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#### Information Collection Request

*Title:* Surveys of Customers' Satisfaction.

*OMB Control Number:* 1625–0080.

*Summary:* Executive Order 12862 authorizes the Coast Guard to survey customers to determine the kind and quality of services they want and their level of satisfaction with existing services.

*Need:* Putting people first means ensuring that the Federal Government provides the highest-quality of service possible to the American people. Executive Order 12862 requires that all executive departments and agencies providing significant services directly to the public seek to meet established standards of customer service and (1) identify the customers who are, or should be, served by the agency and (2) survey customers to determine the kind and quality of services they want and their level of satisfaction with existing services.

*Respondents:* Recreational boaters, commercial mariners, industry groups, and State and local governments.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Burden:* The estimated burden is 5,000 hours a year.

Dated: October 10, 2003.

**Clifford I. Pearson,**

*Assistant Commandant for Command, Control, Communications, Computers and Information Technology.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–4707–N–09]

#### Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS): Physical Condition Scoring Process and Financial Condition Scoring Process

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises public housing agencies (PHAs) and the public

that HUD will extend the use of four elements that were part of the interim scoring processes for the Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) Physical Condition Indicator. HUD adopted interim scoring processes for two of the four PHAS indicators “Physical Condition and Financial Condition—by notice published in the **Federal Register** on March 15, 2002, and described in notices published in the **Federal Register** on November 26, 2001. Except for the four elements that are being extended, the Physical Condition and Financial Condition Indicators for PHAs with fiscal years ending on and after September 30, 2003, will be scored in accordance with the Physical Condition Scoring Process notice published on June 28, 2000, and the Financial Condition Scoring Process notice published on December 21, 2000.

After consideration, the Department has determined not to implement the proposed rule for PHAS. The current PHAS is now fully operational and is providing complete and official assessment scores. Beginning with the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, PHAs were scored under the four PHAS indicators, rather than issued an advisory score. Since that time, the Department has increased its PHAS-related quality assurance activities.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information contact the Office of Public and Indian Housing Real Estate Assessment Center (PIH–REAC), Attention: Wanda Funk, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 1280 Maryland Avenue, SW., Suite 800, Washington DC 20024; telephone the Technical Assistance Center at 1–888–245–4860 (this is a toll free number). Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access that number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877–8339.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

On March 15, 2002 (67 FR 11844), HUD published a notice adopting PHAS interim scoring processes for PHAs with fiscal years ending September 30, 2001, December 31, 2001, March 31, 2002, June 30, 2002, and September 30, 2002. In that notice, HUD announced interim changes in the scoring methodology for two of the four PHAS assessment indicators: the Physical Condition Indicator and Financial Condition Indicator. Detailed information about the changes to the scoring processes was provided in notices published in the **Federal Register** on November 26, 2001. The Introduction notice is published at

66 FR 59080. The Physical Condition Scoring Process Interim Scoring notice is published at 66 FR 59084. The Financial Condition Scoring Process Interim Assessments notice is published at 66 FR 59126. A notice published in the **Federal Register** on August 30, 2002 (67 FR 55860), extended the interim scoring methodologies to apply to PHAs with fiscal years ending December 31, 2002, March 31, 2003 and June 30, 2003.

#### II. Physical Condition Scoring Process and Financial Condition Scoring Process

At the time that the interim scoring processes were adopted on March 15, 2002, the Department advised that if an extension of the interim period were necessary, the Department would notify PHAs and the public by notice published in the **Federal Register**. The Department will extend the following four elements of the November 26, 2001 notice for PHAs with fiscal years ending on and after September 30, 2003:

1. The Item Weights and Criticality Levels, Appendix 1 to the Physical Condition Scoring Notice of November 26, 2001, 66 FR 59090–59102;
2. The Dictionary of Deficiency Definitions, Appendix 2 to the Physical Condition Scoring Notice of November 26, 2001, 66 FR 59102–59124;
3. The sampling weights for buildings explained in the section entitled “16. Examples of Sampling Weights for Buildings” of the November 26, 2001 notice, 66 FR 59088; and
4. As stated in the November 26, 2001 notice, 66 FR 59081, the overall PHAS Indicator #1 score will continue to determine the frequency of inspections of a PHA's portfolio. For PHAs whose PHAS Indicator #1 score is 24 or higher based on the 30 point score, physical inspections will be conducted every two years (subject to any changes made in further revisions to the rule or scoring notices). For PHAs whose PHAS Indicator #1 score is less than 24 based on the 30 point score, physical inspections will be conducted annually.

With respect to all other elements of the November 26, 2001 interim scoring methodologies, the Department has determined that an extension of the interim period is not necessary, and by this notice is notifying PHAs and the public that PHAs having fiscal years ending on and after September 30, 2003, the PHAS scores will be issued for effect based on the scoring notices published in the **Federal Register** prior to the publication of the November 26, 2001, notices. The prior Physical Condition Scoring Process notice was published on June 28, 2000 (65 FR 39988). The prior Financial Condition Scoring

Process notice was published on December 21, 2000 (65 FR 80686).

### III. Applicable Regulations and Notices

Itemized in the chart below are the applicable regulations and scoring process notices that, together with the

four elements extended by this notice, govern the assessment and scoring of PHAs under the PHAS for PHAs with fiscal years ending September 30, 2003 and after.

| Item                                                                                                                                         | Publication date        | Federal Register Page No. |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) Amendments; Final Rule .....                                                                         | January 11, 2000 .....  | 65 FR 1738.               |
| Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS): Technical Correction; Final Rule.                                                                   | June 6, 2000 .....      | 65 FR 36042.              |
| Public Housing Assessment System Physical Condition Scoring Process; Notice.                                                                 | June 28, 2000 .....     | 65 FR 39988.              |
| Public Housing Assessment System; Financial Condition Scoring Process; Notice.                                                               | December 21, 2000 ..... | 65 FR 80686.              |
| Public Housing Assessment System Management Operations Scoring Process for PHAs With Fiscal Years Ending On or After March 31, 2000; Notice. | June 28, 2000 .....     | 65 FR 40028.              |
| Public Housing Assessment System .....                                                                                                       | June 28, 2000 .....     | 65 FR 40034.              |
| Resident Service and Satisfaction Scoring Process; Notice.                                                                                   |                         |                           |

Dated: October 10, 2003.

**Michael Liu,**

*Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; 90-day Finding for a Petition To List as Endangered or Threatened Wolverine in the Contiguous United States

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

**ACTION:** Notice of 90-day petition finding.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce a 90-day finding for a petition to list the wolverine (*Gulo gulo luscus*) in the contiguous United States as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. We find the petition and additional information available in our files did not present substantial scientific or commercial information indicating that listing the wolverine in the contiguous United States may be warranted. We will not be initiating a further status review in response to this petition. We ask the public to submit to us any new information that becomes available concerning the status of or threats to this species. This information will help us monitor and encourage the conservation of this species.

**DATES:** The finding announced in this document was made on October 15, 2003. You may submit new information

concerning this species for our consideration at any time.

**ADDRESSES:** Data, information, comments, or questions concerning this petition should be submitted to the Montana Ecological Services Field Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 100 North Park Avenue, Suite 320, Helena, Montana 59601. The petition, finding, and supporting information are available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours, at the above address. Submit new information, materials, comments, or questions concerning this species to the Service at the above address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lori Nordstrom, at the address given in the **ADDRESSES** section (telephone (406) 449-5225; facsimile (406) 449-5339; electronic mail [FW6\\_wolverine@fws.gov](mailto:FW6_wolverine@fws.gov)).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Section 4(b)(3)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act) (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), requires that we make a finding on whether a petition to list, delist, or reclassify a species presents substantial scientific or commercial information to indicate that the petitioned action may be warranted. We are to base this finding on all information available to us at the time we make the finding. To the maximum extent practicable, we must make this finding within 90 days of receiving the petition and publish a notice of the finding promptly in the **Federal Register**. Our standard for substantial information with regard to a 90-day petition finding is "that amount of information that would lead a reasonable person to believe that the measure proposed in the petition may

be warranted" (50 CFR 424.14(b)). If the finding is that substantial information was presented, we are required to promptly begin a review of the status of the species, if one has not already been initiated, under our internal candidate assessment process.

On July 14, 2000, we received a petition dated July 11, 2000, submitted by the Biodiversity Legal Foundation, Predator Conservation Alliance, Defenders of Wildlife, Northwest Ecosystem Alliance, Friends of the Clearwater, and Superior Wilderness Action Network. The petition requests that we list the wolverine within the contiguous United States as a threatened or endangered species and designate critical habitat for the species.

On April 19, 1995, we published a notice of our finding that a previous petition submitted by the Predator Project (now named the Predator Conservation Alliance) and Biodiversity Legal Foundation to list the wolverine in the contiguous United States did not provide substantial information indicating that listing the wolverine in the contiguous United States may be warranted (60 FR 19567).

Since 1995, little new information on wolverine biology, distribution, habitat requirements, or possible threats has been published. The species is still considered one of the least understood medium carnivores. The only new research completed for the contiguous United States is that on wolverine ecology in Idaho (Copeland 1996; Magoun and Copeland 1998; Edelman and Copeland 1999), and a genetic study (Cegelski 2002). Banci (1994) is a compilation of existing wolverine information plus suggestions for research or management considerations. Additional research on wolverine ecology, current and historic