

random drug testing for the next calendar year.

Dated: December 16, 2004.

T.H. Gilmour,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4907-N-35]

Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB; Emergency Comment Request; Emergency Capital Repair Program

AGENCY: Office of Housing, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection.

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

This is a request for approval of a revision to the currently approved information collection for selecting applicants for the Assisted Living Conversion Program.

Congress has introduced a new facet to the ALCP Program authorizing Emergency Capital Repair grants for Owners of projects that need emergency repair work. This emergency capital repair grant funding will be for repairs at projects to correct situations that present immediate threats to the life, health and safety of project tenants.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* January 3, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments must be received within seven (7) days from the date of this Notice. Comments should refer to the proposal by name/or OMB approval number (2502-0542) and should be sent to: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne Eddins, Paperwork Reduction Act Compliance Officer, AYO, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; e-mail Wayne_Eddins@HUD.gov; telephone

(202) 708-2374. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Mr. Eddins or on HUD's Web site at <http://www5.hud.gov:63001/po/i/icbts/collectionsearch.cfm>

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Notice informs the public that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has submitted to OMB, for emergency processing, a proposed revision to the currently approved information collection for selecting applicants for the Emergency Capital Repair Program grants.

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: Emergency Capital Repair Program.

Description of Information Collection: This is a revision to the currently approved information collection for selecting applicants for the Assisted Living Conversion Program grants.

Congress has introduced a new facet to the ALCP authorizing Emergency Capital Repair grant funding for Owners of projects that need to correct situations that present immediate threats to the life, health and safety of project tenants. This emergency capital repair grant funding will be used to repair or replace major building and structural components as well as mechanical equipment to the extent they are necessary for health and safety reasons.

OMB Control Number: 2502-0542.
Agency Form Numbers: Standard Forms 424, 424-Supplemental, LLL and HUD forms 424B, 424-C, 2880, 2990, 2991, 96010, 2530, 50080-ALCP, 50080-ECRG, 27300, 92045.

Members of Affected Public: Not-for-profit project owners.

Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information

collection including number of respondents, frequency of responses, and hours of response: An estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection is 3,360. The estimated number of respondents is 30, and the frequency of response is on occasion.

Status: Revision of a currently approved collection.

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

Dated: December 17, 2004.

John C. Weicher,

Assistant Secretary for Housing -Federal Housing Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Final Comprehensive Conservation Plan for Necedah National Wildlife Refuge

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces that the final Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and Environmental Assessment (EA) is available for Necedah National Wildlife Refuge. This CCP is prepared pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and describes how the Service intends to manage this refuge over the next 15 years.

DATES: Implementation of the CCP will not begin sooner than 30 days following the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

ADDRESSES: Copies of the CCP are available on compact diskette or hard copy, and can be obtained in writing: Necedah National Wildlife Refuge, W7996 20th Street West, Necedah, WI 54646-7531. Copies of the CCP can also be accessed and downloaded at the following Web site address: <http://midwest.fws.gov/planning/Necedah/index.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Larry Wargowski at 608-565-2551.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C.

668dd-668ee *et seq*) requires a CCP. The purpose in developing CCPs is to provide refuge managers with a 15-year strategy for achieving refuge purposes and contributing toward the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System, consistent with sound principles of fish and wildlife science, conservation, legal mandates, and Service policies. In addition to outlining broad management direction on conserving wildlife and their habitats, the CCPs identify wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities available to the public, including opportunities for hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, and environmental education and interpretation. We will review and update these CCPs at least every 15 years in accordance with the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321-4370d).

Necedah National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1939 as a refuge and breeding ground for migratory birds and for use as an inviolate sanctuary for migratory birds. Located in central Wisconsin, the Refuge includes 43,696 acres consisting of wetlands and open water areas, pine, oak, and aspen forests, grasslands, and rare savannas.

Three alternatives were considered in the EA: (1) No action; (2) follow the course set in the 1979 Master Plan; or (3) follow the course established in the CCP (preferred alternative). Significant issues addressed in the CCP include the proposal to acquire land within the Yellow River Focus Area and management of endangered species that use the Refuge, including the Eastern massassagua rattlesnake, the Karner blue butterfly, and a migratory flock of Whooping Cranes. There was strong public interest in the plan, and the Service provided many opportunities for public comment in meetings in the community. Following a 60-day comment period on the Draft CCP (65 FR 46940, August 1, 2000), a revised Draft CCP was produced and another 60-day comment period was provided (66 FR 52776, October 17, 2001). The plan was revised to address the issues raised by the public, including the decision to reduce the area within the Yellow River Focus Area where land acquisition would be one of the tools available to facilitate restoration and conservation efforts. Assistance to local landowners would remain the priority means of habitat restoration and conservation throughout the Focus Area. It has been determined that the CCP is not a major Federal action that

would significantly affect the quality of the human environment, within the meaning of Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

Dated: March 26, 2003.

Marvin E. Moriarty,
Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Receipt of Applications for Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

SUMMARY: The public is invited to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species and/or marine mammals.

DATES: Written data, comments or requests must be received by January 26, 2005.

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 within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203; fax 703/358-2281.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Division of Management Authority, telephone 703/358-2104.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Endangered Species

The public is invited to comment on the following applications for a permit 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.*). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of these complete applications should be submitted to the Director (address above).

Applicant: John M. Searles, Flint, MI, PRT-093993.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one

male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Nicholas A. Russo, Sr., Allentown, NJ, PRT-094471.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Endangered Marine Mammals and Marine Mammals

The public is invited to comment on the following applications for a permit to conduct certain activities with marine mammals. The applications were submitted to satisfy requirements of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361, *et seq.*), and the regulations governing marine mammals (50 CFR Part 18). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of the complete applications or requests for a public hearing on these applications should be submitted to the Director (address above). Anyone requesting a hearing should give specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate. The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Director.

Applicant: John F. Byrnes, Omaha, NE, PRT-091493.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Northern Beaufort Sea polar bear population in Canada for personal use.

Applicant: Mark E. Buchanan, San Diego, CA, PRT-094374.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population in Canada for personal use.

Dated: October 29, 2004.

Michael L. Carpenter,
Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Issuance of Permits

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.