

distribution maps show the spatial accuracy of the locations reported, population status, and links to more information about each report. The NAS database will collect information on new species occurrences from the public using a sighting report form, which includes the species observed, location and date of observation, optional contact information (for any subsequent follow up discussion on observation), and optional images or other media files that provide supporting evidence of the organism.

The NAS website also allows users to sign up for email alert notifications of new species observations of interest matching several taxonomic or geographic filters through an alert registration form. The information collected includes a name, email address, a user-specific password, and notification preferences.

*Title of Collection:* Nonindigenous Aquatic Species Sighting Reporting Form and Alert Registration Form.

*OMB Control Number:* 1028-0098.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Renewal of a currently approved collection.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* Federal, State, and local government employees, university personnel, and private individuals.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:* We estimate approximately 350 respondents per year for the sighting report form (some respondents will submit multiple reports per year), and 50 respondents (*i.e.*, new registrations) per year for the alert registration form.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* We estimate 600 responses per year for the sighting report form, and 50 responses (*i.e.*, new registrations) per year for the alert registration form.

*Estimated Completion Time per Response:* We estimate 3 minutes for the sighting report form, and 1 minute for the alert registration form.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* We estimate 30 hours for the sighting report form, and 1 hour for the alert registration form; a total of 31 hours for the two forms.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Frequency of Collection:* On occasion.

*Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost:* None.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, nor is a person required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The authority for this action is the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*)

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

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1076-0111]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Payment for Appointed Counsel in Involuntary Indian Child Custody Proceedings in State Courts

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), are proposing to renew an information collection with revisions.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before December 8, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function. Please provide a copy of your comments to Steven Mullen, Information Collection Clearance Officer, Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action—Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1001 Indian School Road NW, Suite 229, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87104; or by email to [comments@bia.gov](mailto:comments@bia.gov). Please reference OMB Control Number 1076-0111 in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this ICR, please contact Johnna Blackhair, Acting Deputy Bureau Director, Indian Services, BIA by email at [johnna.blackhair@bia.gov](mailto:johnna.blackhair@bia.gov) or by telephone at (202) 513-7641. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access

telecommunications relay services. You may also view the ICR at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

A **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day public comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on June 16, 2022 (87 FR 36342). We received one comment.

*Comment:* The Bureau should adopt forms to assist courts and attorneys in claiming payment. The provisions for payment of appointed counsel in ICWA cases should be expanded to include counsel for Tribes that can demonstrate a financial need. In the request for comment, it states that the Bureau receives two requests for payment from state courts per year under the section and estimates that the total annual time burden on state courts for these requests is six hours. Two applications for funding annually from throughout the country indicates that very little use is being made of the procedures set out in the regulations. If payment for appointed counsel is expanded, the process for appointment of counsel for tribes should be consistent with tribal sovereignty and autonomy. Congress should appropriate realistic funding for requests for reimbursement for the costs of appointed counsel. The Federal government should also consider allowing states to use funding provided under title IV-E of the Social Security Act to support providing appointed counsel to tribes to participate in cases governed by the Indian Child Welfare Act.

*Agency Response to Comment:* BIA appreciates this feedback and proposes to revise this information collection with a form to assist courts and attorneys in claiming payment.

As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, we are again soliciting comments from the public and other Federal agencies on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following:

(1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper

performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) How might the agency minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of response.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

*Abstract:* The BIA is seeking renewal of the approval for the information collection conducted under 25 CFR 23.13, implementing the Indian Child Welfare Act (25 U.S.C. 1901 *et seq.*). The information collection allows BIA to receive written requests by State courts that appoint counsel for an indigent Indian parent or Indian custodian in an involuntary Indian child custody proceeding when appointment of counsel is not authorized by State law. The applicable BIA Regional Director uses this information to decide whether to certify that the client in the notice is eligible to have his/her counsel compensated by the BIA in accordance with the Indian Child Welfare Act.

### Proposed Revisions

BIA proposes to revise this information collection with a form to assist courts and attorneys in claiming payment.

*Title of Collection:* Payment for Appointed Counsel in Involuntary Indian Child Custody Proceedings in State Courts.

*OMB Control Number:* 1076–0111.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* State courts.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:* Two (2) per year.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* Two (2) per year.

*Estimated Completion Time per Response:* Two (2) hours for reporting and one (1) for recordkeeping.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* Six (6) hours.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain a benefit.

*Frequency of Collection:* On occasion.

*Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost:* \$0.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The authority for this action is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

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### Request for Nominations of Members To Serve on the Bureau of Indian Education Advisory Board for Exceptional Children

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of request for nominations.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004 (IDEA), the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) requests nominations of individuals to serve on the Advisory Board for Exceptional Children (Advisory Board). There will be six positions available. Board members shall serve a staggered term of two or three years from the date of their appointment. The BIE will consider nominations received in response to this request for nominations, as well as other sources.

**DATES:** Please submit a complete application form and a copy of the nominee's resume or curriculum vitae by December 23, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** Please submit nominations to Ms. Jennifer Davis, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), Bureau of Indian

Education, Division of Performance and Accountability, 2600 N Central Ave., Suite 800, Phoenix, AZ 85004, or email to [jennifer.davis@bie.edu](mailto:jennifer.davis@bie.edu) or Fax to (602) 265–0293.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jennifer Davis, DFO, [jennifer.davis@bie.edu](mailto:jennifer.davis@bie.edu); (202) 860–7845. The

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice provides committee and membership criteria.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Advisory Board was established in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92–463. The following provides information about the Committee, the membership and the nomination process.

### 1. Objective and Duties

(a) Members of the Advisory Board will provide guidance, advice and recommendations with respect to special education and related services for children with disabilities in BIE funded schools in accordance with the requirements of IDEA;

(b) The Advisory Board will: (1) Provide advice and recommendations for the coordination of services within the BIE and with other local, State and Federal agencies; (2) Provide advice and recommendations on a broad range of policy issues dealing with the provision of educational services to American Indian children with disabilities; (3) Serve as advocates for American Indian students with special education needs by providing advice and recommendations regarding best practices, effective program coordination strategies, and recommendations for improved educational programming; (4) Provide advice and recommendations for the preparation of information required to be submitted to the Secretary of Education under 20 U.S.C. 1411(h)(2); (5) Provide advice and recommend policies concerning effective inter/intra agency collaboration, including modifications to regulations, and the elimination of barriers to inter- and intra-agency programs and activities; and (6) Will report and direct all correspondence to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs through the Director, BIE with a courtesy copy to the Designated Federal Officer (DFO).

### 2. Membership

(a) Pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1411(h)(6), the Advisory Board will be composed of up to fifteen individuals involved in or concerned with the education and provision of services to American Indian infants, toddlers, children, and youth with disabilities. The Advisory