

or through its parents to the agency that supervises the parent. Therefore, non-supervised FHA-approved lenders and loan correspondents, which are subsidiaries of supervised lending institutions, are not required to submit their HMDA data to HUD.

FFIEC HMDA Data Entry Software

The FFIEC HMDA data entry software is available for download from the FFIEC HMDA Web site. Note that the next scheduled release of the software, Version 3.10, for calendar year 2005 data collection is available by download from the FFIEC HMDA Web site. The software is free and can be utilized for editing, reporting and submitting HMDA information.

The FFIEC HMDA Web site provides detailed information on the required file specifications for HMDA reporting (<http://www.ffiec.gov/hmda/fileformats.htm>). HUD would like to emphasize that it is extremely important for an institution that uses a third-party vendor to prepare and transmit its HMDA report to notify the third-party vendor immediately of this change, *i.e.*, that non-supervised FHA-approved lenders and loan correspondents, which are subsidiaries of supervised lending institutions, are not required to submit their HMDA data to HUD. It is also important that an institution inform its vendor of the Board's file specification and editing requirements.

HMDA Editing and Reporting

In addition, an institution's HMDA data must be edited prior to submission using the FFIEC HMDA edits (<http://www.ffiec.gov/hmda/edits.htm>). Regulation C requires all HMDA data submissions to be free of validity errors prior to submission. An institution must submit a validity-free submission or the institution is at risk of noncompliance.

If an institution utilizes a third-party vendor's software package, the institution can still take advantage of the benefits of the HMDA Data Entry Software by using the editing and reporting features. The software includes editing and reporting features to help the institution verify, complete, and analyze the institution's HMDA data. The 'Import' feature will accept a valid 'hmda.dat' file created in a third-party vendor's software that meets the HMDA file specifications. Once the file has been successfully imported into the software, the user can utilize the editing and reporting features. The 'Export to Regulatory Agency via Internet e-mail' feature creates a validity error-free encrypted file that can be transmitted via Internet e-mail directly to the Board at HMDASUB@frb.gov. Users may

download a free copy of the software at <http://www.ffiec.gov/hmda>.

Please note that reel tape submissions are not an accepted media type. Internet e-mail submission is the preferred electronic method to transmit an institution's data. Other electronic submission media types that can be used are diskette and CD-ROM. However, regardless of the media type chosen, users must follow the HMDA file specifications and edits.

HMDA Submission Checklist

- Prepare the HMDA data submission.
- Download a free copy of the FFIEC HMDA Data Entry Software (<http://www.ffiec.gov/hmda>).
- 'Import' the correctly formatted 2004 'mda.dat' file for editing purposes.
- Perform a 'Batch Edit' on the HMDA data and correct all validity errors.
- Choose the (1) 'Export' option from the Front Page. Choose the (2) 'Export to regulatory agency via Internet e-mail' option for encrypted submission to the Board.
- Address the e-mail to HMDASUB@frb.gov, include all the required institution information and attach the encrypted HMDA file named HMDAENCR.ENC located at the following path:
C:\HMDADES\int\hmdaencl.enc.
- Send your encrypted, validity-free, HMDA data submission to the Board on or before March 1st of each year.

Submission Address

Send the encrypted e-mail file to HMDASUB@frb.gov for HMDA reporting on or before March 1st of each year. Sending the submission via Internet e-mail is the most efficient process for submitting the HMDA data. If an institution chooses to mail (overnight) its submission in one of the other acceptable media types—diskette or CD-ROM—the mailing address is as follows and the mailing must be postmarked by March 1 of each year:
Federal Reserve Board, ATTN: HMDA Processing, HUD, 20th & Constitution Avenue, NW., MS N502, Washington, DC 20551-0001.

HMDA Questions

Questions regarding the processing and reporting of HMDA data should be addressed to HMDAHELP@frb.gov or the HMDA Assistance Line on 202-452-2016.

Information Collection Requirements

The information collection requirements contained in this notice have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

(44 U.S.C. 3501-3520) and assigned OMB control number 2502-0529. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, HUD may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection displays a currently valid OMB number.

Dated: August 5, 2005.

Brian Montgomery,

Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Information Collection To Be Sent to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Approval Under the Paperwork Reduction Act; OMB Control Number 1018-0128; Marine Turtle Conservation Fund Grant Program

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We (Fish and Wildlife Service) will submit the collection of information described below to OMB for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act. We will use this information to determine which project proposals should be funded in accordance with the Marine Turtle Conservation Act (Pub. L. 108-266).

DATES: You must submit comments on or before October 17, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments and suggestions on specific requirements to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 222-ARLSQ, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request a copy of the information collection submission, explanatory information, and/or related forms, contact Hope Grey, Information Collection Clearance Officer, at 703-358-2482 or electronically at hope_grey@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OMB regulations at 5 CFR 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies be given an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). On July 29, 2005, OMB approved our emergency request for

information collection associated with the Marine Turtle Conservation Fund Grant Program. The supporting statement for our emergency request is available online at <http://www.fws.gov/pdm/0128SupCurrent.pdf>. The OMB control number for this collection is 1018-0128, which expires on January 31, 2006. We plan to request that OMB approve this information collection for a 3-year term. Federal agencies 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.

Proposals submitted for funding under the Marine Turtle Conservation Act are subject to a panel review, comprised of in-house and select outside technical experts. The information collected under this program's Notice of Funding Availability includes: a project summary and narrative; letter of appropriate government endorsement; brief curricula vitae for key project personnel; and complete standard forms 424, 424a and 424b. Proposals from U.S. applicants also include a copy of the organization's Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (NIRCA) (if applicable) and a complete DI-2010. The project summary and narrative is the basis for this information collection request for approval, and allows the review panel to assess how well the project addresses the priorities identified by the Act. As all of the projects under this Act will be conducted outside the United States, the letter of appropriate government endorsement ensures that the proposed activities will not meet with local resistance or work in opposition to locally identified priorities and needs. Brief curricula vitae for key project personnel allow the review panel to assess the qualifications of project staff to effectively carry out the project goals and objectives. Although the standard forms are only required for U.S. financial assistance applicants, we ask all applicants to submit these forms in order to allow for more uniformity across all proposals. As all Federal entities are required to honor the indirect cost rates an organization has negotiated with their cognizant agency, we require all organizations with a NICRA to submit the agreement paperwork with their proposals to verify how their rate is applied in their proposed budget. The DI-2010 is a required form for all U.S. financial assistance applicants.

The information requested in this collection, outside of the required standard forms, is considered the minimum information necessary to

allow the review panel sufficient technical, financial, and administrative information to determine the merits of each proposal, and to select the best projects for funding.

Title: Marine Turtle Conservation Fund Grant Program.

OMB Control Number: 1018-0128.

Service Form Numbers: N/A.

Frequency of Collection: Annually.

Description of Respondents: Foreign governments; domestic and foreign nongovernmental organizations, and individuals.

Total Annual Responses: 55 responses.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 660 hours.

We invite comments concerning this collection on: (1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether or not the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden on the public; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond.

Dated: August 3, 2005.

Hope Grey,

*Information Collection Clearance Officer,
Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Crocodile Lake National Wildlife Refuge

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment for Crocodile Lake National Wildlife Refuge in Monroe County, Florida.

SUMMARY: The Fish and Wildlife Service announces that a Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment for Crocodile Lake National Wildlife Refuge are available for review and comment. The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, requires the Service to develop a comprehensive conservation plan for each national wildlife refuge. The purpose in developing a comprehensive conservation plan 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 management, conservation, legal mandates, and Service policies. In addition to outlining broad management direction on conserving wildlife and their habitats, plans identify wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities available to the public, including opportunities for hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, wildlife photography, and environmental education and interpretation.

Significant issues address in the draft plan include: threatened and endangered species; migratory birds, habitat restoration; invasive exotic species control; funding and staffing; and land acquisition.

DATES: Individuals wishing to comment on the Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment for Crocodile Lake National Wildlife Refuge should do so no later than October 17, 2005. Public comments were requested, considered, and incorporated throughout the planning process. Public outreach has included public scoping meetings, planning updates, and a **Federal Register** notice.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment should be addressed to the Florida Keys National Wildlife Refuge Complex, 28950 Watson Boulevard, Big Pine Key, Florida 33043; Telephone 305/872-2239. The plan and environmental assessment may also be accessed and downloaded from the Service's Internet Web site <http://southeast.fws.gov/planning/>. Comments on the draft plan may be submitted to the above address or via electronic mail to van_fischer@fws.gov. Please include your name and return address in your Internet message. Our practice is to make comments, including names and mailing addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home addresses from the record, which will honor to the extent allowable by law.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Service developed three alternatives for managing the refuge and chose Alternative 2 as the preferred alternative.

Alternatives

Serving as a basis for each alternative, goals and sets of objectives and