

oral presentations or submit written materials for distribution at the meeting should reach the Coast Guard on or before November 2, 2005. Requests to have a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee in advance of the meeting should reach the Coast Guard on or before November 2, 2005.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the World Trade Center of New Orleans, 2 Canal Street, 18th Floor, Crescent City Room, New Orleans, Louisiana.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lieutenant Junior Grade Officer, USCG Sector New Orleans, Attn: LMRWSAC Assistant Committee Administrator, 201 Old Hammond Highway, Metairie, LA 7005. This notice is available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lieutenant Junior Grade (LTJG) Melissa Owens, Assistant Committee Administrator, e-mail mowens@msoneworleans.uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

Agenda of Meeting

Lower Mississippi River Waterway Safety Advisory Committee (LMRWSAC). The agenda includes the following:

- (1) Introduction of committee members.
- (2) Opening Remarks.
- (3) Approval of the May 18, 2005 minutes.
- (4) Old Business:
 - (a) Captain of the Port status report.
 - (b) VTS update report.
 - (c) Subcommittee/Working Group update reports.
- (5) New Business.
- (6) Adjournment.

Procedural

The meeting is open to the public. Please note that the meeting may close early if all business is finished. At the Chair's discretion, members of the public may make oral presentations during the meeting. If you would like to make an oral presentation at the meeting, please notify the Committee Administrator no later than November 2, 2005. Written material for distribution at the meeting should reach the Coast Guard no later than November 2, 2005. If you would like a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee in advance of the meeting, please submit 25 copies to the Committee Administrator no later than November 2, 2005.

Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities, or to request special assistance at the meetings, contact the Committee Administrator at the location indicated under Addresses as soon as possible.

Dated: October 13, 2005.

Steve Venckus,

Chief, Office of Regulations & Administrative Law, Office of the Judge Advocate General, United States Coast Guard.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4975-N-34]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request; Mortgagee's Certification of Assistance Payments and Application for Assistance or Interest Reduction Payments Due Under Sections 235(b) 235(j), or 235(i)

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, 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 Date:* December 19, 2005.

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 8001, Washington, DC 20410 or Wayne_Eddins@hud.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joe McCloskey, Director, Office of Single Family Asset Management, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-1672 (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 collection 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 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: Mortgagee's Certification of Assistance Payments and Application for Assistance or Interest Reduction Payments Due Under Sections 235(b), 235(j), or 235(i).

OMB Control Number, if applicable: 2502-0081.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: HUD must monitor all assistance payments disbursed under the Section 235 Program. Mortgagees submit these information collections in order to receive assistance payments each month. The information collection is used to bill HUD for these payments.

Agency form numbers, if applicable: HUD-300 and HUD-93102.

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 estimated total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection is 750, the number of respondents is 50 generating approximately 1,200 annual responses, the frequency of response is on occasion and monthly, and the estimated time needed to prepare the responses varies from 15 minutes to one hour.

Status of the proposed information collection: This is an extension of a currently approved collection.

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

Dated: October 7, 2005.

Frank L. Davis,

General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing, Deputy Federal Housing Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for a Proposed Land Exchange in Yukon Flats National Wildlife Refuge, AK

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

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Fish and Wildlife Service intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and its implementing regulations, for a proposed land exchange and acquisition of certain lands owned by Doyon, Limited within the Yukon Flats National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska. The Service is furnishing this notice to advise the public and other agencies of our intentions and to solicit suggestions and information on the scope of issues to be addressed in the environmental document. Special mailings, newspaper articles, and other media releases will announce opportunities to provide written and oral input. Public meetings will be held in the cities of Fairbanks, Anchorage, and in communities within and adjacent to the Refuge. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available for viewing and downloading at <http://alaska.fws.gov/nwr/yukonflats/current.htm>.

DATES: Public scoping meetings will be scheduled for February in Anchorage, Fairbanks, and the communities of Arctic Village, Beaver, Birch Creek, Central, Chalkyitsik, Circle, Fort Yukon, Stevens Village, and Venetie. Meeting dates, times, and locations will be announced at least 30 days prior to the meeting.

ADDRESSES: Address comments, questions, and requests to Cyndie Wolfe, Project Coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1011 East Tudor Rd., MS-231, Anchorage, AK 99503, or yukonflats_noi@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Cyndie Wolfe, Project Coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1011 East Tudor Rd., MS-231, Anchorage, AK 99503, phone number 907-786-3463 or yukonflats_noi@fws.gov. Additional

information concerning the proposed land exchange can be found at <http://alaska.fws.gov/nwr/yukonflats/current.htm>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Doyon, Limited (Doyon) is an Alaska Native Regional Corporation established under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971 (ANCSA; 43 U.S.C. 1601 *et seq.*) Under the authority of ANCSA, Congress granted to Doyon land entitlements within an area that became the Yukon Flats National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge) in 1980. Doyon has ownership interests in approximately 2.14 million acres within the boundaries of the Refuge, including the surface and subsurface estates of 1.25 million acres of land, and the subsurface estate of another 890,000 acres. An additional 56,517 acres remain to be allocated by Doyon to Village Corporations located in the Refuge; Doyon would own the subsurface to these lands. Doyon is owned by over 14,000 Alaska Natives (Native Americans) with ties to a large portion of interior Alaska. Approximately 1,000 people reside in several communities in the Yukon Flats. Most residents are Alaska Natives and many are Doyon shareholders.

The Yukon Flats Refuge is located in eastern interior Alaska. The exterior boundaries include about 11 million acres, of which about 2.14 million acres are owned by ANCSA Native corporations, including Doyon. The Refuge includes the Yukon Flats, a vast wetland basin bisected by the Yukon River. The basin is underlain by permafrost and includes a complex network of lakes, streams, and rivers. The Refuge supports the highest density of breeding ducks in Alaska, and includes one of the greatest waterfowl breeding areas in North America.

Negotiators for Doyon and the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), Alaska Region, have agreed in principle to provide Doyon title to some Refuge lands that may hold developable oil and gas resources. In exchange, the United States (U.S.) would receive lands currently owned by Doyon within the Refuge boundary. These lands include wetlands previously identified by the Service as quality fish and wildlife habitat. In addition, both parties have agreed to exchange nearly six townships (264,000 acres) to consolidate ownerships and facilitate land management. All lands acquired by the U.S. would be managed as part of the Yukon Flats Refuge. Activities on Doyon lands are not subject to regulation by the Service.

To evaluate the exchange, the Service will prepare an Environmental Impact

Statement (EIS) in accordance with procedures for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321-4370d). Appropriate agencies will be invited to participate as cooperating or reviewing agencies. National Environmental Policy Act compliance is not legally required for land exchanges conducted under the provisions of ANCSA and the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA; 16 U.S.C. 410hh-410hh-5, 460 mm-460mm-4, 539-539e, and 3101-3233; also 43 U.S.C. 1631-1642). However, at the request of Doyon and the public, the Department of the Interior has agreed to evaluate the proposed land exchange through the process of an EIS.

The EIS will evaluate a range of reasonable alternatives, including the following four alternatives. All these alternatives, including the "no action" alternative, could result in oil and/or gas development on Doyon-owned lands. Because access to Doyon lands would cross federally-owned lands, Doyon would be required to apply for a right-of-way permit under Title XI of ANILCA. At that time, a separate NEPA process would evaluate various transportation/pipeline corridor alternatives.

(1) Equal-value land exchange (based on fair market appraisals) as described in the Agreement in Principle (for the full text of the Agreement, see <http://alaska.fws.gov/nwr/yukonflats/current.htm>). Under Phase 1 of this agreement, Doyon would receive about 110,000 acres of Refuge lands with oil/gas potential and 97,000 acres of oil and gas interests (no surface occupancy). In exchange, the U.S. would receive from Doyon an equal-value amount of lands (tentatively estimated at 150,000 acres), with quality fish and wildlife habitats. In addition, Doyon would reallocate 56,517 acres of its remaining land entitlement outside the Refuge. Both parties would pursue additional township-level exchanges to consolidate ownerships. If Doyon discovers and produces oil or gas on the lands it acquires in the exchange, the Service would receive production payments to be used to: (1) Purchase from Doyon certain additional lands or interests therein, within the Refuge, (2) purchase land or interests therein, from other willing sellers in other national wildlife refuges in Alaska, or (3) to construct facilities in Alaska Refuges.

(2) No action. The U.S. would not enter into a land exchange with Doyon. Any oil or gas exploration/development by Doyon within the Refuge would be confined to Doyon's current land holdings. Under the provisions of