

Dated: April 22, 2003.

Edward W. Kernan,

*Director, Information Resources Management
Division, Information Technology Services
Directorate.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4849-N-05]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Requested; Record of Employee Interview

AGENCY: Office of Departmental
Operations and Coordination, Office of
Labor Relations, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information
collection requirement described below
will be submitted to the Office of
Management and Budget (OMB) for
review, as required by the Paperwork
Reduction Act. The Department is
soliciting public comments on the
subject proposal.

DATES: Comments Due Dates: June 30,
2003.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are
invited to submit comments regarding
this proposal. Comments should refer to
the proposal by name and/or OMB
Control Number and should be sent to:
Wayne Eddins, Reports Management
Officer, Department of Housing and
Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW,
L'Enfant Plaza Building, Room 800a,

Washington, DC 20410 or
Wayne_Eddins@HUD.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jade
Banks, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of
Labor Relations, Department of Housing
and Urban Development, 451 Seventh
Street, Southwest, Washington, DC
20410 or Jade-M.-Banks@hud.gov;
telephone (202) 708-0370 (this is not a
toll-free number) for copies of the
proposed forms and other available
information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The
Department will submit the proposed
information collection to OMB for
review, as required by the Paperwork
Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C.
Chapter 35, as amended).

This Notice is soliciting comments
from members of the public and
affecting agencies concerning the
proposed collection of information to:
(1) Evaluate whether the proposed
collection of information is necessary
for the proper performance of the
functions of the agency, including
whether the information will have
practical utility; (2) Evaluate the
accuracy of the agency's estimate of the
burden of the proposed collection of
information; (3) Enhance the quality,
utility, and clarity of the information to
be collected; and (4) Minimize the
burden of the collection of information
on those who are to respond; including
through the use of appropriate
automated collection techniques or
other forms of information technology,
e.g., permitting electronic submission of
responses.

This Notice also lists the following
information:

Title of Proposal: Record of Employee
Interview.

OMB Control Number, if applicable:
2501-0009.

*Description of the need for the
information and proposed use:* HUD
and local agencies administering HUD-
assisted programs collect information
from laborers and mechanics employed
on HUD projects to ensure that wages
paid to these workers meets Federal
labor standards requirements applicable
to their work. HUD and local agencies
must retain this information to
document the compliance of employers
and the sufficiency of local agency
enforcement efforts. HUD proposes to
modify this form in order to clarify
certain 2 information and to collect
more specific information from the
employees. The additional information
will better enable contract monitors
ensure that the laborers and mechanics
receive the wages to which they are
entitled and will assist in enforcement
actions, if necessary. The collection of
the additional information will not
significantly increase the burden on,
and will serve to better protect
respondents.

Agency form numbers, if applicable:
HUD-11.

*Estimation of the total number of
hours needed to prepare the information
collection including number of
respondents, frequency of response, and
hours of response:*

Item	Number of respondents	Amount of time required	Total time required/ annum
Interviews	20,000	.25 hours	5,000 hours.
Record Keeping	20,000	.16 hours	3,200 hours.
Total Annual Burden			8,200 hours

*Status of the proposed information
collection:* Revision of a currently
approved collection.

Authority: Section 3506 of the Paperwork
Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35,
as amended.

Dated: April 9, 2003.

Frank L. Davis,

*Director, Departmental Operations and
Coordination.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Availability of Comprehensive Conservation Plan for Waubay National Wildlife Refuge Complex, Waubay, SD

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife
Service announces that a
Comprehensive Conservation Plan and
Summary for Waubay National Wildlife
Refuge and Wetland Management
District Complex (Complex) is available.

This Plan describes how the U.S. Fish
and Wildlife Service intends to manage
the Complex for the next 15 years.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the Plan or
Summary may be obtained by writing to
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Waubay
National Wildlife Refuge Complex,
44401 134A Street, Waubay, SD 57273;
or download from <http://mountain-prairie.fws.gov/planning>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Larry Martin, Project Leader, U.S. Fish
and Wildlife Service, Waubay National
Wildlife Refuge Complex, 44401 134A
Street, Waubay, SD 57273. Phone 605-
947-4521; fax 605-947-4524; or e-mail:
larry_d_martin@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Waubay National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), comprised of 4,650 acres, is located in Day County in northeastern South Dakota. The Refuge's mix of lakes, wetlands, prairie, forests, and cropland is home to a diversity of wildlife. More than 100 bird species nest on this small piece of habitat, with 37 mammals also calling it home. Waubay NWR was established by President Roosevelt in 1935 as "a refuge and breeding ground for migratory birds and other wildlife."

Waubay Wetland Management District (WMD) protects over 250,000 acres of wetlands and prairie in six counties of northeastern South Dakota. The area's mix of native grass, planted grasses, cropland, and wetlands support a variety of wildlife. The WMD is home to 247 species of birds, 43 species of mammals, and over 20 species of amphibians and reptiles. Breeding waterfowl and grassland-dependent passerines are two groups that are especially prominent.

The availability of the Draft CCP/ Environmental Assessment (EA) for 30-day public review and comment was announced in the **Federal Register** on Wednesday, May 29, 2002 in Volume 67, Number 103. The Draft CCP/EA identified and evaluated three alternatives for managing Waubay National Wildlife Refuge Complex for the next 15 years. Alternative A, the No Action Alternative, would continue current management of the Refuge and Wetland Management District (WMD). Alternative B, the Tallgrass Prairie Alternative, would focus on protecting and restoring tallgrass prairie in the Minnesota-Red River Lowlands of the WMD. Alternative C, Enhanced Management, the preferred alternative, would increase management of Complex habitats and public use opportunities.

Based on this assessment and comments received, the preferred Alternative C was selected for implementation. The preferred alternative was selected because it best meets the purposes of the Refuge and WMD as a refuge and breeding ground for migratory birds and wild animals. The preferred alternative will also provide for enhanced public access for wildlife-dependent recreation, and provides environmental education opportunities related to fish and wildlife resources.

Dated: October 2, 2002.

Elliott Sutta,

Acting Regional Director, Region 6, Denver, Colorado.

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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 the Midvalley Fairy Shrimp as Endangered

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of 90-day petition finding and initiation of status review.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce a 90-day finding for a petition to list the midvalley fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta mesovallensis*) under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. We find the petition presents substantial information to indicate that listing may be warranted. We are therefore initiating a status review of the species, and will issue a 12-month finding to determine if the petitioned action is warranted. To help ensure the review is comprehensive, we are soliciting information and data regarding this species.

DATES: The finding announced in this document was made on April 18, 2003. To be considered in the 12-month finding on this petition, comments and information should be submitted to us by June 30, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The complete file for this finding is available for inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours, at the Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825-1846. Submit new information, materials, comments, or questions concerning this species to the Service at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Glen Tarr, at the address given above (telephone 916/414-6652; facsimile 916/414-6713; electronic mail: Glen_Tarr@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 indicating 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 the notice of the

finding promptly in the **Federal Register**. Our standard for substantial information within the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 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 commence a review of the status of the species, if one has not already been initiated, under our internal candidate assessment process.

On August 31, 2001, we received a petition dated August 14, 2001 submitted by the Center for Biological Diversity and VernalPools.Org. The petition requests us to list the midvalley fairy shrimp as an endangered species, to designate critical habitat for the species, and to list the species on an emergency basis. The petition presents extensive information regarding the biology of the midvalley fairy shrimp and threats to the species, which we address below. We have reached our 90-day finding on this petition in accordance with a consent decree that requires us to complete a finding by April 21, 2003 (*Butte Environmental Council v. Wayne White*, Consent Decree, CIV.S-00-797 WBS).

Biology and Distribution

The midvalley fairy shrimp is a small (7 to 20 millimeter (mm) (0.28 to 0.79 inch (in))), freshwater crustacean that lives in vernal pools, vernal swales and other ephemeral water bodies near the middle of California's Central Valley (Helm 1998; Eriksen and Belk 1999; Belk and Fugate 2000). It is known from 52 occurrences in seven California counties: Sacramento, Solano, Contra Costa, San Joaquin, Merced, Madera and Fresno (California Natural Diversity Data Base (CNDDB) 2002). Midvalley fairy shrimp populations survive the seasonal desiccation of their pools by laying dormant eggs called cysts, which can withstand extreme temperatures, the digestive tracts of animals and, if necessary, years of dessication before hatching. Since not all cysts hatch with any given refilling of their pool, the cysts form a "bank" in the soil from which new populations of adults may develop, even in pools that have not had adults for years (Eriksen and Belk 1999).

The habitat requirements and life history characteristics of the midvalley fairy shrimp are similar to those of four other shrimp species that we listed in 1994: the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), longhorn fairy shrimp (*B. longiantenna*), vernal pool fairy shrimp (*B. lynchi*), and vernal