

Status of the proposed information collection: Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Authority: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: August 22, 1996.

Andrew Cuomo,

Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.

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Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing; Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below will be 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.

DATES: November 25, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Oliver Walker, Housing, Department of Housing & Urban Development, 451—7th Street, SW, Room 9116, Washington, DC 20410.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara D. Hunter, Telephone number (202) 708-3944 (this is not a toll-free number) for copies of the proposed forms and other available documents.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department will submit the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended).

The 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: Pet Ownership in assisted rental housing for the elderly or handicapped.

OMB Control Number: 2502-0342.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: "Rental Housing, Household Pets" No owner of federally assisted rental housing for the elderly or handicapped may prohibit a tenant from having common household pets in the tenant's dwelling unit, or discriminate against any person regarding admission to such housing because of ownership or presence of a pet in the person's dwelling unit.

Agency form numbers: N/A.

Members of affected public: Individuals or Households, State or local governments, businesses or other For-Profit, non-Profit Institutions.

Status of the proposed information collection: Extension without change.

Authority: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: September 17, 1996.

James E. Schoenberger,

Associate General Deputy, A/S Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Availability of a Draft Recovery Plan for the Water Howellia (*Howellia aquatilis*) for Review and Comment

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of document availability.

SUMMARY: The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces the availability for public review of a draft recovery plan for the water howellia (*Howellia aquatilis*). Water howellia is currently known from a total of six geographic areas— one area in each of the States of Idaho, Montana, and California, and three areas in Washington. The Service solicits review and comment from the public on this draft recovery plan.

DATES: Comments on the draft recovery plan must be received on or before

November 25, 1996 to ensure they receive consideration by the Service.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the draft recovery plan may obtain a copy by contacting the Field Supervisor, Fish and Wildlife Service, 100 N. Park Ave, Suite 320, Helena, MT 59601. Written comments and materials regarding this plan should be sent to the Field Supervisor at the Helena address given above. Comments and materials received are available on request for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lori Nordstrom, Fish and Wildlife Biologist (see **ADDRESSES** above), at telephone (406) 449-5225.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Restoring an endangered or threatened animal or plant to the point where it is again a secure, self-sustaining member of its ecosystem is a primary goal of the Service's endangered species program. To help guide the recovery effort, the Service is working to prepare recovery plans for most of the listed species native to the United States. Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for conservation of the species, establish criteria for recovery levels for downlisting or delisting them, and estimate time and cost for implementing the recovery measures needed.

The Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), requires the development of recovery plans for listed species unless such a plan would not promote the conservation of a particular species. Section 4(f) of the Act, as amended in 1988, requires that public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment be provided during recovery plan development. The Service will consider all information presented during a public comment period prior to approval of each new or revised recovery plan. The Service and other Federal agencies also will take these comments into account in the course of implementing approved recovery plans.

Water howellia is an annual aquatic plant restricted to small, vernal, freshwater wetlands that have an annual cycle of filling up with water over the fall, winter, and early spring, followed by drying during the summer months. The plants are extensively branched with submergent or floating stems; both emergent and submergent flowers are produced. The wetlands typically occur in a matrix of forest vegetation, and are