B. Solicitation of Public Comment

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected parties concerning the collection of information described in Section A on the following:

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

(2) If the information will be processed and used in a timely manner;

(3) The accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;

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

(5) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.

C. Authority


Anna P. Guido,
Department Reports Management Officer,
Office of the Chief Data Officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Heidi J. Frechette, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Native American Programs, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW, Room 4108, Washington, DC 20410–5000, telephone (202) 402–7598 (this is not a toll-free number). Individuals with speech or hearing impairments may access this number via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877–8339. Copies of all submissions are available for inspection and downloading at www.regulations.gov.

Public Inspection of Comments. All properly submitted comments and communications submitted to HUD will be available for public inspection and copying between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. weekdays at the above address. Due to security measures at the HUD Headquarters building, an advance appointment to review the submissions must be scheduled by calling the Regulations Division at (202) 708–3055 (this is not a toll-free number). Individuals with speech or hearing impairments may access this number via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Consistent with Executive Order 13175, HUD’s Tribal Government-to-Government Consultation Policy recognizes the right of Indian tribes to self-governance and supports Tribal sovereignty and self-determination. It provides that HUD will engage in regular and meaningful consultation and collaboration with Tribal officials in the development of Federal policies that have Tribal implications. Executive Order 13175 also requires Federal agencies to advance Tribal self-governance and ensure that the rights of sovereign Tribal governments are fully respected by conducting open and candid consultations.

1Executive Order 13175, 65 FR 67249 (November 9, 2000).

2Tribal Government-to-Government Consultation Policy, 81 FR 40893 (June 23, 2016).
In 2016, in furtherance of Executive Order 13175, HUD proposed the establishment of a TIAC. On June 23, 2016, HUD published a Federal Register Notice seeking comments on the structure of the proposed TIAC. On December 21, 2016, HUD published a second Federal Register Notice announcing the establishment of the TIAC and requesting nominations from duly elected or appointed Tribal leaders to serve on the TIAC. HUD received nominations from various Tribes but did not receive an adequate number of nominations to fully constitute the TIAC. Accordingly, HUD did not complete the establishment of the TIAC at that time.

On January 26, 2021, President Biden issued a Presidential Memorandum on Tribal Consultation and Strengthening Nation-to-Nation Relationships. The memorandum directed all Federal agencies to take actions to strengthen their Tribal consultation policies and practices and to further the purposes of Executive Order 13175.

To further enhance consultation and collaboration with Tribal governments, HUD is once again proposing to establish the TIAC. Several Federal agencies have established similar Tribal advisory committees. These advisory committees convene periodically during the year to exchange information with agency staff, notify Tribal leaders of activities or policies that could affect Tribes, and provide guidance on consultation. HUD has determined that a similar advisory committee would provide critical support to the Department as it formulates the TIAC. The formation of the TIAC would also assist the Department in carrying out its responsibilities under the Presidential Memorandum on Tribal Consultation and Strengthening Nation-to-Nation Relationships.

Prior to HUD’s establishment of the TIAC, this notice solicits input into the structure of the committee.

II. Proposed Structure of the TIAC

To assist commenters with their review and to help them provide feedback, HUD is providing the following as an example of how the TIAC may be structured. HUD is requesting comments on the following proposed structure of the TIAC and is open to any additional recommendation on how the TIAC may be constituted and how it should operate. Comments on the structure of the TIAC are due on or before: August 22, 2022.

A. Purpose and Role of the TIAC

The purposes of the TIAC are:

1. To further facilitate intergovernmental communication between HUD and Tribal leaders of federally recognized Tribes on all HUD programs;

2. To make recommendations to HUD regarding current program regulations that may require revision, as well as suggest rulemaking methods to develop such changes. The TIAC will not, however, negotiate any changes to regulations that are subject to negotiated rulemaking under Section 106 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) and will not serve in place of any future negotiated rulemaking committee established by HUD; and

3. To advise in the development of HUD’s AIAN housing priorities.

The role of the TIAC is to provide recommendations and input to HUD, and to provide a vehicle for regular, meaningful consultation and collaboration with Tribal officials. It will not replace other means of Tribal consultations, but, rather, will supplement them. HUD will maintain the responsibility to exercise program management, including the drafting of HUD notices, guidance documents, and regulations.

B. Charter and Protocols

The TIAC will develop its own rules charter and protocols. HUD will provide staff for the TIAC to act as a liaison between TIAC and HUD officials, manage meeting logistics, and provide general support for TIAC activities.

C. Meetings and Participation

Subject to availability of Federal funding, the TIAC will meet periodically to discuss agency policies and activities with HUD, set shared priorities, and facilitate further consultation with Tribal leaders. Initially, meetings will likely be conducted virtually, but may be in person in the future, and will be conducted consistent with any COVID-19 safety protocols. HUD will pay for these meetings, including the member’s cost to travel to these meetings. The TIAC may meet on a more frequent basis virtually, via conference calls, videoconferences, or through other forms of communication. Additional in-person meetings may be scheduled at HUD’s discretion in the future. Participation at TIAC meetings will be limited to TIAC members or their alternates. Alternates must be designated in writing by the member’s Tribal government to act on their behalf. TIAC members may bring one technical advisor to the meeting at their expense. The technical advisor can advise the member but cannot speak in the member’s place. Meeting minutes will be available on the HUD website, and, depending on the circumstances, public and Tribal comments may be requested.

D. TIAC Membership

The TIAC will be comprised of HUD representatives and Tribal delegates from across the country, representing small, medium, and large tribes. The TIAC will be composed of HUD officials (including the Secretary or his or her designee, as well as the Assistant Secretaries for Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH), Office of Policy, Development, and Research (PD&R), Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO), Office of Field Policy Management (FPM), Office of Housing (FHA), Government National Mortgage Association (Ginnie Mae), and Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD) or their designees) and up to fifteen Tribal delegates. Up to two Tribal delegates will represent each of the six HUD ONAP regions. Up to three remaining Tribal delegates will serve at-large. Only duly elected or appointed Tribal leaders may serve as TIAC delegates or alternates of the TIAC. The Secretary of HUD will appoint the HUD representatives of the TIAC. TIAC Tribal delegates will serve a term of two years. To ensure consistency between Tribal terms, delegates will have a staggered term of appointment. In order to establish a staggered term of appointment, half of the Tribal delegates appointed in the inaugural year of the TIAC will serve two years and the other half will serve three years. Tribal delegates must designate their preference to serve two or three years; however, HUD will make the final determination on which Tribal delegates will serve two or three years. Once these Tribal delegates complete these initial terms, future Tribal delegates will serve terms that last two years. Should a delegate’s tenure as a Tribal leader come to an end during their appointment to the TIAC, the delegate’s Tribe will nominate a replacement, if not the already nominated alternate.

E. Function

The establishment of the TIAC is intended to enhance government-to-
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[Notice of information collection; Migratory Bird Surveys]

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), are proposing to renew an information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before August 22, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments on the information collection request (ICR) by one of the following methods (please reference OMB Control No. 1018–0023 in the subject line of your comment):

- Email: Info_Coll@fws.gov.
- U.S. mail: Service Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS: PRB (JAO/3W); Falls Church, VA 22041–3803.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Madonna L. Baucum, Service Information Collection Clearance Officer, by email at Info_Coll@fws.gov, or by telephone at (703) 358–2503. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA; 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.) and its implementing regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 5 CFR 1320, all information collections require approval under the PRA. We may not conduct or sponsor, and you are not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, we invite the public and other Federal agencies 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 especially interested in public comment addressing the following:

1. Whether or not the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. How might the agency minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are required to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of response.

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: The Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703–711) and the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742d) designate the Department of the Interior as the key agency responsible for (1) the wise management of migratory bird populations frequenting the United States, and (2) the setting of hunting regulations that allow appropriate harvests that are within the guidelines that will allow for those populations’ well-being. These responsibilities dictate that we gather accurate data on various characteristics of migratory bird harvest. Based on information from harvest surveys, we can adjust hunting regulations as needed to optimize harvests at levels that provide a maximum of hunting recreation while keeping populations at desired levels.

Under 50 CFR 20.20, migratory bird hunters must register for the Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program (HIP) in each State in which they hunt each year. State natural resource agencies must send names and addresses of all migratory bird hunters to the Branch of Monitoring and Information Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Division of Migratory Bird Management, on an annual basis.

The Migratory Bird Hunter Survey is based on the Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program. We randomly select migratory bird hunters and ask them to report their harvests. The resulting estimates of harvest per hunter are combined with the complete list of migratory bird hunters to provide estimates of the total harvest for the species surveyed.