

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5873-D-01]

Delegation of Authority to the Chief Operations Officer

AGENCY: Office of the Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

ACTION: Notice of delegation of authority.

SUMMARY: In this notice, the Deputy Secretary delegates to the Chief Operations Officer all management and supervisory authority for the following offices: The Chief Information Officer (CIO); the Chief Human Capital Officer (CHCO); the Chief Procurement Officer (CPO); and the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO).

DATES: Effective upon date of signature.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John B. Shumway, Assistant General Counsel for Administrative Law, Office of General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 9262, Washington, DC 20410-0500, telephone number 202-402-5190. (This is not a toll-free number.) Individuals with speech or hearing impairments may access this number through TTY by calling 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Certain management and program functions will now be performed by a Chief Operations Officer (COO). These functions include executive scheduling, security and emergency planning, executive secretariat, Freedom of Information Act processing, budgeting, accounting, hiring and training employees, modernizing information technology systems, information security, protecting privacy, procurement and contracting, and disaster preparedness operations. These functions are performed in the offices of the Chief Human Capital Officer (CHCO), the Chief Information Officer (CIO), the Chief Procurement Officer (CPO), and the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO). The COO has been delegated management and program authority for these offices.

Section A. Authority

The Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development hereby delegates to the Chief Operations Officer the authority to manage and supervise the following offices and functions:

1. *Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer:* This office is responsible for employee performance management; executive resources; human capital field support; human capital policy, planning and training; recruitment and staffing; personnel security; employee assistance program, health and wellness; employee and labor relations; pay, benefits and retirement center; human capital information systems; and budget.

2. *Office of the Chief Information Officer:* This office is responsible for modernizing information technology systems, information security, and protecting privacy.

3. *Office of the Chief Procurement Officer:* This office is responsible for all procurement and contracting activity by the Department.

4. *Office of the Chief Administrative Officer:* This office is responsible for facilities management services; Executive Secretariat correspondence management, processing of Freedom of Information Act requests, and disaster preparedness operations.

Section B. Authority Excepted

The authority delegated in this document does not include the authority to sue or be sued or to issue or waive regulations.

Section C. Authority to Redelegate

The Chief Operations Officer may redelegate to employees of HUD any of the authority delegated under Section A above.

Section D. Authority Superseded

This delegation revokes all previous delegations of authority from the Secretary or the Deputy Secretary to the Assistant Secretary for Administration or the Chief Operations Officer, including the Delegation of Authority to the Chief Operating Officer published in the **Federal Register** on June 14, 2011 at 76 FR 34745.

This delegation is effective immediately and until such time as this delegation is revoked. The Deputy Secretary may revoke the authority authorized herein, in whole or part, at any time.

Authority: Section 7(d) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Act (42 U.S.C. 3535(d)).

Dated: May 4, 2015.

Nani A. Coloretti,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FW-HQ-WSFR-2015-N087;
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FVWF51100900000-XXX-FF09W11000]

Proposed Information Collection; Wildlife and Sport Fish Grants and Cooperative Agreements

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the information collection (IC) described below. As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and as part of our continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, we invite the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on this IC. This IC is scheduled to expire on September 30, 2015. We 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.

DATES: To ensure that we are able to consider your comments on this IC, we must receive them by July 10, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments on this IC to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS BPHC, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803 (mail); or hope_grey@fws.gov (email). Please include "1018-0109" in the subject line of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this IC, contact Hope Grey at hope_grey@fws.gov (email) or 703-358-2482 (telephone).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program (WSFR), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, administers the following financial assistance programs in whole or in part. We award most financial assistance as grants, but cooperative agreements are possible if the Federal Government will be substantially involved in carrying out the project. You can find a description of most programs in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA).

| Program | CFDA No. | Authority | Implementing regulations |
|------------------------|----------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Clean Vessel Act | 15.616 | 16 U.S.C. 777g(c) | 50 CFR 85. |

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| Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act | 15.614 | 16 U.S.C. 3951–3956 | 50 CFR 84. |
| Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund | 15.615 | 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq | 50 CFR 81. |
| Everglades Restoration * | None | Public Law 104–127; 16 U.S.C. 460 I–4 thru I–11. | None. |
| Fish and Wildlife Coordination and Assistance Programs (Generic) | 15.664 | | None. |
| Fisheries Restoration and Irrigation Mitigation * | None | 16 U.S.C. 777 | None. |
| Highlands Conservation Program | 15.667 | | None. |
| Hunter Education and Safety | 15.626 | 16 U.S.C. 669h–1 | 50 CFR 80. |
| Landowner Incentive * | 15.633 | Public Law 110–5 | None. |
| Multistate Conservation Grants | 15.628 | 16 U.S.C. 669h–2; 16 U.S.C. 777m | None. |
| National Outreach and Communication | 15.653 | 16 U.S.C. 777g(d) | None. |
| Research Grants (Generic) | 15.650 | 16 U.S.C. 753a; 16 U.S.C. 460 (I–4 thru I–11); 16 U.S.C. 1531–1543. | None. |
| Service Training and Technical Assistance (Generic Training) | 15.649 | 16 U.S.C. 661 and 16 U.S.C. 742f .. | None. |
| Sport Fish Restoration | 15.605 | 16 U.S.C. 777–777n (except 777e–1). | 50 CFR 80. |
| Sport Fishing and Boating Safety Act (Boating Infrastructure Grants) | 15.622 | 16 U.S.C. 777g and g–1 | 50 CFR 86. |
| State Wildlife Grants | 15.634 | Public Law 110–329 | None. |
| Tribal Landowner Incentive * | 15.638 | Public Law 110–5 | None. |
| Tribal Wildlife Grants | 15.639 | Public Law 110–329 | None. |
| Wildlife Conservation and Restoration * | 15.625 | 16 U.S.C. 669b and 669c | None. |
| Wildlife Restoration | 15.611 | 16 U.S.C. 669–669k | 50 CFR 80. |

* Program has open grants, but no new funding.

Authorities and implementing regulations establish the purposes of the grant programs and the types of projects to be funded. Some list eligibility criteria as well as activities ineligible for funding. The authorities and implementing regulations for the competitive programs establish preferences or ranking factors for the selection of projects to be funded. These legal requirements make it essential for an awarding agency to have certain information so that it funds only eligible projects, and, in the case of competitive programs, to select those projects that will result in the greatest return on the Federal investment.

Some grants are mandatory and receive funds according to a formula set by law or policy. Other grants are discretionary, and we award them based on a competitive process. Mandatory grant recipients must give us specific, detailed project information during the application process so that we can ensure that projects are eligible for the mandatory funding, are substantial in character and design, and comply with all applicable Federal laws. All grantees must submit financial and performance reports that contain information necessary for us to track costs and accomplishments.

In February 2014, OMB approved our request to use a new electronic system (Wildlife Tracking and Reporting Actions for the Conservation of Species (Wildlife TRACS)) to collect application and performance reporting information on our grant programs. OMB assigned OMB Control No. 1018–0156, which expires February 28, 2017. Wildlife

TRACS allows us to take advantage of newer technology and gives applicants direct access to enter project information that can be used to submit an application through <http://www.grants.gov>. Grantees can also report performance accomplishments in Wildlife TRACS. We are including the use of Wildlife TRACS and the collection of additional information in this revision to OMB Control No. 1018–0109. If OMB approves this revision, we will discontinue OMB Control No. 1018–0156.

To apply for financial assistance funds, you must submit an application that describes in substantial detail project locations, benefits, funding, and other characteristics. Materials to assist applicants in formulating project proposals are available on Grants.gov. We use the application to determine:

- Eligibility.
- Scale of resource values or relative worth of the project.
- If associated costs are reasonable and allowable.
- Potential effect of the project on environmental and cultural resources.
- How well the proposed project will meet the purposes of the program's establishing legislation.
- If the proposed project is substantial in character and design.
- For competitive programs, how the proposed project addresses ranking criteria.

Persons or entities receiving grants must submit periodic performance reports that contain information necessary for us to track costs and accomplishments.

In addition to the information currently collected under OMB Control No. 1018–0109, we will collect the following additional information currently approved under OMB Control No. 1018–0156:

For mandatory grant program applications and amendments:

- Geospatial entry of project location.
- Project status (active, completed, etc.).
- Project leader contact information.
- Partner information.
- Objectives, including output measures and desired future values.
- Plan information (for projects connected to plans).

For all WSFR grant program projects and reports:

- The information above, as applicable to the approved grant.
- Public description.
- Action status (active, completed, etc.).
- Summary trend information, as applicable.
- Estimated costs, by action. (non-auditable).
- Effectiveness measures (initially for State Wildlife Grants).

For real property acquisition projects, information related to:

- Transactions, such as dates, method of transfer, title holder, and seller.
- Identifiers, such as State and Federal Record ID, parcel number, and property name.
- Values such as appraised value, purchase price and other cost information, and acres or acre feet.
- Encumbrances.
- Partners.

II. Data

OMB Control Number: 1018–0109.
Title: Wildlife and Sport Fish Grants and Cooperative Agreements, 50 CFR 80, 81, 84, 85, and 86.
Service Form Number: None.
Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.
Description of Respondents: States; the Commonwealths of Puerto Rico and

the Northern Mariana Islands; the District of Columbia; the territories of Guam, U.S. Virgin Islands, and American Samoa; federally recognized tribal governments; institutions of higher education; and nongovernmental organizations.
Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit.
Frequency of Collection: We require applications annually for new grants.

We require amendments on occasion when key elements of a project change. We require quarterly and final performance reports in the National Outreach and Communication Program and annual and final performance reports in the other programs. We may require more frequent reports under the conditions stated at 2 CFR 200.205 and 2 CFR 200.207.

| Activity | Number of respondents | Number of responses | Completion time per response | Total annual burden hours |
|---|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Initial Application (project narrative) | 200 | 2,500 | 44 | 110,000 |
| Revision of Award Terms (Amendment) | 150 | 1,500 | 6 | 9,000 |
| Performance Reports | 200 | 3,500 | 12 | 42,000 |
| Totals | 550 | 7,500 | | 161,000 |

III. Comments

We invite comments concerning this information collection on:

- Whether or not the collection of information is necessary, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;
- The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information;
- Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this IC. 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.

Dated: May 5, 2015.

Tina A. Campbell,

Chief, Division of Policy, Performance, and Management Programs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[Docket No. FWS–HQ–IA–2014–0018; 96300–1671–0000–R4]

Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora; Seventeenth Regular Meeting; Request for Information and Recommendations on Resolutions, Decisions, and Agenda Items for Consideration

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: To implement the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES or the Convention), the Parties to the Convention meet periodically to review what species in international trade should be regulated and other aspects of the implementation of CITES. The seventeenth regular meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES (CoP17) is tentatively scheduled to be held in September 2016 in South Africa. With this notice we are soliciting and invite you to provide us with information and recommendations on resolutions, decisions, and agenda items that the United States might consider submitting for discussion at CoP17. In addition, with this notice we provide preliminary information on how to request approved observer status for nongovernmental organizations that wish to attend the meeting.

DATES: We will consider all information and comments we receive on or before July 10, 2015.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments pertaining to recommendations for

resolutions, decisions, and agenda items for discussion at CoP17 by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on Docket No. FWS–HQ–IA–2014–0018 (the docket number for this notice).
- *U.S. mail or hand-delivery:* Public Comments Processing, Attn: FWS–HQ–IA–2014–0018; Division of Policy and Directives Management; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 5275 Leesburg Pike; MS: BPHC; Falls Church, VA 22041.

We will not consider comments sent by email or fax, or to an address not listed in the **ADDRESSES** section. Comments and materials we receive in response to this notice will be available for public inspection on <http://www.regulations.gov>, or by appointment, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays, at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 5275 Leesburg Pike, 2nd Floor, Falls Church, VA 22041; telephone 703–358–2095.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information pertaining to resolutions, decisions, and agenda items, contact Craig Hoover, Chief, Wildlife Trade and Conservation Branch, Division of Management Authority, at 703–358–2095 (phone), 703–358–2298 (fax), or managementauthority@fws.gov (email). If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 800–877–8339. For information pertaining to species proposals, contact Rosemarie Gnam, Chief, Division of Scientific Authority, at 703–358–1708 (phone), 703–358–2276 (fax), or scientificauthority@fws.gov (email).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: