

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice informs the public that the Department of Housing and Urban Development has submitted to OMB a request for approval of the information collection described below. This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affecting agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate 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) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the

burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) 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.

This notice also lists the following information:

*Title of Proposal:* Quality Control For Rental Assistance Subsidy Determinations.

*OMB Approval Number:* 2528-0203.  
*Form Numbers:* None.

*Description of the Need for the Information and its Proposed Use:* Data are collected on a sample of households receiving HUD housing assistance subsidies. These households are interviewed and their incomes verified to determine if subsidies are correctly calculated. The study identifies the costs and types of errors. The results are used to target corrective actions and measure the impact of past corrective actions.

*Frequency of Submission:* On Occasion, Annually.

	Number of respondents	Annual responses	x	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
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*Total Estimated Burden Hours:* 2367.  
*Status:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

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

Dated: December 22, 2006.

**Lillian L. Deitzer,**

*Departmental Paperwork Reduction Act Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment for Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge, Washington County, ME**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice: Intent to prepare a Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is preparing a Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and Environmental Assessment (EA) for Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge (NWR). This notice advises the public that the Service intends to gather information necessary for preparing the CCP and EA pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. The Service is furnishing this notice in compliance with Service planning

policy, to (1) advise other Federal and State agencies and the public of our intention to conduct detailed planning on this refuge; and, (2) obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues to include in the environmental document.

The Service will involve the public through open houses, informational and technical meetings, and written comments. Special mailings, newspaper articles, Web sites, and announcements will provide information about opportunities for public involvement in the planning process.

**DATES:** We are planning to begin public scoping meetings in March 2007. We will announce their locations, dates, and times at least 2 weeks in advance, in special mailings and local newspaper notices, on our Web site, and through personal contacts.

**ADDRESSES:** Moosehorn NWR, 103 Headquarters Road, Suite 1, Baring, ME 04694, at 207-454-7161 (telephone); 207-454-2550 (FAX); [fw5rw\\_mhnr@fws.gov](mailto:fw5rw_mhnr@fws.gov) (e-mail); <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/moosehorn/> (Web site).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:** Nancy McGarigal, Refuge Planner, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 300 Westgate Center Drive, Hadley, MA 01035; 413-253-8562 (telephone); 413-253-8468 (FAX); e-mail [northeastplanning@fws.gov](mailto:northeastplanning@fws.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee), the Service is to manage all lands in the National Wildlife Refuge System (NWRS) in accordance with an approved CCP. The plan guides

management decisions and identifies refuge goals, management objectives, and strategies for achieving refuge purposes over a 15-year period.

The planning process will cover many elements, including wildlife and habitat management, visitor and recreational activities, wilderness area management, cultural resource protection, and facilities and infrastructure. Compatibility determinations will be completed for all applicable refuge uses. We will also conduct a wilderness review on refuge fee lands not currently designated as wilderness and a wild and scenic rivers evaluation to determine whether any areas on the refuge qualify for those Federal designations.

Public input into the planning process is essential. The comments we receive will help identify key issues and refine our goals and objectives for managing refuge resources and visitors. Additional opportunities for public participation will arise throughout the planning process, which we expect to complete by September 2008. We are presently summarizing refuge data and collecting other resource information to provide us a scientific basis for our resource decisions. We will prepare the EA in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality procedures for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321-4370d).

The 28,885-acre Moosehorn NWR, established in 1937, is one of the oldest refuges in the NWRS. Its purposes are to conserve and protect fish and wildlife resources, including endangered and threatened species, and to protect its wetlands and wilderness resources. The refuge headquarters is located in the town of Baring, Maine. The refuge's two divisions include the 20,131-acre Baring

Division, which borders the St. Croix River and Canada, and the 8,754-acre Edmunds Division, located along Cobscook Bay. Within the existing refuge boundary, 7,462 acres (30 percent) are designated part of the National Wilderness Preservation System.

Land cover on the refuge includes approximately 15 percent in wetlands and 85 percent in uplands. Generally, refuge lands are characterized by rolling hills, large rock outcrops, scattered boulders, second-growth northern hardwood-conifer forest, and some pockets of pure spruce-fir. Numerous streams, beaver flowages, bogs, marshes, and scrub-shrub and forested wetlands are imbedded within the forested landscape.

We estimate that 54,000 refuge visitors annually engage in hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, and/or interpretation. Over 65 miles of trails and roads closed

to vehicular traffic provide access for these activities on refuge lands. Special events, environmental education and interpretive programs and self-guided interpretive trails, observation platforms, and photography blinds enhance visitor experiences.

Dated: November 9, 2006.

**Richard O. Bennett,**

*Acting Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Hadley, Massachusetts.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**Letters of Authorization to Take Marine Mammals**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of issuance.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (MMPA) as amended, notice is hereby given that Letters of Authorization to take polar bears incidental to oil and gas industry exploration activities in the Beaufort Sea and adjacent northern coast of Alaska have been issued.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Craig Perham at the Fish and Wildlife Service, Marine Mammals Management Office, 1011 East Tudor Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99503, (800) 362-5148 or (907) 786-3810.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A Letter of Authorization has been issued to the following companies in accordance with Fish and Wildlife Service Federal Rules and Regulations (see "Marine Mammals; Incidental Take During Specified Activities" at 71 FR 43926; August 2, 2006) under section 101(a)(5)(A) of the MMPA and the Fish and Wildlife Service implementing regulations at 50 CFR 18.27(f)(3):

Company	Activity	Location	Date issued
Shell Offshore, Inc. ....	Exploration .....	Open water seismic .....	Aug 15, 2006
BP Exploration Alaska, Inc. ....	Production .....	Greater Prudhoe Bay, Milne Point, Badami, Endicott, and Northstar Oil Field Units.	Aug 15, 2006
ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc .....	Production .....	Kuparuk and Alpine Oil Field Units .....	Aug 15, 2006
FEX L.P. ....	Exploration .....	NPR-A .....	Sept 26, 2006
Ukpeagvik Inupiat Corporation ...	Development .....	Cape Simpson Industrial Port .....	Sept 22, 2006
ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc .....	Exploration .....	Pike Shallow Hazard Survey .....	Sept 26, 2006

Dated: October 19, 2006.

**Thomas O. Melius,**

*Regional Director.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**Notice of Availability, Preassessment Screen**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), on behalf of the Department of the Interior (DOI) as a natural resource trustee, announces the release to the public of the Natural Resource Damages Preassessment Screen for Onondaga Lake, Onondaga County, New York.

Federal regulations at 43 CFR 11.23(a) require Natural Resource Trustees to complete a preassessment screen (PAS) and make a determination as to whether a Natural Resources Damages Assessment (NRDA) shall be carried out

at a site, before assessment efforts are undertaken under the regulations. The Onondaga Lake PAS document fulfills that requirement for the Onondaga Lake Superfund Site and follows the structure of Federal Regulations at 43 CFR part 11.

The purpose of the PAS is to provide a rapid review of the readily available information on releases of hazardous substances and potential impacts on natural resources in Onondaga Lake and sub-sites for which the DOI may assert trusteeship under section 107(f) of CERCLA.

**ADDRESSES:** Requests for copies of the PAS may be made to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, New York Field Office, 3817 Luker Road, Cortland, NY 13045. The public is also invited to view copies of the PAS at the Service's New York Field Office at 3817 Luker Road, Cortland, NY 13045.

Additionally, the PAS will be available for viewing at the following Web site link: <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/nyfo/ec/OnondagaLakePAS.pdf>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ken Karwowski, at address under

**ADDRESSES,** by phone at 607-753-9334 or by e-mail at [Ken\\_Karwowski@fws.gov](mailto:Ken_Karwowski@fws.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The PAS is being released in accordance with the CERCLA of 1980 as amended, commonly known as Superfund (42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*), the Natural Resource Damage Assessment Regulations found at 43 CFR part 11, and the National Environmental Policy Act.

*Author:* The primary author of this notice is Ken Karwowski, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, New York Field Office, 3817 Luker Road, Cortland, NY 13045.

**Authority:** The authority for this action is the CERCLA of 1980 as amended, commonly known as Superfund, (42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*), and the Natural Resource Damage Assessment Regulations found at 43 CFR part 11.

Dated: October 24, 2006.

**Richard O. Bennett,**

*Acting Regional Director Region 5, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, DOI Designated Authorized Official, U.S. Department of the Interior.*

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