Association, 1 Battrymarch Park, P.O. Box 9101, Quincy, MA 02269–9101.
Attn: Robert Solomon; or by email to mhccaooffice@nfpa.org; or by fax to MHCC Nomination at (617) 984–7110.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Henry S. Czauski, Acting Deputy Administrator, Office of Manufactured Housing Programs, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 9164, Washington, DC 20410–8000; telephone number (202) 708–6401 (this is not a toll-free number). For hearing and speech-impaired persons, this number may be accessed via TTY by calling the Federal Relay Service at 1–(800) 877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Section 604 of the Manufactured Housing Improvement Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106–569) amended the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5401–5426) (Act) to require the establishment of the MHCC, a Federal advisory committee, to: (1) Provide periodic recommendations to the Secretary to adopt, revise, and interpret the manufactured housing construction and safety standards; and (2) to provide periodic recommendations to the Secretary to adopt, revise, and interpret the procedural and enforcement requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. Appendix), including regulations specifying the permissible scope and conduct of monitoring. The Act authorizes the Secretary to appoint a total of twenty-two members to the MHCC. Twenty-one members have voting rights; the twenty-second member represents the Secretary and is a non-voting position. Service on the MHCC is voluntary. Travel and per diem for meetings is provided in accordance with Federal travel policy pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 5703.

HUD seeks highly qualified and motivated individuals who meet the requirements set forth in the Act to serve as voting members of the MHCC for up to two terms of three years. The MHCC expects to meet four times per year for up to two terms.

Nominee Selection and Appointment

Members of the Consensus Committee are appointed to serve in one of three member categories. Nominees will be appointed to fill voting member vacancies in the following categories:

1. Producer—Seven producers or retailers of manufactured housing.

2. Users—Seven persons representing consumer interests, such as consumer organizations, recognized consumer leaders, and owners who are residents of manufactured homes.

3. General Interest and Public Officials—Seven general interest and public official members.

The Act provides that the Secretary shall ensure that all interests directly and materially affected by the work of the MHCC have the opportunity for fair and equitable participation without dominance by any single interest; and may reject the appointment of any one or more individuals in order to ensure that there is no dominance by any single interest. For purposes of this determination, dominance is defined as a position or exercise of dominant authority, leadership, or influence by reason of superior leverage, strength, or representation.

Additional requirements governing appointment and member service include:

1. Nominees appointed to the Producer category, and three of the individuals appointed to the General Interest and Public Official category shall not have a significant financial interest in any segment of the manufactured housing industry; or a significant relationship to any person engaged in the manufactured housing industry.

2. Each member serving in the Producer category shall be subject to a ban disallowing compensation from the manufactured housing industry during the period of, and during the one year following, his or her membership on the MHCC.

3. Nominees selected for appointment to the MHCC shall be required to provide disclosures and certifications regarding conflict-of-interest and eligibility for membership prior to finalizing an appointment.

Consensus Committee—Advisory Role

The MHCC’s role is solely advisory to the Secretary on the subject matter described above.

Federal Advisory Committee Act

The MHCC is subject to the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. Appendix), and to the Presidential Memorandum, dated June 18, 2010, directing all heads of executive departments and agencies not to make any new appointments or reappointments of Federally registered lobbyists to advisory committees and other boards and commissions.”

Term of Office

Consensus Committee members serve at the discretion of the Secretary or for a three-year term and for up to two terms.

Nominee Information

Individuals seeking nomination to the MHCC should submit detailed information documenting their qualifications as addressed in the Act and this Notice. Individuals may nominate themselves. An application form is available at http://www.nfpa.org/assets/files/PDF/CodesStandards/MHCCApplication.pdf. HUD recommends that the application form be accompanied by a resume.

Additional Information

Appointments will be made at the Secretary’s discretion.

Dated: December 8, 2011.

Carol J. Galante,
Acting Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service


Endangered Species; Receipt of Applications for Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (ESA) prohibits activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is acquired that allows such activities.

DATES: We must receive comments or requests for documents on or before January 17, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Brenda Tapia, Division of Management Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 212, Arlington, VA 22203; fax (703) 358–2280; or email DMAFR@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brenda Tapia, (703) 358–2104
II. Background

To help us carry out our conservation responsibilities for affected species, and in consideration of section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), along with Executive Order 13576, “Delivering an Efficient, Effective, and Accountable Government” and “The President’s Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies of January 21, 2009—Transparency and Open Government” (74 FR 4685; January 26, 2009), which call on all Federal agencies to promote openness and transparency in Government by disclosing information to the public, we invite public comment on these permit applications before final action is taken.

III. Permit Applications

A. Endangered Species

Applicant: Jacksonville Zoological Society, Jacksonville, FL; PRT–59935A

The applicant requests a permit to export three live, captive-born bonobos (Pan paniscus) to Germany, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: University of California, Berkeley, CA; PRT–58695A

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples from wild female leatherback sea turtles (Dermochelys coriacea) in Trinidad for the purpose of scientific research.

Applicant: David Marovitz, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI; PRT–59019A

The applicant requests a permit to acquire DNA cell cultures from gorilla (Gorilla gorilla) and Sumatran orangutan (Pongo abelii) through interstate commerce from Coriell Cell Repository, Camden, NJ, for the purpose of scientific research.

Applicant: Theodore Papenfuss, University of California, Berkeley, CA; PRT–59290A

The applicant requests a permit to import biological specimens of Cat Island slider turtle (Trachemys terrapin) and Inagua Island slider turtle (T. stejnegeri malonei) from wild turtles in the Bahamas for the purpose of scientific research.

B. May I review comments submitted by others?

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the address listed under ADDRESSES. The public may review documents and other information applicants have sent in support of the application unless our allowing viewing would violate the Privacy Act or Freedom of Information Act. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.