

while continuing to sustain healthy migratory game bird populations for future generations.

2. (NEW) Requests for Consultation (Tribes/States)—The new regulations in the final rule under RIN 1018–BF64 (88 FR 60375, September 1, 2023) also may be applied to the establishment of migratory game bird hunting regulations for nontribal members on all lands within the reservations where Tribes have full wildlife-management authority over such hunting, or where the Tribes and affected States otherwise have reached agreement over hunting by nontribal members on non-Indian lands within the reservation. Tribes usually have the authority to regulate migratory game bird hunting by nonmembers on Indian-owned reservation lands.

The question of jurisdiction is more complex on reservations that include lands owned by non-Indians, especially when the surrounding States have established or intend to establish regulations governing migratory game bird hunting by non-Indians on these lands. In those cases, we encourage the Tribes and States to reach agreement on regulations that would apply throughout the reservations. When appropriate, we will consult with a Tribe and State with the aim of facilitating an accord. We also will consult jointly with Tribal and State officials in the affected States where Tribes may wish to establish special migratory game bird hunting regulations for Tribal members on ceded lands.

It is incumbent upon the Tribe and/or the State to request consultation. We will not presume to make a determination, without being advised by either a Tribe or a State, that any issue is or is not worthy of formal consultation. Tribal and State requests for consultation with the Service should be sent to the Service's Assistant Director for the Migratory Bird Program. We note that our guidance on resolving issues of concern between Tribes and States on reservations and ceded lands is the same guidance we provided under the previous Tribal regulation process.

3. (NEW) Requests for Experimental Seasons (Tribes)—We will continue to consult with Tribes that wish to reach a mutual agreement (memorandum of understanding (MOU) or similar type of formal agreement) on conducting short-term (possibly several years) experimental hunting seasons using methods outside of the Federal hunting methods at 50 CFR 20.21 for on-reservation and ceded lands hunting by Tribal members. The Tribal-member-only experimental hunting season would provide data and evaluation criteria specified in an agreement for

consideration if a Tribe would like to make the additional hunting method operational. Tribes should send such requests for consultation to the Service's Assistant Director for the Migratory Bird Program at least 9 months before the season or ceremony regarding hunting methods outside of the Federal regulations.

If any individual Tribe wishes to make these additional experimental hunting methods operational and the Service agrees, the Service will conduct rulemaking (using any data from the experimental hunting season) to amend 50 CFR part 20 to allow Tribal members to use these additional hunting methods.

Starting with the 2023–2024 hunting season, annual Tribal hunting season regulations will no longer be published in the **Federal Register**, alleviating the administrative burden to both the Service and the Tribes of developing special Tribal migratory bird hunting regulation proposals, reviewing proposals, and publishing Tribal regulations as Federal regulations. This process would not apply to seasons for subsistence take of migratory birds in Alaska.

*Title of Collection:* Establishment of Annual Migratory Bird Hunting Seasons, 50 CFR part 20.

*OMB Control Number:* 1018–0171.

*Form Numbers:* None.

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

*Respondents/Affected Public:* State and Tribal governments.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:* 52 (from State governments and Territories).

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 78 (from 52 State and U.S. Territories, as well as 26 additional reports).

*Estimated Completion Time per Response:* Varies from 4 hours to 650 hours, depending on activity.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 11,423.

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

*Frequency of Collection:* Annually.

*Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost:* None.

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

### Office of the Secretary

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### Request for Public Nominations for Authors and Scientific/Technical Inputs for the First National Nature Assessment

**AGENCY:** Office of Policy Analysis, Interior.

**ACTION:** Request for public nominations.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of the Interior, on behalf of the U.S. Global Change Research Program (USGCRP), is soliciting nominations for authors and scientific/technical inputs for the First National Nature Assessment (NNA1). Refer to the NNA1 Draft Prospectus for further information on the scope, topics, and overarching themes for the report. NNA1 will adhere to the Global Change Research Act, Information Quality Act, and Evidence Act requirements for quality, transparency, and accessibility as appropriate for a Highly Influential Scientific Assessment. NNA1 will also adhere to USGCRP standards and guidelines requiring it to be a policy-neutral and policy-relevant product.

**DATES:** Nominations should be submitted via the web address specified below and must be received by the close of this notice January 4, 2024. While we request that scientific/technical inputs be submitted by the close of this notice, they will be accepted on an ongoing basis throughout the development of the report.

**ADDRESSES:** Nominations for authors must be submitted electronically using a web form accessible via <https://www.globalchange.gov/notices>. A short Curriculum Vitae (CV) of no more than four (4) pages must be included. Scientific/technical inputs should also be submitted electronically using a web form accessible via <https://www.globalchange.gov/notices>.

**Instructions:** Response to this notice is voluntary. Responses to this notice may be used by the U.S. Government for program planning on a non-attribution basis. The Department of the Interior therefore requests that no business

proprietary information or copyrighted information be submitted in response to this notice. Information relating to national defense or national security of the United States of America should not be submitted in response to the notice. Please note that the U.S. Government will not pay for response preparation or for the use of any information contained in the response.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Chris Avery, (202) 419-3474, [cavery@usgcrp.gov](mailto:cavery@usgcrp.gov), U.S. Global Change Research Program

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The U.S. Global Change Research Program (USGCRP) was created by Congress in 1990 to “assist the Nation and the world to understand, assess, predict, and respond to human-induced and natural processes of global change.” USGCRP comprises 14 Federal agencies that work together to carry out its legislative mandate. USGCRP is conducting the First National Nature Assessment (NNA1) to assess changes in nature as an aspect of global change. The scope of NNA1 is to assess the status, observed trends, and future projections of America’s lands, waters, wildlife, biodiversity, and ecosystems and the benefits they provide, including connections to the economy, public health, equity, climate mitigation and adaptation, and national security.

NNA1 development will be transparent and inclusive, offering opportunities for public participation throughout the process. The development of NNA1 is overseen by a Federal Steering Committee (FSC) comprising representatives from each of USGCRP’s member agencies. The production and review processes are designed to result in a report that is authoritative, timely, relevant, and policy neutral; valued by authors and users; accessible to the widest possible audience; and fully compliant with the Global Change Research Act and pertinent Federal laws and policies. In August 2023, comments were solicited through a 45-day request for information on the draft National Nature Assessment Prospectus (<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/08/04/2023-16794/draft-prospectus-for-the-first-national-nature-assessment>). Comments received on the draft Prospectus informed the list of potential topics included in Section I of the current request.

Author nominees may be invited to serve as Chapter Lead Authors, Authors, or Technical Contributors to NNA1. Chapter Lead Authors will, with input and guidance from the Federal Steering Committee (FSC), establish author teams

comprising Federal and non-Federal experts. A Federal Coordinating Lead Author selected by the FSC will serve as a liaison between the author team and Federal agencies. For more information on author roles, see <https://www.globalchange.gov/nn1>. Note that other roles may be developed by the FSC on an as needed basis as the report develops.

In addition, this request presents an opportunity to submit relevant scientific/technical inputs to inform the assessment, as well as Indigenous Knowledge inputs for similar use. This request also outlines planned opportunities for the public to engage in the NNA1 development process.

Additional details and instructions for submitting nominations for authors and scientific/technical inputs are available at <https://www.globalchange.gov/notices>. For the responsibilities and expectations of the different types of authors and contributors, please see <https://www.globalchange.gov/nn1>.

All participation in and contributions to NNA1 will be without compensation and will be potentially included in the publicly released NNA. By voluntarily participating in the NNA1, you acknowledge the following:

- Participation in NNA1 means facilitating the development of NNA1, contributing new work to NNA1, or contributing pre-existing work for NNA1. Any such work will be incorporated into NNA1 at the discretion of the Federal Government, including the possibility of modification, without any compensation and without redaction under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) or otherwise.

- All contributions to NNA1 of text and original figures (those newly created for NNA1 and not previously published) will be released under the Creative Commons 1.0 Universal Public Domain Dedication (CC0 1.0). Such contributions will not be protected by copyright or other intellectual property rights. Data, algorithms/models, and software code used to create or support the creation of text and original figures will also be publicly released in connection with NNA1. In some cases, such data, algorithms/models, and software code may be subject to copyright restrictions prohibiting both their use for commercial purposes and the creation of derivative works, but any such restrictions may not prohibit their use for the purpose of reproducing results.

- Participants assume all risks associated with participation in NNA1. By participating, participants inherently waive all claims against the Federal

Government and its related entities, except for claims based on willful misconduct, for any injury, death, damage, or loss of property, revenue, or profits (whether direct, indirect, or consequential) arising from participation in NNA1.

- By participating, participants agree to indemnify the Federal Government in the event that it suffers liability or damages as a result of its use of the contribution.

**Call for Nominations for Authors**

Nominations are sought for authors with pertinent subject matter expertise or relevant background, including Indigenous Knowledge holders, in at least one of the topics delineated below. Nominees should have a demonstrated history of expertise and proficiency in at least one of the topics delineated below. Nominations are encouraged from all nongovernmental sectors.

The NNA Federal Steering Committee recognizes the value of Indigenous Knowledge that Tribal Nations and Indigenous peoples have gained and passed down from generation to generation and recognizes Indigenous Knowledge as one of many important bodies of knowledge that can contribute to NNA1. The FSC understands that multiple lines of evidence or ways of knowing can lead to better-formed assessments and encourages nominations of Indigenous Knowledge holders as Chapter Lead Authors, Authors, or Technical Contributors.

Submissions must document that nominees have demonstrated backgrounds such that they could contribute to the development of a robust assessment as subject matter experts in one or more of the listed topics. In addition, individuals interested in being considered for chapter leadership positions should have experience with leading collaborative teams under deadlines. Authors volunteering to assist in writing NNA1 are providing an important service to the United States. Author roles allow these volunteers to contribute to the first-ever national assessment of nature. In addition to providing an opportunity to inform policy, participation in NNA1 will allow authors to expand their professional networks and visibility, and to explore opportunities to create derivative products. The Federal Government will not provide financial compensation for these roles. The Federal Government is expected to provide travel costs to authors to attend meetings if requested for NNA1. Formal acknowledgment will be provided to each author’s institution.

Responses to this request for nominations for authors must be submitted within 45 days of the opening of this notice. The nomination forms can be accessed via <https://www.globalchange.gov/notices>. Interested persons may nominate themselves or third parties for these roles, and individuals may submit multiple nominations.

Each nomination must include (1) the nominee's full name, title, institutional affiliation, and contact information; (2) the nominee's area(s) of expertise; (3) the proposed NNA1 topic(s) (see below) for which the nominee is qualified; (4) a short description of the nominee's qualifications relative to contributing to the report; and (5) a current CV [maximum length four (4) pages].

Nominations with missing information, or for nominees who do not meet the eligibility requirements above, may not be considered.

NNA1 will attempt to address the full breadth of each topic and seeks a suitably diverse author pool, including Indigenous Knowledge holders, biophysical and social scientists, as well as traditionally underrepresented groups. Selection criteria for all author positions will consider expertise, disciplinary background, career status, diversity, and geographic representation.

Nominees may be invited to serve as Chapter Lead Authors, Authors, or Technical Contributors to NNA1.

Persons selected as Chapter Lead Authors will be informed after the close of the nominations window. Eligible nominees not selected as Chapter Lead Authors will be considered for roles as Authors or Technical Contributors.

The NNA1 report use-inspired and knowledge driven and will be organized around key thematic interests identified through Federal agency, public, and Tribal engagement efforts. These themes are detailed in the draft National Nature Assessment Prospectus (<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/08/04/2023-16794/draft-prospectus-for-the-first-national-nature-assessment>). The NNA1 report will include, but is not limited to, the following topics (subject to change):

- Assessment approach of NNA1
- The Status, Trends and Future Projections of Nature in the U.S.
- Status, Trends and Future Projections of Drivers of Change of Nature in the U.S.
- Nature and Equity
- Nature and Human Health and Wellbeing
- Nature and Its Relationship to Cultural Heritage
- Nature and Safety and Security
- Nature and the Economy

NNA1 seeks authors with expertise in the following areas (subject to change):

- Ecology, evolutionary biology, genetics, and other conservation-relevant biophysical sciences, including those with expertise in the status and trends in biodiversity and ecosystems (including nutrients), culturally important species, and climate adaptation and mitigation.
- Environmental social science including those with expertise in anthropology, sociology, geography, political science, psychology, and environmental history.
- Changes in nature as they relate to aspects of domestic safety and security, including natural hazards, desertification, changes in populations of pests and disease, loss of arable land, and other changes in nature that affect food and water security, and that directly or indirectly influence public safety and patterns of human behavior and movements.
- Connections between nature and human health and well-being, including physical, mental, and public health and well-being.
- Drivers of change in biodiversity and ecosystems.
- Economic activities, infrastructure, and employment that are directly or indirectly related to nature, including how changes in nature affect economic benefits, risks, and opportunities.
- Environmental justice and equity, including but not limited to topics such as access to nature and the benefits of nature, disproportionate impacts of environmental hazards, and equitable access to nature-based solutions.
- Data visualization and scientific graphics.
- Further, authors are welcome to nominate themselves for topics not listed above that are consistent with the scope of NNA1.

#### **Call for Relevant Scientific/Technical Inputs To Inform NNA1:**

Submissions of scientific/technical inputs are sought for NNA1. Relevant scientific and/or technical research studies—including observed, modeled, and/or projected changes in nature and/or benefits from nature—are requested. Scientific/technical inputs that are peer-reviewed and published, or accepted for publication, in journals and/or government reports are welcome. Please refer to the NNA1 topics list above to target submissions. Submissions of information for cross-cutting topics are especially encouraged. For best consideration, please submit by the close of this notice. Submissions must be uploaded electronically via the link

provided at <https://www.globalchange.gov/notices>.

The NNA Federal Steering committee understands that Indigenous Knowledge may be sensitive, sacred, or belongs to certain families or clans, and recognizes concerns of Tribes and Indigenous Peoples regarding privacy or potential threats to natural or cultural resources. As such, the NNA Federal Steering committee will follow the guidance on Indigenous Knowledge provided by the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy and Council on Environmental Quality (<https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/OSTP-CEQ-IK-Guidance.pdf>). We welcome discussion with Indigenous Knowledge holders regarding the potential benefits and risks of sharing Indigenous Knowledge, including the potential for public release under the Freedom of Information Act and other public disclosure obligations. When possible, the NNA team will collaborate with Tribal Nations and Indigenous Peoples to develop the means for information sharing that reduces the risk of disclosure. The NNA team will work with Tribes and Indigenous Peoples to facilitate informed decision making.

#### **Notice of Planned Public Engagement Opportunities For NNA1:**

Public engagement has been a priority for NNA1 with more than 25 public outreach activities to date. Multiple future opportunities for public engagement to inform NNA1 will be presented throughout the report's development. The following planned public engagement schedule is presented to notify the public of these coming opportunities. Note that the proposed time ranges are tentative and subject to change based on the timing of various development stages for NNA.

- Public comment on NNA1 annotated outline (Q2 2024)
- Public engagement workshops and webinars (Q2 2024 through Q3 2025)
- Public call for Review Editors (Q4 2025)
- Public comment on NNA1 Third Order Draft (Q3 & Q4 2025)
- National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine peer review of NNA1 Third Order Draft (Q4 & Q5 2025)

Interested parties are invited to participate in these public engagement opportunities to ensure robust public input to NNA1. Specific dates and locations for all engagements will be provided on <https://www.globalchange.gov/notices> as they are determined.

Members of the public may also sign up to receive updates through USGCRP's bimonthly newsletter at <https://www.globalchange.gov/newsletter-signup>.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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### Agency Information Collection Activities; Individual Indian Money (IIM) Instructions for Disbursement of Funds and Change of Address

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Trust Funds Administration (BTFA) (formerly known as Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians), Office of the Secretary.

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the Bureau of Trust Funds Administration (BTFA) (formerly known as The Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians (OST) are proposing to renew an information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before December 20, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments on this information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget's Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior by email at [OIRA\\_Submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov); or via facsimile to (202) 395–5806. Please provide a copy of your comments to Nina Alexander, 4400 Mashead NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109; or by email to [nina\\_alexander@btfa.gov](mailto:nina_alexander@btfa.gov). Please reference OMB Control Number 1035–0004 in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this ICR, contact Nina Alexander by email at [nina\\_alexander@btfa.gov](mailto:nina_alexander@btfa.gov), or by telephone at (505) 273–1620. 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.

We are soliciting comments on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is the collection necessary to the proper functions of the BTFA; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the BTFA enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the BTFA minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

A Federal Register notice soliciting public comments on the information collection was initially published on August 30, 2023 (81 FR 15120). No comments were received from the public in response to this notice, nor were comments received in response to the Paperwork Reduction Act statement associated with the collection for the three previous years.

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:** As codified in 25 U.S.C. 4001, The American Indian Trust Fund Management Reform Act of 1994 (the Reform Act) makes provisions for the Bureau of Trust Funds Administration (BTFA) (formerly known as The Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians) to administer trust fund accounts for individuals and tribes. The collection of information is required to facilitate the processing of deposits, investments, and distribution of monies held in trust by the U.S. Government and administered by the BTFA. The collection of information provides the information needed to establish procedures to: Deposit and retrieve funds from accounts, perform transactions such as cashing checks, reporting lost or stolen checks, stopping

payment of checks, change of address and general verification for account activities.

*Title of Collection: Individual Indian Money (IIM) Instructions for Disbursement of Funds and Change of Address, 25 CFR 115.*

*OMB Control Number: 1035–0004.*

*Form Number: OST–01–004—Trust Funds for Tribes and Individual Indians, 25 CFR Part 115.*

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

*Respondents/Affected Public: Individuals/households.*

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 11,059.*

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 11,059.*

*Estimated Completion Time per Response: 15 minutes.*

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 2,765 hours.*

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

*Frequency of Collection: One time.*

*Total Estimated Annual Non-hour Burden Cost: None.*

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.*)

**Jeffrey Parrillo,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

[Docket No. BOEM–2023–0013]

### Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Lease Sale 261

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Revised final notice of sale.

**SUMMARY:** On Wednesday, December 20, 2023, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) will open and publicly announce bids received for blocks offered in the Gulf of Mexico (GOM) Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Lease Sale 261 (GOM Lease Sale 261), in accordance with the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA), as amended, and its implementing regulations. This revised GOM Lease Sale 261 Final Notice of Sale (Final NOS) package contains information