

Total Estimated Burden Hours: 13.
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 5, 2007.

Lillian L. Deitzer,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5117-N-103]

Environmental Review Procedures for Entities Assuming HUD Environmental Responsibilities

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

The Request for Release of Funds and Certification (RROF/C) is used to document compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the related environmental statutes, executive orders, and authorities in accordance with the procedures identified in 24 CFR part 58. Recipients certify compliance and make request for

release of funds. To the currently approved collection, the following procedures are added: (1) Regulatory waivers of requirements of HUD environmental regulations; and (2) in lieu of hard copy, voluntary use of electronic submissions and notifications.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* January 10, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval Number (2506-0087) and should be sent to: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; fax: 202-395-6974.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lillian Deitzer, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; e-mail Lillian.Deitzer@HUD.gov or telephone (202) 708-2374. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Deitzer.

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: Environmental Review Procedures for Entities Assuming HUD Environmental Responsibilities.

OMB Approval Number: 2506-0087.

Form Numbers: HUD-7015.15: Request for Release of Funds and Certification (RROF/C).

Description of the Need for the Information and Its Proposed Use: The RROF/C is used to document compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the related environmental statutes, executive orders, and authorities in accordance with the procedures identified in 24 CFR part 58. Recipients certify compliance and make request for release of funds. To the currently approved collection, the following procedures are added: (1) Regulatory waivers of requirements of HUD environmental regulations; and (2) in lieu of hard copy, voluntary use of electronic submissions and notifications.

Frequency of Submission: On occasion.

	Number of respondents	Annual responses	×	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
Reporting Burden	18,791	1		0.600		11,283

Total Estimated Burden Hours: 11,283.

Status: Revision of a currently approved collection.

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

Dated: December 6, 2007.

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

Receipt of Applications for Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

SUMMARY: The public is invited to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species and/or marine mammals.

DATES: Written data, comments or requests must be received by January 10, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203; fax 703/358-2281.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Division of Management Authority,
telephone 703/358-2104.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Endangered Species

The public is invited to comment on the following applications for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of these complete applications should be submitted to the Director (address above).

Applicant: Tom Stehn, Whooping Crane Recovery Plan Coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 2, Austwell, TX, PRT-022747.

The applicant requests renewal of their permit to export/re-export captive-bred/captive hatched and wild live specimens, captive-bred/wild collected viable eggs, biological samples and salvaged materials from captive-bred/wild specimens of Whooping cranes (*Grus americana*) to Canada, for completion of identified tasks and objectives mandated under the Whooping Crane Recovery Plan. Salvage materials may include, but are not limited to, whole or partial specimens, feathers, eggs, and egg shell fragments. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

Applicant: University of North Carolina at Wilmington, Wilmington, NC, PRT-168756.

The applicant requests a permit to export biological samples from Kemp's Ridley sea turtle (*Lepidochelys kempii*) to Ontario, Canada for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

Applicant: Dr. Leslie Lyons, University of California, Davis, Davis, CA, PRT-154582

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples from wild and captive born species of Felidae from various locations for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

Applicant: Priour Brothers Ranch, Ingram, TX, PRT-707102

The applicant requests renewal of their permit which authorizes interstate and foreign commerce, export, and cull of excess animals of the following species: swamp deer (*Cervus duvauceli*),

Eld's deer (*Cervus eldi*) and red lechwe (*Kobus lechwe*) from their captive herd for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species in the wild. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

Endangered Marine Mammals and Marine Mammals

The public is invited to comment on the following applications for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered marine mammals and/or marine mammals. The applications were submitted to satisfy requirements of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and/or the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing endangered species (50 CFR Part 17) and/or marine mammals (50 CFR Part 18). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of the complete applications or requests for a public hearing on these applications should be submitted to the Director (address above). Anyone requesting a hearing should give specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate. The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Director.

Applicant: Monterey Bay Aquarium, Monterey, CA, PRT-032027

The applicant requests renewal and amendment of their permit to take up to 100 southern sea otters (*Enhydra lutris nereis*) annually by capturing and recapturing, tagging and instrumenting, taking biological samples, conducting non-invasive and minimally invasive experiments on captive-held animals, conducting birth control, rehabilitating stranded animals, releasing animals, and care and maintenance of animals deemed provisionally non-releasable and non-releasable for the purpose of scientific research and enhancement of the survival of the species. The applicant is also requesting authorization to export and re-import captive-held sea otters deemed non-releasable for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

Applicant: Beyond Bears, Inc., Frazier Park, CA, PRT-142439

The applicant requests a permit to import one female captive-born polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) from Beyond Bears' facility in Abbotsford, British

Columbia, Canada, for the purpose of public display.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the Division of Management Authority is forwarding copies of the above applications to the Marine Mammal Commission and the Committee of Scientific Advisors for their review.

Dated: November 16, 2007.

Lisa J. Lierheimer,

Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits,
Division of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Issuance of Permits

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of permits for endangered species and/or marine mammals.

SUMMARY: The following permits were issued.

ADDRESSES: Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 212, Arlington, Virginia 22203; fax 703/358-2281.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Division of Management Authority,
telephone 703/358-2104.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that on the dates below, as authorized by the provisions of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and/or the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Fish and Wildlife Service issued the requested permit(s) subject to certain conditions set forth therein. For each permit for an endangered species, the Service found that (1) the application was filed in good faith, (2) the granted permit would not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species, and (3) the granted permit would be consistent with the purposes and policy set forth in Section 2 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended.