

positions that will become vacant on September 30, 2015:

- Two members representing the barge and towing industry;
- One member representing the offshore mineral and oil supply vessel industry;
- One member representing the holders of active licensed Masters of towing vessels in offshore service;
- One member representing shippers engaged in the shipment of oil or hazardous materials by barge; and,
- One member drawn from the general public.

To be eligible, applicants should have particular expertise, knowledge, and experience regarding shallow- draft inland and coastal waterway navigation and towing safety.

Registered lobbyists are not eligible to serve on federal advisory committees in their individual capacity. See guidance notice (79 FR 47482, August 13, 2014). The position we list for a member drawn from the general public would be someone appointed in their individual capacity and would be designated as a Special Government Employee as defined in 202(a) of Title 18, United States Code. Registered lobbyists are lobbyists required to comply with provisions contained in the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–65, as amended by Title II of Pub. L. 110–81).

Each member serves for a term of up to three (3) years. Members may be considered to serve a maximum of three consecutive terms. All members serve without compensation from the Federal Government; however, upon request, members may receive travel reimbursement and per diem.

In an effort to maintain a geographic balance of membership, we are encouraging representatives from tug and barge companies operating on the Western Rivers to apply for representation on the Committee.

The Department of Homeland Security does not discriminate in selection of Committee members on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, disability and genetic information, age, membership in an employee organization, or other non-merit factors. The Department of Homeland Security strives to achieve a widely diverse candidate pool for all of its recruitment selections.

If you are selected as a non-representative member, or as a member drawn from the general public, you will be appointed and serve as a Special Government Employee as defined in section 202(a) of Title 18, United States

Code. As a candidate for appointment as a Special Government Employee, applicants are required to complete a Confidential Financial Disclosure Report (OGE Form 450). The Coast Guard may not release the reports or the information in them to the public except under an order issued by a Federal court or as otherwise provided under the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a). Applicants can obtain this form by going to the Web site of the Office of Government Ethics (www.oge.gov), or by contacting the individual listed in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Applications for a member drawn from the general public which are not accompanied by a completed OGE Form 450 will not be considered.

If you are interested in applying to become a member of the Committee, send a cover letter and résumé to William J. Abernathy, Alternate Designated Federal Officer of the Towing Safety Advisory Committee by email, fax, or mail according to the instructions in the **ADDRESSES** section by the deadline in the **DATES** section of this notice. Indicate the specific position you request to be considered for and specify your area of expertise, knowledge, and experience that qualifies you to serve on the Towing Safety Advisory Committee. Note that during the vetting process applicants may be asked to provide date of birth and social security number. All email, fax, and mail submittals will receive email receipt confirmation.

Dated: November 6, 2014.

J.G. Lantz,

Director of Commercial Regulations and Standards, United States Coast Guard.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–5761–N–03]

60-Day Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB; Standardized Form for Collecting Information Regarding Race and Ethnic Data

AGENCY: Office of Strategic Planning and Management, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection.

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:* February 2, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval number (2535–0113) and should be sent to: Colette Pollard, Departmental Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20410; Telephone (202) 402–4300, (this is not a toll-free number) or email Ms. Pollard at Colette.Pollard@hud.gov; for a copy of the proposed form and other available information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dorthera Yorkshire, Grants Management and Oversight Division, Office of Strategic Planning and Management Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 3156, Washington, DC 20410; email: Dorthera.Yorkshire@hud.gov; telephone (202) 402–4336; Fax (202) 708–0531 (this is not a toll-free number) for other available information. If you are a hearing-or-speech-impaired person, you may reach the above telephone numbers through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at 1–800–877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice informs the public that HUD 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: Standardized Form for Collecting Information Regarding Race and Ethnic Data.

OMB Control Number if applicable: 2535-0113.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: HUD's standardized form for the Collection of Race and Ethnic Data complies with OMB's revised standards for Federal Agencies issued, October 30, 1997. These standards apply to HUD Program Office and partners that collect, maintain, and report Federal Data on race and ethnicity for program administrative reporting.

Agency form numbers, if applicable: HUD-27061.

Members of Affected Public: Individuals or households, Business or other-for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions, State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of responses, frequency of responses, and hours of responses: This proposal will result in no significant increase in the current information collection burden. An estimation of the total number of hours needed to provide the information for each grant application is 1 hour; however, the burden will be assessed against each individual grant program submission under the Paperwork Reduction Act; number of respondents is an estimated 11,000; 60% of responses will be quarterly and 40% annually.

Status of the proposed information collection: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: November 3, 2014.

Lloyd LaMois,

Acting Director, Grants Management and Oversight Division, Office of Strategic Planning and Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Draft Programmatic Candidate Conservation Agreements With Assurances and Receipt of Applications for Enhancement of Survival Permits for the Greater Sage-Grouse in Oregon; and Draft Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), have received applications from five Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) for enhancement of survival (EOS) permits under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA). The permit applications include proposed programmatic candidate conservation agreements with assurances (CCAAs) for the greater sage-grouse, addressing conservation activities and ranching operations in Baker, Crook, Deschutes, Grant, Lake, Malheur, and southern Union Counties, Oregon. The Service also announces the availability of a draft environmental assessment (EA) addressing the proposed CCAAs and issuance of EOS permits in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA). We invite comments from all interested parties on the applications, including the CCAAs and the EA.

DATES: To ensure consideration, written comments must be received from interested parties no later than January 2, 2015.

ADDRESSES: To request further information or submit written comments, please use one of the following methods, and note that your information request or comments are in reference to the Multi-County CCAA.

- **Internet:** Documents may be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.fws.gov/oregonfwo/>.
- **Email:** Jeff_Everett@fws.gov. Include "Multi-County CCAA" in the subject line of the message or comments.
- **U.S. Mail:** U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Oregon Fish and Wildlife Office, 2600 SE. 98th Ave., Suite 100, Portland, OR 97266.
- **Fax:** 503-231-6195, Attn: Multi-County CCAA.
- **In-Person Viewing or Pickup:** Documents will be available for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours at the U.S. Fish

and Wildlife Service, Oregon Fish and Wildlife Office, 2600 SE. 98th Ave., Suite 100, Portland, OR.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff Everett or Jennifer Siani, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Oregon Fish and Wildlife Office (see **ADDRESSES**), telephone: 503-231-6179. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf, please call the Federal Information Relay Service at 800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We have received five applications—from Baker Valley SWCD, Crook County SWCD, Grant SWCD, Lakeview SWCD, and Malheur County SWCD—for EOS permits under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA for incidental take of sage-grouse (*Centrocercus urophasianus*). Each application includes a CCAA covering sage-grouse habitat on private lands in one or two counties in Oregon. The Service and the SWCDs prepared the CCAAs to provide landowners with the opportunity to voluntarily conserve the greater sage-grouse and its habitat while carrying out ranch operations.

Background Information

Private and other non-Federal property owners are encouraged to enter into CCAAs, in which they voluntarily undertake management activities on their properties to enhance, restore, or maintain habitat benefiting species that are proposed for listing under the ESA, candidates for listing, or species that may become candidates or proposed for listing. EOS permits are issued to applicants in association with approved CCAAs to authorize incidental take of the covered species from covered activities, should they become listed. Through a CCAA and its associated EOS permit, the Service provides assurances to property owners that they will not be subjected to increased land use restrictions if the covered species become listed under the ESA in the future, provided certain conditions are met.

Application requirements and issuance criteria for EOS permits for CCAAs are found in the Code of Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17.22(d) and 17.32(d), respectively. See also our joint policy on CCAAs, which we published in the **Federal Register** with the Department of Commerce's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service (64 FR 32726; June 17, 1999).

On March 23, 2010, the Service determined that listing the greater sage-grouse under the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1538) was warranted, but precluded by the need to address higher priority species