

The applicant requests an amendment to add the northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*) and additional personnel to their permit. The applicant also requests a permit renewal. Proposed activities are for the recovery and enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Request for Public Comments

We seek public review and comments on these permit applications. Please refer to the appropriate permit application number(s) when you submit comments. Comments and materials we receive are available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section. 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.

Authority

We provide this notice under section 10(c) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.22).

Dated: April 28, 2015.

Lynn M. Lewis,

Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Midwest Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Draft Environmental Assessment and Draft Habitat Conservation Plan for the Fender's Blue Butterfly on Private Lands in Yamhill County, Oregon; Reopening of Comment Period

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), are reopening the comment period for an application from the Yamhill Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) for an incidental take permit (permit) under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as

amended (ESA). The permit application includes a draft Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) addressing private land management activities within upland prairie in Yamhill County, Oregon, that may result in the incidental take of the endangered Fender's blue butterfly. The Service also announces the availability of a draft environmental assessment (EA) addressing the proposed HCP and issuance of a permit that was prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA). We invite comments from all interested parties on the permit application, including the HCP and the EA. We are reopening the comment period to correct a technical error with the electronic email box associated with the email address provided in our original **Federal Register** notice. The public could send comments to the Service's email address but we were not able to retrieve the comments for review; therefore, the comments could not be considered and recognized as part of the record. If you have previously submitted comments via email, please resubmit them to the new email address in order to be considered since they were unfortunately not retrievable for consideration.

DATES: To ensure consideration, written comments must be received from interested parties no later than June 8, 2015.

ADDRESSES: To request further information or submit written comments, please use one of the following methods, and note that your information request or comments are in reference to the Yamhill SWCD HCP.

- **Internet:** Documents may be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.fws.gov/oregonfwo/ToolsForLandowners/HabitatConservationPlans/#HCP>.

- **Email:** YamhillSWCDcomments@fws.gov. Include "Yamhill SWCD HCP" in the subject line of the message.

- **U.S. Mail:** U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Oregon Fish and Wildlife Office, 2600 SE. 98th Ave., Suite 100, Portland, OR 97266. Include "Yamhill SWCD HCP" in the subject line of the message.

- **Fax:** 503-231-6195, Attn: Yamhill SWCD HCP.

- **In-Person Viewing or Pickup:** Documents will be available for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Oregon Fish and Wildlife Office, 2600 SE. 98th Ave., Suite 100, Portland, OR.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Szlemp, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Oregon Fish and Wildlife Office (see **ADDRESSES**), telephone: 503-231-

6179. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf, please call the Federal Information Relay Service at 800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 23, 2015, we published a **Federal Register** notice (80 FR 9477) announcing the availability of the draft HCP and the draft EA for a 30-day review and comment period. We are providing interested parties another opportunity to review and comment on these documents by reopening the comment period for 30 days. We are reopening the comment period to correct a technical error with the electronic email box associated with the email address provided in our original **Federal Register** notice (80 FR 9477). The public could send comments to the Service's email address but we were not able to retrieve the comments for review; therefore the comments could not be considered and recognized as part of the record. Therefore, if you submitted comments via email to the previously provided address, please resubmit your comments to the new email address or by using any of the methods provided in the **ADDRESSES** section above.

For background and more information on the draft HCP and draft EA, see our February 23, 2015, notice. For information on where to view the documents and how to submit comments, please see the **ADDRESSES** section above.

Public Availability of Comments

All comments and materials we receive will become part of the public record associated with this action. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personally identifiable information in your comments, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personally identifiable information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personally identifiable information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Comments and materials we receive, as well as supporting documentation we use in preparing the EA, will be available for public inspection by appointment, during normal business hours, at our Oregon Fish and Wildlife Office (see **ADDRESSES**).

Authority

We provide this notice in accordance with the requirements of section 10 of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and their

implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.22 and 40 CFR 1506.6, respectively).

Dated: April 21, 2015.

Richard Hannan,

Deputy Regional Director, Pacific Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Portland, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

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Proposed Renewal of Information Collection: OMB Control Number 1094-0001; Alternatives Process in Hydropower Licensing

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance, Office of the Secretary, Department of the Interior announces the proposed extension of a public information collection and seeks public comments on the provisions thereof.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by July 6, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Send your written comments to Shawn Alam, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW., MS 2462-MIB, Washington, DC 20240, fax 202-208-6970, or by electronic mail to Shawn.Alam@ios.doi.gov. Please mention that your comments concern the Alternatives Process in Hydropower Licensing, OMB Control Number 1094-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request a copy of the information collection request, any explanatory information and related forms, please use the contact information provided in the **ADDRESSES** section above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This notice is for renewal of information collection.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR part 1320, which implement the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*, require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and

recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8 (d)).

On March 31, 2015, the Departments of Agriculture, the Interior, and Commerce published revised interim final rules they originally published in November 2005 at 7CFR part 1, 43 CFR part 45, and 50 CFR part 221 to implement section 241 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EP Act), Public Law 109-58, which the President signed into law on August 8, 2005. Section 241 of the EP Act adds a new section 33 to the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. 823d, that allows the license applicant or any other party to the license proceeding to propose an alternative to a condition or prescription that one or more of the Departments develop for inclusion in a hydropower license issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) under the FPA. This provision requires that the Department of Agriculture, the Department of the Interior, and the Department of Commerce collect the information covered by 1094-0001.

Under FPA section 33, the Secretary of the Department involved must accept the proposed alternative if the Secretary determines, based on substantial evidence provided by a party to the license proceeding or otherwise available to the Secretary, (a) that the alternative condition provides for the adequate protection and utilization of the reservation, or that the alternative prescription will be no less protective than the fishway initially proposed by the Secretary, and (b) that the alternative will either cost significantly less to implement or result in improved operation of the project works for electricity production.

In order to make this determination, the regulations require that all of the following information be collected: (1) A description of the alternative, in an equivalent level of detail to the Department's preliminary condition or prescription; (2) an explanation of how the alternative: (i) If a condition, will provide for the adequate protection and utilization of the reservation; or (ii) if a prescription, will be no less protective than the fishway prescribed by the bureau; (3) an explanation of how the alternative, as compared to the preliminary condition or prescription, will: (i) Cost significantly less to implement; or (ii) result in improved operation of the project works for electricity production; (4) an explanation of how the alternative or revised alternative will affect: (i) Energy supply, distribution, cost, and use; (ii) flood control; (iii) navigation; (iv) water supply; (v) air quality; and (vi) other aspects of environmental quality; and

(5) specific citations to any scientific studies, literature, and other documented information relied on to support the proposal.

This notice of proposed renewal of an existing information collection is being published by the Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance, Department of the Interior, on behalf of all three Departments and the data provided below covers anticipated responses (alternative conditions/prescriptions and associated information) for all three Departments.

II. Data

(1) Title: 7 CFR part 1; 43 CFR part 45; 50 CFR part 221; the Alternatives Process in Hydropower Licensing.

OMB Control Number: 1094-0001.

Current Expiration Date: November 30, 2015.

Type of Review: Information Collection Renewal.

Affected Entities: Business or for-profit entities.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 5.

Frequency of responses: Once per alternative proposed.

(2) *Annual reporting and recordkeeping burden:*

Total annual reporting per response: 500 hours.

Total number of estimated responses: 5.

Total annual reporting: 2,500 hours.

(3) Description of the need and use of the information: The purpose of this information collection is to provide an opportunity for license parties to propose an alternative condition or prescription to that proposed by the Federal Government for inclusion in the hydropower licensing process.

III. Request for Comments

The Departments invite comments on:

(a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agencies, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of the agencies' estimate of the burden of the collection of information and the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(d) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

"Burden" means the total time, effort, and financial resources expended by