

requirements, and must remain in compliance with its approved plans at all times, even if it does not normally get underway but routinely engages in dockside operations. Authorized exceptions and equivalencies may be granted by the Coast Guard; for example, 46 CFR part 199 allows an OCMI to conduct a safety assessment on passenger vessels over 100 tons by using risk based decision-making principles to allow departures from traditional lifesaving equipment requirements. Sliding scale manning tables have also been found acceptable.

We recognize that the owners and operators of some PMCs currently possess, and expected to be able to renew indefinitely, a Certificate of Inspection issued by the Coast Guard. Now, these PMCs may be subject to State and local building codes or similar standards. Complying with the land-based standards may be time-consuming and costly (as much as \$10 million for a casino craft, according to one comment). Therefore, with the concurrence of the State having jurisdiction over the craft, we will continue to provide inspection services for a two-year period, provided that the PMC:

- Currently possesses a Coast Guard-issued Certificate of Inspection;
- Has been designed to Coast Guard regulations; and
- May not be acceptable for regulation immediately by the State having jurisdiction.

This policy will not affect semi-submersible platforms, which are not listed as "vessels subject to inspection" under 46 U.S.C. 3301, but instead are inspected under 43 U.S.C. 1333 based on their work on the Outer Continental Shelf.

Dated: April 24, 2009.

Brian M. Salerno,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety, Security, and Stewardship.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5309-N-01]

Notice of Availability: Program Requirements for Community Development Block Grant Program Funding Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: HUD announces the program requirements, submission deadlines, and waivers and alternative requirements for funding available under the Community Development Block Grant Recovery (CDBG-R) program authorized by Title XII of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Pub. L. 111-5, approved February 17, 2009). The focus of CDBG-R funding is on infrastructure improvements that meet the overall goals of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which are to stimulate the economy through measures that modernize the nation's infrastructure, improve energy efficiency, and expand educational opportunities and access to health care. Approximately \$1 billion is available for CDBG-R to states and local governments. The notice establishing the program requirements, including waivers and alternative requirements, is available on the HUD Web site at: <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/cdblock.cfm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stanley Gimont, Director, Office of Block Grant Assistance, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 7286, Washington, DC 20410; telephone 202-708-3587 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 800-877-8339.

Dated: April 14, 2009.

Nelson R. Bregón,

General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Receipt of Applications for Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species. The Endangered

Species Act requires that we invite public comment on these permit applications.

DATES: Written data, comments or requests must be received by June 10, 2009.

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 212, 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: Hendrix College, Conway, AR, PRT-195341

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples from kakapo (*Strigops habroptilus*) collected in the wild in New Zealand, incidental to other research activities, for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Henry Doorly Zoo, Center for Conservation and Research, Omaha, NE, PRT-210155

The applicant requests a permit to import blood, scute, and post-hatch egg shell samples from wild and captive-bred Philippine crocodiles (*Crocodylus mindorensis*) for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Kootenai Tribe of Idaho, Bonners Ferry, ID, PRT-011646

The applicant requests re-issuance of a permit for multiple exports of white sturgeon (*Acipenser transmontanus*) fertilized eggs from a spawning facility in Bonners Ferry, Idaho, to the Kootenay Trout Hatchery in Fort Steele, British Columbia, Canada, an action addressed in the white sturgeon recovery plan, for the purpose of enhancement of the