

CHANGES TO METHODOLOGY FOR COMPUTING FSS PERFORMANCE SCORES

Overall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where a family ports, each PHA (the receiving and the initial PHA) will benefit from the family's FSS enrollment as it relates to the PHA's participation measure. For the earnings and FSS graduation measures, HUD will include the family for the PHA who currently administers the FSS contract. • HUD will treat joint applicants as a single PHA for purposes of computing all three components of the FSS performance score.
Earnings Performance Score.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In calculating the earnings performance score, HUD will exclude FSS participants who become classified as disabled at any point during their participation. • HUD will include within the earnings measure FSS participants that begin the FSS contract below age 62, even if they reach or exceed the age of 62 during their Contract of Participation. • In selecting comparison households, HUD will match FSS families with comparison families based on the number of children under the age of 18, rather than the presence of child under age 5. HUD will also match FSS families with comparison families based on presence of a child with a disability and presence of a non-head of household adult with a disability. • Under certain circumstances, HUD will require that comparison households be in the same county and PHA as the FSS participants to which they are being compared. HUD will apply this protocol to all state PHAs and to any additional PHAs where three or more counties are each home to at least 10 percent of households receiving housing assistance from the PHA (through HCV or public housing). To ensure this approach does not unduly dilute the ability to find comparable households, HUD will require that FSS participants be matched to comparison households in the same county only in counties where there are at least four times as many non-FSS households as FSS households being served by the PHA. • HUD will apply an adjustment factor to the earnings performance measure to account for variations in local economic conditions.

After making these adjustments to the methodology, HUD has recalculated the thresholds for translating the FSS performance measures into individual component scores and the final composite score and notes the final thresholds below.

B. Updated Thresholds for FSS Performance Scores

The following are the updated thresholds HUD will use to compute an FSS Performance Score for each PHA. See the December 12, 2017 **Federal Register** Notice and the updated complete methodology, which can be found on HUD's website at https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/hcv/fss, for more information on each of the two steps in this process.

1. Step One: Assigning Scores to Each of the Three Measures

In Step One, HUD will assign a score of 0 to 10 to each PHA's FSS program for each of the three measures. Scores will be assigned using the thresholds and procedures described below. The ranges for awarding points between two values include those values as well as all intermediary values.

a. Earnings Performance Measure (50 percent of final score):

- *10 points:* Earnings performance measure of \$8,700 or higher.
- *7.5 points:* Earnings performance measure between \$6,950 and \$8,699.99.
- *0 points:* Earnings performance measure below \$4,050 and a p-value of <.10 on a statistical test measuring the likelihood that a PHA's earnings performance measure is significantly lower than the median measure of

\$6,302 (see December 12, 2017 **Federal Register** Notice at page 82 FR 58437 for an explanation of this statistical test).

- *5 points:* All PHAs that do not qualify for a 10, 7.5, or a 0.
- b. FSS Graduation Rate (30 percent of final score):
 - *10 points:* FSS graduation rate of 38 percent or higher.
 - *7.5 points:* FSS graduation rate between 28 percent and 37.9 percent.
 - *0 points:* FSS graduation rate below 10 percent.
- *5 points:* All PHAs that do not qualify for a 10, 7.5, or a 0
- c. Participation Rate (20 percent of final score):
 - *10 points:* Participation rate of 2.0 or higher.
 - *9 points:* Participation rate between 1.8 and 1.99.
 - *8 points:* Participation rate between 1.6 and 1.79.
 - *7 points:* Participation rate between 1.4 and 1.59.
 - *6 points:* Participation rate between 1.2 and 1.39.
 - *5 points:* Participation rate between .96 and 1.19.
 - *0 points:* Participation rate of .95 or lower.

2. Step Two: Developing the Final FSS Performance Score and Grade

In Step Two, after computing individual scores for each of the three measures, HUD will aggregate each PHA's scores using the weights noted above to develop a final FSS Performance Score from 0 to 10. Based on this score, HUD will assign the following ranking to the PHA's performance:

- *Category 1:* FSS Performance score of 8.0 or higher.

- *Category 2:* FSS Performance score between 4.26 and 7.99.
- *Category 3:* FSS Performance score between 3.26 and 4.25.
- *Category 4:* FSS Performance score of 3.25 or lower.

IV. Environmental Impact

This notice does not direct, provide for assistance or loan and mortgage insurance for, or otherwise govern or regulate, real property acquisition, disposition, leasing, rehabilitation, alteration, demolition, or new construction, or establish, revise or provide for standards for construction or construction materials, manufactured housing, or occupancy. Accordingly, under 24 CFR 50.19(c)(1), this notice is categorically excluded from environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321).

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Dominique Blom,

General Deputy Assistant Secretary, Public and Indian Housing.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered and Threatened Species; Receipt of Recovery Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of permit applications; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, have received applications for permits to conduct activities intended to enhance the propagation or survival of endangered or threatened species under the Endangered Species Act. We invite the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies to comment on these applications. Before issuing any of the requested permits, we will take into consideration any information that we receive during the public comment period.

DATES: We must receive your written comments on or before December 17, 2018.

ADDRESSES: *Document availability and comment submission:* You may, within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice (see **DATES**), submit requests for copies of the applications and related documents, and submit any comments by one of the following methods. All requests and comments should specify the applicant name(s) and application number(s) (e.g., TEXXXXXX):

- *Email:* permitsR3ES@fws.gov.

Please refer to the respective permit number (e.g., Application No. TEXXXXXX) in the subject line of your email message.

- *U.S. Mail:* Regional Director, Attn: Carlita Payne, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, 5600 American Blvd. West, Suite 990, Bloomington, MN 55437-1458.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carlita Payne, 612-713-5343; permitsR3ES@fws.gov. Individuals who are hearing or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 for TTY assistance.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on applications for permits under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The requested permits will allow the applicants to conduct activities intended to promote recovery of species that are listed as endangered or threatened under the ESA.

Background

With some exceptions, the ESA prohibits activities that constitute take of listed species unless a Federal permit is issued that allows such activity. The ESA’s definition of “take” includes such activities as pursuing, harassing, trapping, capturing, or collecting in addition to hunting, shooting, harming, wounding, or killing.

A recovery permit issued by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA

authorizes the permittee to conduct activities with endangered or threatened species for scientific purposes that promote recovery or for enhancement of propagation or survival of the species. These activities often include such prohibited actions as capture and collection. Our regulations implementing section 10(a)(1)(A) for these permits are found in the Code of Federal Regulations at 50 CFR 17.22 for endangered wildlife species, 50 CFR 17.32 for threatened wildlife species, 50 CFR 17.62 for endangered plant species, and 50 CFR 17.72 for threatened plant species.

Permit Applications Available for Review and Comment

Proposed activities in the following permit requests are for the recovery and enhancement of propagation or survival of the species in the wild. The ESA requires that we invite public comment before issuing such permits. Accordingly, we invite local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies and the public to submit written data, views, or arguments with respect to these applications. The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are those supported by quantitative information or studies.

Application No.	Applicant	Species	Location	Activity	Type of take	Permit action
TE99650C	Dale Dunford II, Rome, OH.	Clubshell (<i>Pleurobema clava</i>), fanshell (<i>Cyprogenia stegaria</i>), pink mucket (pearly-mussel) (<i>Lampsilis abrupta</i>), northern riffleshell (<i>Epioblasma torulosa rangiana</i>), purple cat’s paw pearlymussel (<i>E. obliquata obliquata</i>), snuffbox mussel (<i>E. triquetra</i>), rabbitsfoot (<i>Quadrula cylindrica cylindrica</i>), sheepsnose mussel (<i>Plethobasus cyphus</i>), rayed bean (<i>Villosa fabalis</i>).	IN, KY, MI, NY, OH, PA, WV.	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, evaluate impacts.	Capture, handle, temporary hold, tag, release, relocate.	New.
TE01835D	Mariah Scott, Chicago, IL.	Snuffbox mussel (<i>Epioblasma triquetra</i>)	MI	Study growth rate ontogenetic changes, male and female morphology.	Collect dead shells, hold, biosample.	New.

Public Availability of Comments

Written comments we receive become part of the administrative record associated with this action. 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 request in your comment that we withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Moreover, all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be

made available for public disclosure in their entirety.

Next Steps

If we decide to issue permits to any of the applicants listed in this notice, we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register**.

Authority

Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: August 30, 2018.

Lori H. Nordstrom,

Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Midwest Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Geological Survey**

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Notice of Request for Nominees for the Advisory Committee on Water Information

AGENCY: United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of request for nominees.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of the Interior (Interior) is seeking nominations for individuals to be considered as Committee members and/or alternates to serve on the Advisory Committee on Water Information (ACWI).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Adrienne Bartlewitz, Acting ACWI Executive Secretary, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, VA 20192. Telephone: 703-648-4304; Fax: 703-648-5002.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The ACWI was established under the authority of the Office of Management and Budget and Budget Memorandum No. M-92-01 and the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, (5 U.S.C. App. 2), and with the concurrence of the General Services Administration.

Membership represents a wide range of water resources interests and functions. The ACWI has a maximum of 35 members. Members will represent the interests of water oriented organizations and will be selected from among, but not limited to the following groups: Federal agencies, professional water-related associations, State and county water-related associations, academia, private industry, water utility associations, civil engineering societies, watershed and land conservation associations, ecological societies, lake, coastal, and ocean associations, environmental and educational groups.

Member organizations designate their representatives and alternates. Membership rests not with the individual person but rather with the member organization, who names their representative, and sometimes an alternate.

Nominations should include a résumé providing an adequate description of the nominee's qualifications, including information that would enable the Department of the Interior to make an informed decision regarding meeting the membership requirements of the ACWI and permit the Department of the Interior to contact a potential member. No individual who is currently registered as a Federal lobbyist is eligible to serve as a member of the ACWI.

The Committee functions solely as an advisory body, and in compliance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Nominations for member organizations should be submitted to the Executive Secretary, at the address listed in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

The purpose of the ACWI is to represent the interests of water-information users and professionals in advising the Federal Government on Federal water-information programs and their effectiveness in meeting the Nation's water-information needs. Member organizations help to foster communications between the Federal and non-Federal sectors on sharing water information.

Dated: October 5, 2018.

Jim Reilly,

Director, United States Geologic Survey.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Indian Affairs**

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Navajo Partitioned Lands Grazing Permits

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) are proposing to renew an information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 14, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments on this information collection request (ICR) by mail to the Calvert L. Curley, Office of Trust Services, Branch of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 1060, Gallup, New

Mexico 87105; telephone: (505) 863-8221; email: calvert.curley@bia.gov. Please reference OMB Control Number 1076-0162 in the subject line of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this ICR, contact Calvert L. Curley at telephone: (505) 863-8204, or email: calvert.curley@bia.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

We are soliciting comments on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is the collection necessary to the proper functions of the BIA; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the BIA enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the BIA minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

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 ICR. 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.

Abstract: This information collection is authorized under 25 CFR 161, which implements the Navajo-Hopi Indian Relocation Amendments Act of 1980, 94 Stat. 929, and the Federal court decisions of *Healing v. Jones*, 174 F. Supp.211 (D. Ariz. 1959) (Healing I), *Healing v. Jones*, 210 F. Supp. 126 (D. Ariz. 1962), *aff'd* 363 U.S. 758 (1963) (Healing II), *Hopi Tribe v. Watt*, 530 F. Supp. 1217 (D. Ariz. 1982), and *Hopi*