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Colette Pollard, Reports Management Officer, REE, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 7th Street SW, Room 8210, Washington, DC 20410; email at Colette.Pollard@hud.gov or telephone 202–402–3400. This is not a toll-free number. HUD welcomes and is prepared to receive calls from individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, as well as individuals with speech or communication disabilities. To learn more about how to make an accessible telephone call, please visit <https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/telecommunications-relay-service-trs>.

Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Pollard.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice informs the public that HUD is seeking approval from OMB for the information collection described in Section A.

The **Federal Register** notice that solicited public comment on the information collection for a period of 60 days was published on December 6, 2022 at 87 FR 74650.

A. Overview of Information Collection

Title of Information Collection: Office of Housing Counseling—Agency Performance Review.

OMB Approval Number: 2502–0574.
OMB Expiration Date: August 31, 2024.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Form Number: HUD–9910, Office of Housing Counseling—Agency Performance Review.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: The revisions to the currently approved collection are needed to ensure the document complies with the requirements of an OIG audit that found the collection was not in compliance with 24 CFR 214.3 and 2 CFR 200.501, Audit requirements. The information is used to assist HUD in evaluating the managerial and financial capacity of organizations to sustain operations sufficient to implement HUD-approved housing counseling programs. The collection of information assists HUD in reducing its own risks from fraudulent activities or supporting inefficient or ineffective housing counseling programs. Since HUD publishes a web list of HUD-approved Housing Counseling Agencies and maintains a

toll-free housing counseling hotline, performance reviews help HUD ensure that individuals seeking assistance from these approved agencies will receive high quality services.

HUD uses performance reviews to ascertain the professional and management capacity of HUD-approved housing counseling agencies to provide adequate housing counseling services necessary to comply with the requirements of the Housing and Urban Development Act and to ensure that grant-funded organizations comply with HUD and OMB administrative and financial regulations. If this information is not collected, HUD will be unable to effectively monitor the Housing Counseling Program to guard against waste, fraud, abuse, or inappropriate program practices. This collection provides the means to meet that obligation.

Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions; State, local or Tribal government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 353.

Estimated Number of Responses: 353.

Frequency of Response: 1 per agency performance review.

Average Hours per Response: 9.5.

Total Estimated Burden: 3,354 hours.

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) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;

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

(4) 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.

(5) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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

C. Authority

Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35.

Colette Pollard,

Department Reports Management Officer, Office of Policy Development and Research, Chief Data Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–7067–N–02]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request; “Report Housing Discrimination” Form HUD–903.1, HUD–903.1A, HUD–903.1B, HUD–903.1C, HUD–903.1F, HUD–903.1CAM, HUD–903.1KOR, HUD–903.1RUS, HUD–903–1_Somali; OMB Control No.: 2529–0011

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO), HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: HUD is seeking approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, HUD is requesting comment from all interested parties on the proposed collection of information. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* October 10, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection can be submitted within 60 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 60-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function. Interested persons are also invited to submit comments regarding this proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and can be sent to: Colette Pollard, Reports Management Officer, REE, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Room 8210, Washington, DC 20410–5000 or email at PaperworkReductionActOffice@hud.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Erik Heins, Director, Enforcement Support

Division, FHEO Office of Enforcement, Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO), U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Washington, DC, 20410-2000; telephone number (202) 402-5887 (this is not a toll-free number), or email at ERIK.A.HEINS@hud.gov. HUD welcomes and is prepared to receive calls from individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, as well as individuals with speech or communication disabilities. To learn more about how to make an accessible telephone call, please visit: <https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/telecommunications-relay-service-trs>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: HUD is requesting this proposed extension of approval for a currently approved information collection to the OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 [44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended]. On June 8, 2023, OMB issued a Notice of Emergency Approval for Program-related revisions to HUD's previously approved Form HUD-903.1 Series information collection. The OMB Emergency Approval expires on December 31, 2023.

The "Report Housing Discrimination" Form (HUD-903.1) is used for the collection of pertinent information from persons or entities who wish to file housing discrimination complaints with HUD/FHEO under section 810(a) of the Fair Housing Act of 1968 (Act), as amended [42 U.S.C. 3601 *et seq.* and 24 CFR part 103, subparts A and B] and/or under other Federal civil rights laws administratively enforced by FHEO. Effective as of October 1, 2022, FHEO was also authorized to file and investigate complaints alleging violations of the 2022 reauthorization of the *Violence Against Women Act* (VAWA) [34 U.S.C. 12494(c)]. Accordingly, FHEO requested and received OMB's emergency approval to revise the previously approved "Report Housing Discrimination" Form by adding information necessary to inform the public, including potential VAWA complainants/survivors, about FHEO's new VAWA enforcement authority. On January 20, 2023, FHEO also published Notice FHEO-2023-01: "*Notice to Public Regarding FHEO Enforcement Authority and Procedures: Violence Against Women Act 2022 (VAWA)*." Notice FHEO-2023-01 describes FHEO's new procedures for conducting intake, filing, investigating, and resolving VAWA complaints. FHEO has also established a "Your Rights Under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)" web page that provides

detailed guidance (including Notice FHEO-2023-01) for potential VAWA complainants/survivors, at: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_opp/VAWA.

HUD's Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO) staff uses the currently-approved Form HUD-903.1 Series information collection at the intake stage of case processing to verify that a person or entity has standing as an aggrieved person to file a complaint under the Act; that the respondent is covered by the requirements of the Act; that the subject dwelling and/or transaction is covered by the requirements of the Act; that the alleged discriminatory activity is prohibited under the Act (subject matter jurisdiction); and that the alleged discriminatory activity occurred within the Act's one-year statute of limitations for filing a complaint with HUD. The currently approved Form complies with the procedures described in HUD's Fair Housing Act regulation at 24 CFR part 103, subpart B, subsections 103.10, 103.15, 103.20, 103.25, 103.30, 103.35, and 103.40. The Form also provides a complete list of mailing addresses, email addresses, and fax numbers for HUD's ten (10) Regional FHEO Offices.

The currently approved Form HUD-903.1 Series will not increase the information collection burden for aggrieved persons. The Form asks an aggrieved person to provide their full name; address; phone and/or email contact information; and alternative contact information. The Form also asks the aggrieved person to answer five (5) preliminary questions that may establish HUD's authority (jurisdiction) to file and investigate a housing discrimination complaint.

The currently approved Form HUD-903.1 Series will not increase the total annual burden hours for aggrieved persons who submit the Form to HUD via the internet. Therefore, HUD does not believe that the time for completing the online version of the Form will exceed the current 45-minute time limit for internet submissions.

This Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed extension of approval for a currently approved collection of information concerning alleged discriminatory housing practices under the Fair Housing Act [42 U.S.C. 3601 *et seq.*]. The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in the sale, rental, occupancy, advertising, and insuring of residential dwellings; and in residential real estate-related transactions; and in the provision of brokerage services, based on race, color, religion, sex,

handicap [disability], familial status, or national origin. The Fair Housing Act also makes it unlawful to coerce, intimidate, threaten, or interfere with any person who has (1) exercised their fair housing rights; or (2) aided or encouraged another person to exercise their fair housing rights.

Any person who claims to have been injured by a discriminatory housing practice, or any person who believes that they will be injured by a discriminatory housing practice that is about to occur, may file a complaint with HUD not later than one year after the alleged discriminatory housing practice(s) occurred or terminated. FHEO designed the "Report Housing Discrimination" Form HUD-903.1 Series to promote consistency in the documents that, by statute, must be provided to persons or entities against whom complaints are filed ["respondents"], and for the general public's information and convenience. Section 103.25 of HUD's Fair Housing Act regulation describes the jurisdictional information that must be included in each complaint filed with HUD. For purposes of meeting the Act's one-year time limitation for filing complaints with HUD, complaints need not be initially submitted on the Form that HUD provides. "Report Housing Discrimination" Form HUD-903.1 (English language), HUD-903.1A (Spanish language), HUD-903.1B (Chinese language), HUD-903.1C (Arabic language), HUD-903.1F (Vietnamese language), HUD-903.1CAM (Khmer/Cambodian language), HUD-903.1KOR (Korean language), HUD-903.1RUS (Russian language), and HUD-903-1 (Somali language) may be submitted to HUD in person, by mail, by fax, email, or via the internet. FHEO staff uses the information provided on the Form to verify HUD's authority to investigate the aggrieved person's allegations under the Fair Housing Act and/or under other Federal civil rights laws that FHEO administratively enforces.

A. Overview of Information Collection

Proposed Revised Title of Information Collection: Report Housing Discrimination.

OMB Control Number: 2529-0011.

Type of Request: Proposed extension of approval for a previously approved information collection.

Form Number: HUD-903.1.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: FHEO uses the "Report Housing Discrimination" Form HUD-903.1 Series to collect pertinent information from persons wishing to file housing

discrimination complaints with HUD under the Fair Housing Act. The Fair Housing Act makes it unlawful to discriminate in the sale, rental, occupancy, advertising, or insuring of residential dwellings; or to discriminate in residential real estate-related transactions; or in the provision of brokerage services, based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap [disability], familial status, or national origin. The Fair Housing Act also makes it unlawful to coerce, intimidate, threaten, or interfere with any person who has (1) exercised their fair housing rights; or (2) aided or encouraged another person to exercise their fair housing rights.

The “Report Housing Discrimination” Form HUD–903.1 Series facilitates the collection of pertinent information from persons or entities who wish to file housing discrimination complaints with HUD under section 810(a) of the Fair Housing Act of 1968 (Act), as amended [42 U.S.C. 3601 *et seq.* and 24 CFR part 103, subparts A and B]. Any person who claims to have been injured by a discriminatory housing practice, or any person who believes that they will be injured by a discriminatory housing practice that is about to occur, may file a complaint with HUD not later than one year after the alleged discriminatory housing practice occurs or terminates. FHEO staff uses the information to verify that the person or entity has standing as an aggrieved person to file a complaint under the Act; that the respondent is covered by the requirements of the Act; that the subject dwelling and/or transaction is covered by the requirements of the Act; that the alleged discriminatory activity is prohibited under the Act (subject matter jurisdiction); and that the alleged discriminatory activity occurred within the Act’s one-year statute of limitations for filing a complaint with HUD. This information is subsequently used to notify persons or entities that have been accused of engaging in discriminatory housing practices [“respondents”], as required under 42 U.S.C. 3610(1)(B)(ii) of the Act, and under 24 CFR 103.202(a) of HUD’s Fair Housing Act regulation. FHEO also uses this Form to establish HUD’s authority to conduct investigations under other Federal civil rights authorities, including, but not limited to, title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 [42 U.S.C. 2000d-1]; section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 [29 U.S.C. 794]; title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 [42 U.S.C. 12131–12134]; section 109 of title I of the Housing & Community Development Act of 1974 [42 U.S.C. 5309]; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 [42 U.S.C.

6101–6107]; title X of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 [20 U.S.C. 1681–83, 85–88]; and under the 2022 reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) [34 U.S.C. 12494(c)].

To further public education about unlawful housing discrimination, the Form also contains a non-exhaustive list of activities that are prohibited under the Fair Housing Act and under VAWA. Electronic versions of the Form are currently available on FHEO’s “REPORT HOUSING DISCRIMINATION” web page in English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, Arabic, Khmer/Cambodian, Russian, and Somali language texts at: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_opp/online-complaint.

The Form may be submitted to HUD by mail, email, fax, electronically via the internet, or presented in person to HUD’s Regional and/or Field FHEO Offices. HUD/FHEO staff uses this information collection as a source of pertinent data for the HUD Enforcement Management System [“HEMS”], HUD’s electronic Fair Housing Act complaint processing database. FHEO uses the HEMS database to conduct intake/assessment of housing discrimination claims; to perfect and generate jurisdictional complaints; to develop investigative plans; to store factual evidence obtained during complaint investigations; to document conciliation efforts under section 810(b) of the Act and voluntary compliance efforts under other Federal civil rights authorities; to generate Final Investigative Reports and Determinations of Reasonable Cause and Determinations of No Reasonable Cause under sections 810(b) and 810(g) of the Act; and to generate digital case files for administrative enforcement actions.

Agency form numbers, if applicable: Form HUD–903.1 (English), Form HUD–903.1A (Spanish), Form HUD–903.1B (Chinese), Form HUD–903.1C (Arabic), Form HUD–903.1F (Vietnamese), Form HUD–903.1CAM (Khmer/Cambodian), Form HUD–903.1KOR (Korean), Form HUD–903.1RUS (Russian), and Form HUD–903–1 (Somali).

Members of affected public: Individuals or households; businesses or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal Governments.

Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection, including the number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of responses: During FY 2022, HUD/FHEO staff received approximately 29,791 information submissions from persons wishing to file housing discrimination complaints

with HUD. Telephone contacts accounted for 1,529 of the total FY 2022 submissions. The remaining 28,262 submissions of potential complaint information were transmitted to HUD by mail, in-person, by email, and via the internet. HUD estimates that an aggrieved person takes approximately 45 minutes to complete the HUD 903.1 Form. HUD/FHEO staff uses the information collected from the Form HUD–903.1 Series to generate a formal housing discrimination complaint in the HEMS database. This formal complaint is subsequently signed by the aggrieved person(s) under penalty of perjury and is served on the respondent(s) by personal service or by certified mail, as required under 24 CFR 103.202(a) of HUD’s Fair Housing Act regulation.

Each aggrieved person will complete the HUD 903.1 Form on a one-time basis. Therefore, HUD estimated the annual burden hours for this information collection at 21,196 hours.

$28,262 \times 1 \text{ (frequency)} \times .45 \text{ minutes (.75 hours.)} = 21,196 \text{ hours.}$

Annualized cost burden to complainants: HUD does not provide postage-paid mailers for this information collection. Accordingly, persons who choose to submit the HUD–903.1 Form to HUD by regular mail must pay the United States Postal Service’s (USPS’s) prevailing First-Class Postage rate. At the time of this Notice, the annualized cost burden per person, based on a one-time submission of this Form to HUD via the USPS’s First-Class Postage rate is Sixty-Three Cents (\$0.63) per person. Aggrieved persons may also submit the Form to HUD in person, by fax, by email, or electronically via the internet.

There are no additional annualized cost burdens to aggrieved persons or record keepers resulting from this information collection.

Status of the proposed information collection: Proposed extension of a currently approved information collection of pertinent information from aggrieved persons wishing to file housing discrimination complaints with HUD.

B. Solicitation of Public Comments

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 information collection is necessary for the performance of the agency’s functions;
- (2) Whether the agency’s estimate of burdens imposed by the information collection is accurate;

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

(4) Ways to minimize the burdens of the information collection on aggrieved persons, including 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 comments in response to these questions.

C. Authority

Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended.

Erik Heins,

Director, Enforcement Support Division, FHEO.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[Docket No. FWS-R7-ES-2022-0155; FF07CAMM00-FXES111607MWA07]

Marine Mammal Protection Act; Stock Assessment Reports for the Pacific Walrus Stock and Three Northern Sea Otter Stocks in Alaska

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act and its implementing regulations, we, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, after consideration of comments received from the public have revised the marine mammal stock assessment reports (SARs) for the Pacific walrus (*Odobenus rosmarus divergens*) and for each of the three northern sea otter (*Enhydra lutris kenyoni*) stocks in Alaska. We now make these four final revised SARs available to the public.

ADDRESSES: *Obtaining Documents:* You may view the final revised stock assessment reports at <https://www.regulations.gov> in Docket No. FWS-R7-ES-2022-0155, or you may request copies from the contact in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charles Hamilton, Marine Mammals Management, by telephone at 907-786-3804; by email at charles_hamilton@fws.gov; or by mail at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS-341, 1011 East Tudor Road, Anchorage, AK, 99503. 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 Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and its implementing regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR part 18, we, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), have developed four final revised marine mammal stock assessment reports (SARs) for species in Alaska. These revised SARs are for the Pacific walrus (*Odobenus rosmarus divergens*) and for each of the three stocks of the northern sea otter (*Enhydra lutris kenyoni*) in Alaska—the Southwest, Southcentral, and Southeast stocks.

Background

Under the MMPA and its implementing regulations, we regulate the taking, possession, transportation, purchasing, selling, offering for sale, exporting, and importing of marine mammals. One of the goals of the MMPA is to ensure that each stock of marine mammals occurring in waters under U.S. jurisdiction does not experience a level of human-caused mortality and serious injury (M/SI) that is likely to cause the stock to be reduced below its optimum sustainable population level (OSP). The MMPA defines the OSP as “the number of animals which will result in the maximum productivity of the population or the species, keeping in mind the carrying capacity of the habitat and the health of the ecosystem of which they form a constituent element” (16 U.S.C. 1362(9)).

To help accomplish the goal of maintaining marine mammal stocks at their OSPs, Section 117 of the MMPA requires the Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to prepare a SAR for each marine mammal stock that occurs in waters under U.S. jurisdiction. A SAR must be based on the best scientific information available; therefore, we prepare it in consultation with the regional scientific review groups established under section 117(d) of the MMPA. Each SAR must include: (1) a description of the stock and its geographic range; (2) a minimum population estimate, maximum net productivity rate, and current population trend; (3) an estimate of the

annual human-caused M/SI by source and, for a strategic stock, other factors that may be causing a decline or impeding recovery of the stock; (4) a description of commercial fishery interactions; (5) a categorization of the status of the stock; and (6) an estimate of the potential biological removal (PBR) level.

The MMPA defines the PBR level as “the maximum number of animals, not including natural mortalities, that may be removed from a marine mammal stock while allowing that stock to reach or maintain its optimum sustainable population.” (16 U.S.C. 1362(20)). The PBR is the product of the minimum population estimate of the stock (N_{\min}); one-half the maximum theoretical or estimated net productivity rate of the stock at a small population size (R_{\max}); and a recovery factor (F_r) of between 0.1 and 1.0, which is intended to compensate for uncertainty and unknown estimation errors. This can be written as: $PBR = (N_{\min})^{1/2}$ of the $R_{\max}(F_r)$.

Section 117 of the MMPA also requires the Service and NMFS to review the SARs (a) at least annually for stocks that are specified as strategic stocks; (b) at least annually for stocks for which significant new information is available; and (c) at least once every 3 years for all other stocks. If our review of the status of a stock indicates that it has changed or may be more accurately determined, then the SAR must be revised accordingly.

A strategic stock is defined in the MMPA as a marine mammal stock “(A) for which the level of direct human-caused mortality exceeds the PBR level; (B) which, based on the best available scientific information, is declining and is likely to be listed as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, [as amended] (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) [ESA], within the foreseeable future; or (C) which is listed as a threatened or endangered species under the ESA, or is designated as depleted under the MMPA” (16 U.S.C. 1362(19)).

Summary of Revised Stock Assessment Reports

In accordance with Section 117(c) of the MMPA, the Service reviews the stock assessments for the Pacific walrus and Southwest stock of the northern sea otter annually (strategic stocks) and at least once every 3 years for the Southcentral and Southeast stocks of the northern sea otter (non-strategic stocks). If we determine that new information (such as new abundance estimates) indicates that a revision is warranted, we will propose a revision. In 2021,