

construction contract only if it can demonstrate to HUD's satisfaction that its bid is the lowest bid submitted in response to a public request for bids."

*Granted by:* Sandra B. Henriquez, Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

*Date Granted:* February 29, 2012.

*Reason Waived:* The Housing Authority of the City of Tuscaloosa submitted an independent cost estimate.

*Contact:* Dominique Blom, Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Public Housing Investments, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20140, Room 4130, telephone (202) 402-4181.

• *Regulation:* 24 CFR 982.161.

*Project/Activity:* The Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) requested, on July 21, 2011, a waiver to allow Commissioner Margarita Garr to continue to serve on their Board. She had served on the Board since 2008, but a potential conflict arose because she had also been employed by banks that do business with HACLA.

*Nature of Requirement:* HUD's regulation at 24 CFR 982.161 provides that neither a public housing agency (PHA) nor any of its contractors or subcontractors may enter into any contract or arrangement in connection with a PHA's tenant-based programs in which persons specified in the regulation have an interest, direct or indirect, during the tenure of the contract or one year thereafter. With respect to HACLA, HUD determined that there was a potential conflict because 24 CFR 982.161 and Section 19 of the Annual Contributions Contract (ACC), which prevents PHAs from entering into any contract in which a member of their governing board has a direct or indirect interest.

*Granted By:* Sandra B. Henriquez, Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

*Date Granted:* March 7, 2012.

*Reason Waived:* Because of the conflict between the regulation and the ACC, HUD determined that good cause existed to grant the waiver request.

*Contact:* Jessica Yuen, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW., Room 4210, Washington, DC, 20410, telephone (202) 708-6002.

• *Regulation:* 24 CFR 982.503(d) and 982.505(c)(3).

*Project/Activity:* Dodge County Housing Authority (DCHA), Dodge County, WI.

*Nature of Requirement:* HUD's regulation at 24 CFR 982.503(d) allows

HUD to consider a public housing agency's request for approval to establish a payment standard that is lower than the basic range of 90 to 110 percent of the published fair market rent for each/any bedroom size, but HUD will not approve such payment standard amounts if the family share for more than 40 percent of voucher participants exceeds 30 percent of monthly adjusted income. 24 CFR 982.505(c)(3) states that, if the amount on the payment standard schedule is decreased during the term of the housing assistance payments (HAP) contract, the lower payment standard amount generally must be used to calculate the monthly HAP for the family beginning on the effective date of the family's second regular reexamination following the effective date of the decrease.

*Granted By:* Sandra B. Henriquez, Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

*Date Granted:* March 9, 2012.

*Reason Waived:* This waiver was granted because these cost-saving measures would enable the DCHA to manage its Housing Choice Voucher program within allocated budget authority and avoid the termination of HAP contracts due to insufficient funding.

*Contact:* Laure Rawson, Director, Housing Voucher Management and Operations Division, Office of Public Housing and Voucher Programs, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW., Room 4210, Washington, DC, 20410, telephone (202) 708-0477.

• *Regulation:* 24 CFR 982.505(c)(3).

*Project/Activity:* Boonville Housing Authority (BHA), Boonville, NY.

*Nature of Requirement:* HUD's regulation at 24 CFR 982.505(c)(3) states that, if the amount on the payment standard schedule is decreased during the term of the housing assistance payments (HAP) contract, the lower payment standard amount generally must be used to calculate the monthly HAP for the family beginning on the effective date of the family's second regular reexamination following the effective date of the decrease.

*Granted By:* Sandra B. Henriquez, Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

*Date Granted:* January 30, 2012.

*Reason Waived:* This waiver was granted because this cost-saving measure would enable the BHA to manage its Housing Choice Voucher program within allocated budget authority and avoid the termination of HAP contracts due to insufficient funding.

*Contact:* Laure Rawson, Director, Housing Voucher Management and Operations Division, Office of Public Housing and Voucher Programs, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW., Room 4210, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-0477.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

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### Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council

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

**ACTION:** Notice of teleconference.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, announce a public teleconference of the Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council (Council).

**DATES:** *Teleconference:* Thursday, July 19th, 2012, from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. (Eastern daylight time). For deadlines and directions on registering to listen to the teleconference, submitting written material, and giving an oral presentation, please see "Public Input" under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joshua Winchell, Council Coordinator, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Mailstop 3103-AEA, Arlington, VA 22203; telephone (703) 358-2639; fax (703) 358-2548; or email [joshua\\_winchell@fws.gov](mailto:joshua_winchell@fws.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., we announce that Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council will hold a teleconference.

### Background

Formed in February 2010, the Council provides advice about wildlife and habitat conservation endeavors that:

1. Benefit wildlife resources;
2. Encourage partnership among the public, the sporting conservation organizations, the states, Native American tribes, and the Federal Government; and
3. Benefit recreational hunting.

The Council advises the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture, reporting through the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

(Service), in consultation with the Director, Bureau of Land Management (BLM); Director, National Park Service (NPS); Chief, Forest Service (USFS); Chief, Natural Resources Service (NRCS); and Administrator, Farm Services Agency (FSA). The Council's duties are strictly advisory and consist of, but are not limited to, providing recommendations for:

1. Implementing the Recreational Hunting and Wildlife Resource Conservation Plan—A Ten-Year Plan for Implementation;

2. Increasing public awareness of and support for the Wildlife Restoration Program;

3. Fostering wildlife and habitat conservation and ethics in hunting and shooting sports recreation;

4. Stimulating sportsmen and women's participation in conservation and management of wildlife and habitat resources through outreach and education;

5. Fostering communication and coordination among State, tribal, and Federal governments; industry; hunting and shooting sportsmen and women; wildlife and habitat conservation and management organizations; and the public;

6. Providing appropriate access to Federal lands for recreational shooting and hunting;

7. Providing recommendations to improve implementation of Federal conservation programs that benefit wildlife, hunting, and outdoor recreation on private lands; and

8. When requested by the Designated Federal Officer in consultation with the Council Chairperson, performing a variety of assessments or reviews of policies, programs, and efforts through the Council's designated subcommittees or workgroups.

Background information on the Council is available at <http://www.fws.gov/whhcc>.

### Meeting Agenda

The Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council will consider a letter to the Secretaries of Agriculture and the Interior that encourages them to continue to engage their departments in the Environmental Protection Agency watershed analysis regarding potential impacts of large-scale mining in the Bristol Bay Region of Alaska.

The final agenda will be posted on the Internet at <http://www.fws.gov/whhcc>.

### Public Input

If you wish to	You must contact the Council Coordinator (see <b>FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT</b> ) no later than
Listen to the teleconference.	July 12, 2012.
Submit written information or questions before the teleconference for the council to consider during the teleconference.	July 12, 2012.
Give an oral presentation during the teleconference.	July 12, 2012.

### Submitting Written Information or Questions

Interested members of the public may submit relevant information or questions for the Council to consider during the teleconference. Written statements must be received by the date listed in "Public Input" under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**, so that the information may be made available to the Council for their consideration prior to this teleconference. Written statements must be supplied to the Council Coordinator in one of the following formats: One hard copy with original signature, and one electronic copy via email (acceptable file formats are Adobe Acrobat PDF, MS Word, MS PowerPoint, or rich text file).

### Giving an Oral Presentation

Individuals or groups requesting to make an oral presentation during the teleconference will be limited to 2 minutes per speaker, with no more than a total of 40 minutes for all speakers. Interested parties should contact the Council Coordinator, in writing (preferably via email; see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**), to be placed on the public speaker list for this teleconference. To ensure an opportunity to speak during the public comment period of the teleconference, members of the public must register with the Council Coordinator. Registered speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements, or those who had wished to speak but could not be accommodated on the agenda, may submit written statements to the Council Coordinator up to 30 days subsequent to the teleconference.

### Meeting Minutes

Summary minutes of the teleconference will be maintained by the Council Coordinator (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) and will be available for public inspection within

90 days of the meeting and will be posted on the Council's Web site at <http://www.fws.gov/whhcc>.

**Hannibal Bolton,**

*Acting Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### U.S. Geological Survey

#### National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program (NCGMP) and National Geological and Geophysical Data Preservation Program (NGGDPP) Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of annual meeting: Audio Conference.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Public Law 106-148, the NCGMP and NGGDPP Advisory Committee will hold an audio conference call on July 19, 2012, from 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. The Advisory Committee, comprising representatives from Federal agencies, State agencies, academic institutions, and private companies, shall advise the Director of the U.S. Geological Survey on planning and implementation of the geologic mapping and data preservation programs.

The Committee will hear updates on progress of the NCGMP toward fulfilling the purposes of the National Geological Mapping Act of 1992; the Federal, State, and education components of the NCGMP; and the National Geological and Geophysical Data Preservation Program.

**DATES:** July 19, 2012, from 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For the phone number and access code, please contact Michael Marketti, U.S. Geological Survey, Mail Stop 908, National Center, Reston, Virginia 20192, (703) 648-6976.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Meetings of the National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program and National Geological and Geophysical Data Preservation Program Advisory Committee are open to the Public.

Dated: June 20, 2012.

**Kevin T. Gallagher,**

*Associate Director for Core Science Systems.*

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