

decide what mitigation measures and monitoring will be required.

Scoping Process: Public participation will be very important throughout the NEPA analysis process. The Forest Service will be seeking information, comments, and assistance from Federal, State, and local agencies, American Indian tribes, as well as other individuals and organizations that may be interested in or affected by the proposed project.

Preliminary Issues: No preliminary planning issues were identified.

Comment Requested: This notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the EIS. Comments submitted during the scoping process should be in writing and should be specific to the purpose and need and the proposed action. The comments should describe as clearly and completely as possible any issues or concerns the commenter has with the proposal.

Early Notice of Importance of Public Participation in Subsequent Environmental Review: A DEIS will be prepared for comment. The comment period on the DEIS will be 45 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the notice of availability in the **Federal Register**.

At this early stage, the Forest Service believes it is important to give reviewers notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of DEISs must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal in a way that it is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewer's position and contentions [see "*Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978)"]. Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the DEIS stage but that are not raised until after completion of the FEIS may be waived or dismissed by the courts [see "*City of Angoon v. Hodel*, 803 F.2d 1016, 1022 (9th Cir. 1986) and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980)]. Because of these court rulings, it is very important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the 45-day comment period so that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the FEIS.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the DEIS should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft statement.

Comments may also address the adequacy of the DEIS or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the NEPA at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.

Comments received, including the names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposal and will be available for public inspection (see 40 CFR 1501.7 and 1508.22; *Forest Service Handbook 1909.15, Section 21*).

Dated: February 13, 2006.

Robert L. Vaught,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Harding Lake, Aquatic Habitat Enhancement Project

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of a Finding of No Significant Impact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Guidelines (40 CFR part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (formerly the Soil Conservation Service) Guidelines (7 CFR part 650); the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Robert Jones, State Conservationist, finds that neither the proposed action nor any of the alternatives is a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment, and determine that an environmental impact statement is not needed for the Harding Lake, Aquatic Habitat Enhancement Project.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert Jones, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Alaska State Office, 800 West Evergreen Avenue, Suite 100, Palmer, AK 99645-6539; Phone: 907-761-7760; Fax: 907-761-7790.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The environmental assessment of this federally assisted action indicates that the project will not cause significant local, regional, or national impacts on the environment. As a result of these findings, the preparation and review of

an environmental impact statement are not needed for this project.

The project purpose is to redirect and control partial stream flows to restore shallow-water spawning and rearing habitat for Northern Pike (*Exos lucius*) and the Least Ciscoe (*Coregonus sardinella*) at Harding Lake, Salcha, AK. The planned works of improvement include installation of a double-weir, sheet-pile stream flow control system in Rogge Creek. This will re-establish more consistent water flow to the Harding Lake Channel of Rogge Creek terminating in Harding Lake. Subsequently, the rise in water levels (design ASL 717) will provide more stable water conditions in Harding Lake to serve in reestablishing littoral wetland areas for northern pike production and rearing. Operation and maintenance of the structure will address flood control to the capacity of the Rogge Creek channels ability to contain flood waters (100 cfs), when out of bank flows will respond to the natural topography and conditions, irrespective of the structure presence. A natural outlet of the Harding Lake controls upper surface levels of the lake.

The Notice of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been forwarded to the Environmental Protection Agency and other interested parties. A limited number of copies of the FONSI are available to fill single copy requests at the above address. Basic data developed during the environmental assessment are on file and may be reviewed by contacting Robert Jones.

No administrative action on implementation of the proposal will be taken until 30 days after the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: February 9, 2006.

Robert Jones,

State Conservationist.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation, Planning, Protection, or Restoration.

Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: 0648–0459.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 1,007.

Number of Respondents: 50.

Average Hours Per Response: 35 hours for a plan (one time only); 10 hours for an application; and 5 hours for a report.

Needs and Uses: The FY 2002 Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations Act directed the Secretary of Commerce to establish a Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program (CELCP) to protect important areas that have significant conservation, recreation, ecological, historical, or aesthetic values, or that are threatened by conversion, and to issue guidelines for this program delineating the criteria for grant awards. (16 U.S.C. 1456d.). The guidelines establish procedures for eligible applicants, who choose to participate in the program, to use when developing state conservation plans, proposing or soliciting projects under this program, applying for funds and carrying out projects under this program in a manner that is consistent with the purposes of the program. NOAA also has, or is given, authority under the Coastal Zone Management Act, annual appropriations or other authorities, to issue funds to coastal states and localities for planning, conservation, acquisition, protection, restoration, or construction projects. This information collection will enable NOAA to implement the CELCP, under its current or future authorization, and facilitate the review of similar projects under different, but related authorities.

Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Government; not-for profit institutions.

Frequency: One time, annually, and semi-annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395–3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482–0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, FAX number (202) 395–7285, or David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: February 14, 2006.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Reporting of Sea Turtle Incidental Takes in Virginia Chesapeake Bay Pound Net Operations.

Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: 0648–0470.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 102.

Number of Respondents: 53.

Average Hours Per Response: 10 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The year-round reporting of sea turtle incidental take is necessary to (1) monitor the level of incidental take in the state-monitored pound net fishery, (2) ensure that the level of take does not exceed the Incidental Take Statement issued in conjunction with the Biological Opinion, and (3) verify that the seasonal pound net leader restrictions are adequate to protect sea turtles. The respondents will be Virginia pound net fishermen.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395–3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482–0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

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Dated: February 14, 2006.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Survey of Residential Alterations and Repairs

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before April 24, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dhynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Joseph Huesman, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 2125 Building 4, Washington, DC 20233–6916, (301) 763–4822 (or via the Internet at joseph.john.huesman@census.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau plans to request an extension of the currently approved Office of Management and Budget (OMB) clearance of the Survey of Residential Alterations and Repairs, also known as the (SORAR). SORAR collects monthly data on expenditures for residential improvements and repairs from owners or designated representatives of rental and vacant housing units. This segment of the economy amounted to more than \$199 billion in 2004.

The Census Bureau also conducts the Consumer Expenditures Survey to collect data for improvement and repairs to owner-occupied residential properties. The Census Bureau