

request for a scientific research permit to take shortnose sturgeon had been submitted by Earth Tech Northeast Inc. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222–226).

Earth Tech Northeast Inc. proposes to document: (1) The use of the existing Tappan Zee Bridge structure on the Hudson River as significant habitat by fisheries resources; and (2) the relative abundance and spatial and temporal patterns of shortnose sturgeon, if these fish are present. The applicants propose to use anchored gill nets and traps to capture, measure, scan and release a maximum of 250 juvenile and adult shortnose sturgeon. The proposed research would occur at six stations alongside and under the existing Tappan Zee Bridge and at three reference locations within 700 feet north of the existing bridge.

Issuance of this permit, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permit (1) was applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species which is the subject of this permit, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: November 28, 2006.

P. Michael Payne,

Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Meeting of the U.S. Naval Academy Board of Visitors

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of partially closed meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Naval Academy Board of Visitors will meet to make such inquiry as the Board shall deem necessary into the state of morale and discipline, the curriculum, instruction, physical equipment, fiscal affairs, and academic methods of the Naval Academy. The meeting will include discussions of personnel issues at the Naval Academy, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. The

executive session of this meeting will be closed to the public.

DATES: The open session of the meeting will be held on Monday, December 11, 2006, from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The closed executive session will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Major Craig C. Clemans, Executive Secretary to the Board of Visitors, Office of the Superintendent, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD 21402–5000, (410) 293–1503.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice of meeting is provided per the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2). The executive session of the meeting will consist of discussions of personnel issues at the Naval Academy and internal Board of Visitors matters. Discussion of such information cannot be adequately segregated from other topics, which precludes opening the executive session of this meeting to the public. Accordingly, the Secretary of the Navy has determined in writing that the meeting shall be partially closed to the public because it will be concerned with matters listed in sections 552b(c)(2), (5), (6), (7) and (9) of title 5, United States Code.

Dated: November 27, 2006.

M. A. Harvison,

Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Navy, Office of the Judge Advocate General, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 3, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Rachel Potter, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10222, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or faxed to (202) 395–6974.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

Dated: November 28, 2006.

Angela C. Arrington,

IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management.

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Title I State Plan for Vocational Rehabilitation Services and Title VI—Part B Supplement for Supported Employment Services.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 80.

Burden Hours: 1,002,000.

Abstract: The Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (the Act), requires each state to submit to the Commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) a State Plan for the Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Services program and the State Supported Employment (SE) Services program that meets the requirements of Sections 101(a) and 625 of the Act. Program funding is contingent on Departmental approval of the State Plan and its supplement.

Requests for copies of the information collection submission for OMB review may be accessed from <http://>

edicsweb.ed.gov, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 3189. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Potomac Center, 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20202-4700. Requests may also be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov or faxed to 202-245-6623. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools—Discretionary Grant Programs

AGENCY: Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of final eligibility requirement.

SUMMARY: The Assistant Deputy Secretary for Safe and Drug-Free Schools announces an eligibility requirement for the following discretionary grant programs administered by the Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools (OSDFS Discretionary Grant Programs):

- Federal Activities (CFDA No. 84.184).
- Alcohol Abuse Reduction (CFDA No. 84.184A).
- Mentoring Programs (CFDA No. 84.184B).
- Student Drug Testing (CFDA No. 84.184D).
- Emergency Response and Crisis Management (CFDA No. 84.184E).
- Grants to Prevent High-Risk Drinking or Violent Behavior Among College Students (CFDA No. 84.184H).
- Safe Schools/Healthy Students (CFDA No. 84.184L).
- Prevention Models on College Campuses (CFDA No. 84.184N).
- Grants to States to Improve Management of Drug and Violence Prevention Programs (CFDA No. 84.184R).
- Native Hawaiians (CFDA No. 84.186C).

- Elementary and Secondary School Counseling Program (CFDA No. 84.215E).

- Carol M. White Physical Education Program (CFDA No. 84.215F).

- Foundations for Learning (CFDA No. 84.215H).

- Grants to Integrate Schools and Mental Health Systems (CFDA No. 84.215M).

- Partnerships in Character Education Program (CFDA No. 84.215S/V).

- Cooperative Civic Education and Economic Education Exchange (CFDA No. 84.304A).

We may use the eligibility requirement for competitions under the OSDFS Discretionary Grant Programs in fiscal year 2007 and later years. We take this action to focus Federal financial assistance on identified national needs. We intend for the eligibility requirement to ensure an equitable distribution of awards among eligible applicants for grants under the OSDFS Discretionary Grant Programs.

DATES: *Effective Date:* This requirement is effective January 3, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nicole A. White, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202-6450.

Telephone: (202) 260-1131. E-mail: nicole.white@ed.gov.

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Individuals with disabilities may obtain this document in an alternative format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) on request to the contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools (OSDFS) Discretionary Grant Programs provide funding to develop, implement, or expand drug and violence prevention, physical education, school counseling, mentoring, character education, civics education, and related projects at the local and State levels. In addition to providing this initial funding, OSDFS also is committed to promoting sustainability of projects and activities by encouraging grantees to seek other sources of funding and support when their project period ends.

We published a notice of proposed eligibility requirement in the **Federal Register** on February 23, 2006 (71 FR 9329).

With one exception, there are no differences between the notice of proposed eligibility requirement and this notice of final eligibility

requirement. The exception is that the final eligibility requirement in this notice does not include the Life Skills for State and Local Prisoners program (CFDA No. 84.255A) because that program is no longer administered by the Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools.

Analysis of Comments

In response to our invitation in the notice of proposed eligibility requirement, fourteen parties submitted comments. Eleven comments did not address the proposed eligibility requirement and are not discussed here. An analysis of the comments and of any changes in the eligibility requirement since publication of the notice of proposed eligibility requirement follows.

We group major issues according to subject. Generally, we do not address technical and other minor changes and suggested changes the law does not authorize us to make under the applicable statutory authority.

Quality of Applications

Comments: Several commenters said the quality of an application, regardless of an applicant's previous history, should be the main criterion for awarding Federal funds.

Discussion: The quality of an application is, and will remain, the principal criterion for awarding Federal funds under the Discretionary Grant Programs. However, the eligibility requirement will permit the Secretary to take previous funding history into account when determining who is eligible to compete for an award. We take this action for several reasons: First, to focus Federal financial assistance on expanding the number of programs and projects that support activities in a covered program; second, to promote rigorous assessment of results of funded projects to determine their impact on target populations and to inform future improvement efforts before making a second award under the same program; and, finally, to promote management improvement in Federal grant administration by requiring grantees to complete activities under current grants before embarking on a second grant under the same program.

Change: None.

Comment: One commenter objected to excluding current grantees from reapplying to the same program because the experience of one grant often leads to the identification of gaps that need to be addressed through a second grant.

Discussion: We agree that project implementation often results in grantees gaining a greater awareness of needs and