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Jeffrey Shuren,

Assistant Commissioner for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4903-N-98]

Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB; Resident Services and Satisfaction Survey

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Information Officer.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below has been 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.

This is a request for continued approval to collect the information

related to a survey of residents of assisted housing and insured housing. HUD conducts this to measure resident satisfaction with living conditions. Public housing agencies are required to implement the survey.

DATES: Comments Due Date: January 10, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval Number (2507-0001) and should be sent to: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; fax: (202) 395-6974.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, AYO, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; e-mail Wayne_Eddins@HUD.gov; or Lillian Deitzer at Lillian_L_Deitzer@HUD.gov or telephone (202) 708-2374. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Mr. Eddins or Ms. Deitzer and at HUD's Web site at <http://www5.hud.gov:63001/po/i/icbts/collectionsearch.cfm>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Notice informs the public that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has submitted to

OMB a request for approval of the information collection described below. 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: Resident Service and Satisfaction Survey.

OMB Approval Number: 2507-0001.

Form Numbers: None.

Description of the Need for the Information and Its Proposed Use: HUD conducts a resident survey of assisted and insured housing residents to measure resident satisfaction with living conditions. Public housing agencies are required to implement the survey.

Frequency of Submission: Annually.

	Potential respondents	Annual responses	x	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
Reporting Burden	595,797	216,979		0.3		64,021

The total potential respondents include public housing agencies, multifamily housing owners, and residents.

Total Estimated Burden Hours: 64,021.

Status: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Authority: Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 35, as amended.

Dated: December 2, 2004.

Wayne Eddins,

Departmental Reports Management Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4837-D-54]

Delegation of Authority Under Section 42(d)(5)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In this notice, the Secretary delegates to the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research concurrent authority to carry out the duties and responsibilities authorized to the Secretary of HUD by Section 42(d)(5)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code.

DATES: *Effective Date:* January 1, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kurt G. Usowski, Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Economic Affairs, Office of Policy Development and Research,

Room 8204, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410-6000, telephone (202) 708-2770 (this is not a toll-free number), or email Kurt_G_Usowski@hud.gov. Persons with speech or hearing impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at 800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 42(d)(5)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 42(d)(5)(C)) authorizes the Secretary of HUD to designate qualified census tracts and difficult development areas for the low-income housing tax credit. Section 7(d) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Act (42 U.S.C. 3535(d)) authorizes the Secretary to delegate this authority, and the Secretary delegates the authority as follows:

Section A. Authority Delegated

The Secretary delegates to the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, concurrent with the Secretary's authority, the authority to designate qualified census tracts and difficult development areas for the low-income housing tax credit as authorized by Section 42(d)(5)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 42(d)(5)(C)), as well as such other statutory authority, duties, and responsibilities related to the designation of these tracts and areas.

Section B. Redelegation

The authority delegated to the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research in Section A may not be redelegated.

Authority: Section 42(d)(5)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 42(d)(5)(C)), and Section 7(d) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Act (42 U.S.C. 3535(d)).

Dated: October 25, 2004.

Alphonso Jackson,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Decision and Availability of the Record of Decision for the Final Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge, Thurston and Pierce Counties, Washington

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of decision and availability of the record of decision.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of decision and availability of the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge Final Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (Final CCP/EIS). The Refuge is located in Thurston and Pierce Counties, Washington. A thorough analysis of the environmental, social, and economic considerations was completed and presented in the Final CCP/EIS. The Final CCP/EIS was released to the public and a Notice of Availability was published in the **Federal Register** on August 31, 2004 (69 FR 53084). The ROD documents the selection of Alternative D, the Preferred Alternative in the Final CCP/EIS, as the CCP for

Nisqually Refuge. The ROD was signed by the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Region, on November 1, 2004.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the ROD or Final CCP/EIS may be obtained from the Refuge Manager, Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge Complex, 100 Brown Farm Road, Olympia, Washington 98516, Phone (360) 753-9467, or from the following Web site: <http://pacific.fws.gov/planning>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Contact the Refuge Manager, Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge Complex, 100 Brown Farm Road, Olympia, Washington 98516, Phone (360) 753-9467.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Nisqually Refuge's CCP will provide management guidance for conservation of Refuge resources and public use activities during the next 15 years. The following is a summary of the Nisqually Refuge's Final CCP/EIS ROD.

The Service has selected Alternative D, the Preferred Alternative, as the CCP for Nisqually Refuge. Alternative D addresses the key issues and conflicts identified during the planning process and will best achieve the purposes and goals of the Refuge as well as the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System. This decision includes adoption of stipulations and mitigation measures identified in Alternative D, Appendix G Compatibility Determinations, and Appendix I Goals, Objectives and Strategies, of the Final CCP/EIS. Implementation of the CCP will occur over the next 15 years, depending on future staffing levels, funding, and willing sellers.

Factors Considered in Making the Decision

The decision was based on a thorough analysis of the environmental, social, and economic considerations presented in the Final CCP/EIS. During the decision making phase of the CCP process, the Service reviewed and considered: the impacts identified in Chapter 4 of the Draft and Final CCP/EIS; the results of various studies and surveys conducted in conjunction with the Draft and Final CCP/EIS; relevant issues, concerns, and opportunities; comments on the Draft and Final CCP/EIS; and other relevant factors, including the purposes for which the Refuge was established, and statutory and regulatory guidance. Alternative D incorporates several components addressing a variety of needs including fish and wildlife sanctuary, habitat restoration and protection, Refuge expansion, and the National Wildlife

Refuge System's six priority public uses. It is, however, the unique combination of these components that contributes the most to achieving the Refuge's purposes and goals. Alternative D strengthens the monitoring of fish, wildlife, habitat, and public uses on the Refuge which will provide the means to better respond to rapidly changing conditions within the surrounding, growing urban environment. Alternative D was selected for implementation because it provides the greatest number of opportunities for the Refuge to contribute to the fish, wildlife, and habitat needs of the Nisqually River watershed and the greater Puget Sound region.

David J. Wesley,

Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Proposed Low Effect Habitat Conservation Plan for Shaw Mira Loma LLC, Riverside County, CA

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: Shaw Mira Loma LLC (Applicant) has applied to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for a 1-year incidental take permit for one covered species pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The application addresses the potential for "take" of the endangered Delhi Sands flower-loving fly (*Rhaphiomidas terminatus abdominalis*) associated with construction of commercial and industrial facilities within a 5.02-acre parcel located in the unincorporated City of Mira Loma, Riverside County, California. A conservation program to mitigate for the project activities would be implemented as described in the proposed Shaw Mira Loma LLC Low Effect Habitat Conservation Plan (proposed Plan), which would be implemented by the Applicant.

We are requesting comments on the permit application and on the preliminary determination that the proposed Plan qualifies as a "Low-effect" Habitat Conservation Plan, eligible for a categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended. The basis for this determination is discussed in the Environmental Action Statement (EAS) and the associated Low Effect