessary for recovery of the species; (4) explains how the Service intends to implement and update this plan; and (5) includes appendices that

augment information provided in the first 4 sections.

The draft recovery plan is being submitted for technical and agency review. After consideration of comments received during the review period, the recovery plan will be submitted for final approval.

**Public Comments Solicited**

The Service solicits written comments on the recovery plan described. All comments received by the date specified above will be considered prior to approval of the recovery plan.

**Authority:** The authority for this action is Section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533(f).

Dated: May 7, 2002.

**Rosa Meehan,**

*Acting Regional Director.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Indian Affairs****Submission of Information Collection to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paper Work Reduction Act**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of renewal of a currently approved information collection.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces that the Bureau of Indian Affairs has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for approval and renewal of information collections, OMB Control No. 1076-0017, Financial Assistance and Social Service Program application form.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before June 27, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent directly to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Regulatory Affairs, Docket Library Attention: Desk Officer Room 10102, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503.

Send a copy of your comments to Larry Blair, Office of Tribal Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of Interior, 1849 C Street, NW., MS-4660-MIB, Washington, DC 20240.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Interested persons can obtain additional information regarding collection requests with no additional charge by contacting Larry Blair, 202-208-2479. Facsimile number (202) 208-2648.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Abstract**

The information collected is necessary to be in compliance with 25 CFR part 20. Funding is authorized by 25 U.S.C. 13. The information is used to make determinations of eligibility for the BIA's social service (financial assistance) programs: General Assistance, Child Welfare Assistance, Miscellaneous Assistance, and services only (no cash assistance).

A 60-day notice for public comments was published in the **Federal Register** on February 15, 2002 (67 FR 7190). The only comment received was that the form should be lengthened. The justification was not adequate to revise the form nor was this consistent with the BIA policy to reduce paperwork where possible.

**II. Request for Comments**

The Department of the Interior invites comments being sent to OMB on:

(a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the BIA, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of the BIA's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(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 those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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. Burden means the total time, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; to develop, acquire, install and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collection, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information, to search data sources to complete and review the collection of information; and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

**III. Data**

*Title of the collection of information:* Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Financial Assistance and Social Service Programs.

*OMB Number:* 1076-0017.

*Expiration Date:* June 30, 2002.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection. The information is submitted to obtain or retain benefits and for case management/case planning purposes.

*Affected Entities:* Individual members of Indian tribes who are living on a reservation or within a tribal service area.

*Frequency of responses:* One application per year.

*Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 200,000.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:*  $200,000 \times 15 \text{ min.} = 50,000$  hours.

Dated: May 13, 2002.

**Neal A. McCaleb,**

*Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE****Drug Enforcement Administration****Manufacturer of Controlled Substances; Notice of Registration**

By Notice dated November 15, 2001, and published in the **Federal Register** on December 21, 2001, (66 FR 65992), American Radiolabeled Chemical, Inc., 11624 Bowling Green Drive, St. Louis, Missouri 63146, made application by renewal to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to be registered as a bulk manufacturer of the basic of controlled substances listed below:

Drug	Schedule
Gamma hydroxybutyric acid (2010).	I
Lysergic acid diethylamide (7315)	I
Dimethyltryptamine (7435) .....	I
Dihydromorphine (9145) .....	I
Phencyclidine (7471) .....	II
Cocaine (9041) .....	II
Codeine (9050) .....	II
Hydromorphone (9150) .....	II
Oxycodone (9143) .....	II
Thebaine (9333) .....	II
Benzoyllecgonine (9180) .....	II
Meperidine (9230) .....	II
Metazocine (9240) .....	II
Morphine (9300) .....	II
Oxymorphone (9652) .....	II

The firm plans to bulk manufacture small quantities of the listed controlled substances as radiolabeled compounds.

No comments or objections have been received. DEA has considered the factors in Title 21, United States Code, Section 823(a) and determined that the registration of American Radiolabeled Chemical, Inc. to manufacture the listed controlled substances is consistent with the public interest at this time. DEA has investigated American Radiolabeled Chemical, Inc. on a regular basis to ensure that the company's continued registration is consistent with the public interest. These investigations have included inspection and testing of the company's physical security systems, audits of the company's records, verification of the company's compliance with state and local laws, and a review of the company's background and history. Therefore pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 823 and 28 CFR 0.100 and 0.104, the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, hereby orders that the application submitted by the above firm for registration as a bulk manufacturer of the basic classes of controlled substances listed above is granted.

Dated: May 21, 2002.

**Laura M. Nagel,**

*Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE****Drug Enforcement Administration****Importer of Controlled Substances; Notice of Registration**

By Notice dated November 20, 2001, and published in the **Federal Register** on December 21, 2001, (66 FR 65993), Research Triangle Institute, Kenneth H. Davis, Jr., Hermann Building, East Institute Drive, P.O. Box 12194, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27709, made application by renewal to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to be registered as an importer of the basic classes of controlled substances listed below:

Drug	Schedule
Tetrahydrocannabinols (7370) .....	I
Cocaine (9041) .....	II

The firm plans to import small quantities of the listed controlled substances for the National Institute of Drug Abuse and other clients.

No comments or objections have been received. DEA has considered the factors in Title 21, United States Code, Section 823(a) and determined that the