

with consideration of the overall planning system utilized by WDNR. Comments on site specific projects are not within the scope of this review, although comments regarding the effects of different types of projects would be appropriate. The Service may choose to analyze the impacts of the two Federal grants separately because their intended purposes are different. The Service is using this scoping notification as it considers approving continuation of the CMP option for the next five years.

Administration of these grants uses management systems identified in the Grant Proposal consistent with a Fish, Wildlife and Habitat Plan that generally identifies fish and wildlife program direction in Wisconsin and types of activities that may constitute projects subject to an annual application for funds process. The comprehensive management system is described in the Grant Proposal which includes a description of the WDNR strategic planning process, operational planning process and their control/evaluation process. This notice is being furnished as provided for by the NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1501.7 and 1508.22). The intent of this notice is to obtain suggestions and additional information from other agencies and the public on the scope of issues to be considered. Comments and participation in this scoping process are solicited.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before September 14, 2001.

**Public Involvement:** The public is invited to participate in the scoping process. Written scoping comments should be received within 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice of Intent. All comments received from individuals become part of the official public record. Requests for such comments will be handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act and the Council on Environmental Quality's NEPA regulations [40 CFR 1506.6(f)]. Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. If a respondent would like us to withhold his/her name and/or address, this must be stated prominently at the beginning of the comment.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to: Scoping Comments, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Federal Aid, Bishop Henry Whipple

Federal Building, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, MN 55111; telephone: (612) 713-5130. Electronic mail comments may also be submitted within the comment period to: wdnrgrants@fws.gov

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Michael Sweet (Sport Fish Restoration) or Fabian Romero, (Wildlife Restoration, Wildlife Conservation and Restoration) U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Federal Aid Division, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, MN 55111; telephone: (612) 713-5130.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The WDNR has utilized SFR and WR funds since Congress enacted the programs in 1956 and 1937, respectively. This will be the first year that WDNR will use Wildlife Conservation and Restoration (WCR) funds which Congress approved for a one-year period during the Federal fiscal year beginning October 1, 2000. The public is requested to inform the Service of concerns regarding the WDNR management systems, their administration of the comprehensive management system grants in Wisconsin, and the cumulative effects of activities funded under these Federal grants.

The WDNR has administered its SFR grant program using the CMP option for the past 16 years and WR grant program using the CMP option for the past 11 years. WDNR began administering the WCR grant program using the CMP option July 1, 2001. During the past 16 years the WDNR conducted numerous public information and input processes, as well as Service review regarding its programs, including: the development and periodic revision of a Strategic Plan; development of a Fisheries, Wildlife and Habitat Management Plan for Wisconsin; numerous basin, area, waterbody, and property master plans; use of biennial work planning processes; program and management reviews; financial audits and periodic field reviews conducted jointly by WDNR and Service staff regarding implementation of the CMP.

Some projects that will be subject to NEPA review as part of the annual grant process will be conducted on lands that might be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The National Historic Preservation Act and other laws require that these properties and resources be identified and considered in project planning. The public is requested to inform the Service of concerns about archeological sites, buildings and structures, historic events, sacred and traditional areas, and other historic preservation concerns.

Dated: August 1, 2001.

**Charlie M. Wooley,**

*Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Region 3, Fort Snelling, MN.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**Hanford Reach National Monument Federal Advisory Committee; Meeting Notice**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice; FACA meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Hanford Reach National Monument Federal Advisory Committee will conduct a meeting on Wednesday, September 12, 2001 from 9 am to 4:30 pm and Thursday, September 13, from 1:30 pm to 4 pm in the Wahluke School District, Administration Building, Board Room, located at 411 East Saddle Mountain Dr., Mattawa, WA. The meeting is open to the public and press.

**DATES:** The meeting will take place Wednesday, September 12, 2001 from 9 am to 4:30 pm and Thursday, September 13, from 1:30 pm to 4 pm. Time will be made available for public comments to be heard during the meeting. Written comments received by September 13, 4 pm., will be incorporated into the meeting notes. Written comments received after the deadline will be accepted, but will not be incorporated into the meeting notes.

**ADDRESSES:** Any member of the public wishing to submit written comments should send those to Mr. Greg Hughes, Designated Federal Officer for the Hanford Reach National Monument Federal Advisory Committee, Hanford Reach National Monument/Saddle Mountain National Wildlife Refuge, 3250 Port of Benton Blvd., Richland, WA 99352; fax (509) 375-0196. Copies of the draft meeting agenda can be obtained from the Designated Federal Officer.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any member of the public wishing further information concerning the meeting should contact Mr. Greg Hughes, Designated Federal Official for the Hanford Reach National Monument Federal Advisory Committee; phone (509) 371-1801, fax (509) 375-0196.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** During this meeting, the Hanford Reach National Monument Federal Advisory Committee will select a Committee Chairperson, finalize Committee groundrules, hear informational

presentations regarding the Comprehensive Conservation Plan process, and identify key decision points in the process.

Dated: August 9, 2001.

**Jeff Haas,**

*Acting Project Leader, Hanford Reach National Monument.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection, Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of a revision of a currently approved information collection (OMB Control Number 1010-0095).

**SUMMARY:** To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, we are inviting comments on a collection of information that we will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The information collection request (ICR) is titled "Request to Exceed Regulatory Allowance Limitation."

**DATES:** Submit written comments on or before October 15, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments to Carol P. Shelby, Regulatory Specialist, Minerals Management Service, Minerals Revenue Management, P.O. Box 25165, MS 320B2, Denver, Colorado 80225. If you use an overnight courier service, our courier address is Building 85, Room A-614, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225. You may also email your comments to us at [mrm.comments@mms.gov](mailto:mrm.comments@mms.gov). Include the title of the information collection and the OMB control number in the "Attention" line of your comment. Also include your name and return address. Submit electronic comments as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. If you do not receive a confirmation that we have received your email, contact Ms. Shelby at (303) 231-3151.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carol P. Shelby, telephone (303) 231-3151, FAX (303) 231-3385, email [Carol.Shelby@mms.gov](mailto:Carol.Shelby@mms.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Request to Exceed Regulatory Allowance Limitation.

*OMB Control Number:* 1010-0095.

*Bureau Form Number:* MMS-4393.

*Abstract:* The Department of the Interior (DOI) is responsible for matters relevant to mineral resource development on Federal and Indian lands and the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). The Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) is responsible for managing the production of minerals from Federal and Indian lands and the OCS, collecting royalties from lessees who produce minerals, and distributing the funds collected in accordance with applicable laws. The Secretary also has an Indian trust responsibility to manage Indian lands and seek advice and information from Indian beneficiaries. MMS performs the royalty management functions and assists the Secretary in carrying out DOI's Indian trust responsibility.

When paying royalties on Federal or Indian leases, payors are "allowed" to deduct reasonable costs for transportation and/or processing to get the product in a marketable condition. By current regulation, these allowances are limited to specified percentages of the royalty due. However, in some cases, it is reasonable to deduct allowances that exceed the established limits.

Form MMS-4393, Request to Exceed Regulatory Allowance Limitation, is used by royalty payors to request MMS approval to exceed established transportation or processing allowance limits. To request permission to exceed an allowance limit, royalty payors must write a letter to MMS providing the reasons why a higher allowance limit is necessary. Although the request to exceed an allowance limit is voluntary on the part of the payors and results in a benefit to them, many times payors did not provide all of the data needed by MMS to approve or deny a request. The follow-up necessary to obtain the required information created an additional burden for both the payor and MMS.

MMS developed Form MMS-4393 to be included with the payor's request letter to ensure that we receive the data necessary to make a decision on the request. The form requires the payor to provide an Accounting Identification (AID) number for the leased property, the product code identifying the product being transported or processed, and the selling arrangement used to identify the marketing outlet for the product. We estimate the annual burden to complete this information collection is 30 minutes per request.

*Request for Revision.* MMS will be requesting OMB approval of a revised Form MMS-4393 to take effect when our new computer system is operational. This revision is necessary

to make Form MMS-4393 compatible with other recently revised forms such as the Form MMS-2014, Report of Sales and Royalty Remittance (1010-0140). These revisions are the result of a major reengineering of MMS's financial and compliance processes and the procurement of a new computer system. For example, during the reengineering process MMS decided to eliminate the reporting of an accounting identification (AID) number and selling arrangement number on all existing forms. In their place, MMS is requiring a combination of lease and agreement numbers and sales type codes. Since the existing Form MMS-4393 contains columns for AID number and selling arrangement number, these columns must be removed and new columns for lease numbers, agreement numbers, and sales type codes must be added. The revised form requires similar types of information to be provided by the lessee so we do not anticipate any changes in burden hours.

Submission of the information in this collection is necessary when requesting to exceed regulatory allowance limits on Federal and Indian properties. Proprietary information that is submitted is protected, and there are no questions of a sensitive nature included in this information collection.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number and Description of Respondents:* 75.

*Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden:* 37.

*Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-hour Cost"*

*Burden:* We have identified no "non-hour cost" burdens.

*Comments:* The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) provides that 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. Before submitting an ICR to OMB, PRA Section 3506(c)(2)(A) requires each agency " \* \* \* to provide notice \* \* \* and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information \* \* \*." Agencies must specifically solicit comments to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the agency to perform its duties, including whether the information is useful; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of