

Dated: April 22, 2003.
Edward W. Kernan,
*Director, Information Resources Management
 Division, Information Technology Services
 Directorate.*
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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND
 URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-4849-N-05]

**Notice of Proposed Information
 Collection: Comment Requested;
 Record of Employee Interview**

AGENCY: Office of Departmental
 Operations and Coordination, Office of
 Labor Relations, HUD.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information
 collection requirement described below
 will be submitted to the Office of
 Management and Budget (OMB) for
 review, as required by the Paperwork
 Reduction Act. The Department is
 soliciting public comments on the
 subject proposal.

DATES: Comments Due Dates: June 30,
 2003.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are
 invited to submit comments regarding
 this proposal. Comments should refer to
 the proposal by name and/or OMB
 Control Number and should be sent to:
 Wayne Eddins, Reports Management
 Officer, Department of Housing and
 Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW,
 L'Enfant Plaza Building, Room 800a,

Washington, DC 20410 or
 Wayne_Eddins@HUD.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jade
 Banks, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of
 Labor Relations, Department of Housing
 and Urban Development, 451 Seventh
 Street, Southwest, Washington, DC
 20410 or Jade-M.-Banks@hud.gov;
 telephone (202) 708-0370 (this is not a
 toll-free number) for copies of the
 proposed forms and other available
 information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The
 Department will submit 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
 affecting 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: Record of Employee
 Interview.

OMB Control Number, if applicable:
 2501-0009.

*Description of the need for the
 information and proposed use:* HUD
 and local agencies administering HUD-
 assisted programs collect information
 from laborers and mechanics employed
 on HUD projects to ensure that wages
 paid to these workers meets Federal
 labor standards requirements applicable
 to their work. HUD and local agencies
 must retain this information to
 document the compliance of employers
 and the sufficiency of local agency
 enforcement efforts. HUD proposes to
 modify this form in order to clarify
 certain 2 information and to collect
 more specific information from the
 employees. The additional information
 will better enable contract monitors
 ensure that the laborers and mechanics
 receive the wages to which they are
 entitled and will assist in enforcement
 actions, if necessary. The collection of
 the additional information will not
 significantly increase the burden on,
 and will serve to better protect
 respondents.

Agency form numbers, if applicable:
 HUD-11.

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

Item	Number of respondents	Amount of time required	Total time required/ annum
Interviews	20,000	25 hours	5,000 hours.
Record Keeping	20,000	.16 hours	3,200 hours.
Total Annual Burden	8,200 hours

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

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

Dated: April 9, 2003.
Frank L. Davis,
*Director, Departmental Operations and
 Coordination.*
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

**Availability of Comprehensive
 Conservation Plan for Waubay
 National Wildlife Refuge Complex,
 Waubay, SD**

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service,
 Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife
 Service announces that a
 Comprehensive Conservation Plan and
 Summary for Waubay National Wildlife
 Refuge and Wetland Management
 District Complex (Complex) is available.

This Plan describes how the U.S. Fish
 and Wildlife Service intends to manage
 the Complex for the next 15 years.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the Plan or
 Summary may be obtained by writing to
 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Waubay
 National Wildlife Refuge Complex,
 44401 134A Street, Waubay, SD 57273;
 or download from <http://mountain-prairie.fws.gov/planning>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
 Larry Martin, Project Leader, U.S. Fish
 and Wildlife Service, Waubay National
 Wildlife Refuge Complex, 44401 134A
 Street, Waubay, SD 57273. Phone 605-
 947-4521; fax 605-947-4524; or e-mail:
larry_d_martin@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Waubay National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), comprised of 4,650 acres, is located in Day County in northeastern South Dakota. The Refuge's mix of lakes, wetlands, prairie, forests, and cropland is home to a diversity of wildlife. More than 100 bird species nest on this small piece of habitat, with 37 mammals also calling it home. Waubay NWR was established by President Roosevelt in 1935 as "a refuge and breeding ground for migratory birds and other wildlife."

Waubay Wetland Management District (WMD) protects over 250,000 acres of wetlands and prairie in six counties of northeastern South Dakota. The area's mix of native grass, planted grasses, cropland, and wetlands support a variety of wildlife. The WMD is home to 247 species of birds, 43 species of mammals, and over 20 species of amphibians and reptiles. Breeding waterfowl and grassland-dependent passerines are two groups that are especially prominent.

The availability of the Draft CCP/ Environmental Assessment (EA) for 30-day public review and comment was announced in the **Federal Register** on Wednesday, May 29, 2002 in Volume 67, Number 103. The Draft CCP/EA identified and evaluated three alternatives for managing Waubay National Wildlife Refuge Complex for the next 15 years. Alternative A, the No Action Alternative, would continue current management of the Refuge and Wetland Management District (WMD). Alternative B, the Tallgrass Prairie Alternative, would focus on protecting and restoring tallgrass prairie in the Minnesota-Red River Lowlands of the WMD. Alternative C, Enhanced Management, the preferred alternative, would increase management of Complex habitats and public use opportunities.

Based on this assessment and comments received, the preferred Alternative C was selected for implementation. The preferred alternative was selected because it best meets the purposes of the Refuge and WMD as a refuge and breeding ground for migratory birds and wild animals. The preferred alternative will also provide for enhanced public access for wildlife-dependent recreation, and provides environmental education opportunities related to fish and wildlife resources.

Dated: October 2, 2002.

Elliott Sutta,

Acting Regional Director, Region 6, Denver, Colorado.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; 90-day Finding for a Petition To List the Midvalley Fairy Shrimp as Endangered

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of 90-day petition finding and initiation of status review.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce a 90-day finding for a petition to list the midvalley fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta mesovallensis*) under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. We find the petition presents substantial information to indicate that listing may be warranted. We are therefore initiating a status review of the species, and will issue a 12-month finding to determine if the petitioned action is warranted. To help ensure the review is comprehensive, we are soliciting information and data regarding this species.

DATES: The finding announced in this document was made on April 18, 2003. To be considered in the 12-month finding on this petition, comments and information should be submitted to us by June 30, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The complete file for this finding is available for inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours, at the Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825-1846. Submit new information, materials, comments, or questions concerning this species to the Service at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Glen Tarr, at the address given above (telephone 916/414-6652; facsimile 916/414-6713; electronic mail: Glen_Tarr@fws.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Section 4(b)(3)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act) (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), requires that we make a finding on whether a petition to list, delist, or reclassify a species presents substantial scientific or commercial information indicating that the petitioned action may be warranted. We are to base this finding on all information available to us at the time we make the finding. To the maximum extent practicable, we must make this finding within 90 days of receiving the petition and publish the notice of the

finding promptly in the **Federal Register**. Our standard for substantial information within the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) with regard to a 90-day petition finding is "that amount of information that would lead a reasonable person to believe that the measure proposed in the petition may be warranted" (50 CFR 424.14(b)). If the finding is that substantial information was presented, we are required to promptly commence a review of the status of the species, if one has not already been initiated, under our internal candidate assessment process.

On August 31, 2001, we received a petition dated August 14, 2001 submitted by the Center for Biological Diversity and VernalPools.Org. The petition requests us to list the midvalley fairy shrimp as an endangered species, to designate critical habitat for the species, and to list the species on an emergency basis. The petition presents extensive information regarding the biology of the midvalley fairy shrimp and threats to the species, which we address below. We have reached our 90-day finding on this petition in accordance with a consent decree that requires us to complete a finding by April 21, 2003 (*Butte Environmental Council v. Wayne White*, Consent Decree, CIV.S-00-797 WBS).

Biology and Distribution

The midvalley fairy shrimp is a small (7 to 20 millimeter (mm) (0.28 to 0.79 inch (in))), freshwater crustacean that lives in vernal pools, vernal swales and other ephemeral water bodies near the middle of California's Central Valley (Helm 1998; Eriksen and Belk 1999; Belk and Fugate 2000). It is known from 52 occurrences in seven California counties: Sacramento, Solano, Contra Costa, San Joaquin, Merced, Madera and Fresno (California Natural Diversity Data Base (CNDDB) 2002). Midvalley fairy shrimp populations survive the seasonal desiccation of their pools by laying dormant eggs called cysts, which can withstand extreme temperatures, the digestive tracts of animals and, if necessary, years of desiccation before hatching. Since not all cysts hatch with any given refilling of their pool, the cysts form a "bank" in the soil from which new populations of adults may develop, even in pools that have not had adults for years (Eriksen and Belk 1999).

The habitat requirements and life history characteristics of the midvalley fairy shrimp are similar to those of four other shrimp species that we listed in 1994: the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), longhorn fairy shrimp (*B. longiantenna*), vernal pool fairy shrimp (*B. lynchi*), and vernal