

Agency form numbers, if applicable: None.

Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response: The number of respondents is 20,000 generating 20,000 annual responses; the frequency of response is annually; the estimated time to prepare the information collection is approximately 2 hours; and the estimated total number of annual burden hours is 40,000.

Status of the proposed information collection: New Collection.

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

Dated: October 21, 2002.

John C. Weicher,

Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

Invasive Species Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings of the Invasive Species Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given of meetings of the Invasive Species Advisory Committee. The purpose of the Advisory Committee is to provide advice to the National Invasive Species Council, as authorized by Executive Order 13112, on a broad array of issues related to preventing the introduction of invasive species and providing for their control and minimizing the economic, ecological, and human health impacts that invasive species cause. The Council is Co-chaired by the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Secretary of Commerce. The duty of the Council is to provide national leadership regarding invasive species issues. The purpose of a meeting on November 18-19, 2002 is to convene the full Advisory Committee (appointed by Secretary Norton on April 1, 2002); and to discuss implementation of action items outlined in the National Invasive Species Management Plan, which was finalized on January 18, 2001.

DATES: Meeting of Invasive Species Advisory Committee: 9 a.m., Monday, November 18, 2002 and 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, November 19, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Hamilton Crowne Plaza Hotel, The Sphinx Club at Almas Temple, 1315 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005. Meetings on both days will be held in the Oasis Room.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kelsey Passe, National Invasive Species Council Program Analyst; Phone: (202) 513-7243; Fax: (202) 371-1751.

Dated: October 23, 2002.

Lori Williams,

Executive Director, National Invasive Species Council.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Information Collection To Be Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Approval Under the Paperwork Reduction Act; Federal Regional Council Application, Nomination, and Interview Forms

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will submit the collection of information listed below to OMB for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act. A copy of the information collection requirement is included in this notice. If you wish to obtain copies of the proposed information collection requirement, related forms, and explanatory material, contact the Service Information Collection Clearance Officer at the address listed below.

DATES: We accept comments until December 30, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments on the requirement to Anissa Craghead, Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, ms 222-ARLSQ, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request a copy of the information collection request, explanatory information and related forms, contact Anissa Craghead at (703) 358-2445, or electronically to anissa_craghead@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an

opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see CFR 1320.8(d)). The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (We) plan to submit a request to OMB for approval of the collection of information related to the recruitment of Federal Subsistence Advisory Council members. We are requesting a 3-year term of approval for this information collection activity.

Federal agencies 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.

Title VIII of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (16 USC 3101) designates the Departments of the Interior and Agriculture as the key agencies responsible for implementing the subsistence priority on Federal public lands for rural Alaska residents. These responsibilities include the establishment of Regional Advisory Councils with members from each region who are knowledgeable about the region and subsistence uses of the public lands. In order for the Federal Board to make recommendations to the Secretaries for membership on these Regional Councils, it is necessary to recruit and screen applicants. These three associated forms allow the Federal Subsistence Board to recruit applicants and to review their credentials in order to make recommendations to the Secretaries for appointment of members to the Regional Councils. One-third of the seats on the Regional Councils become vacant each year. Additional vacancies may occur due to resignations or deaths of sitting members.

Title: Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council Membership Application Form.

Approval Number: 1018-XXXX.

Frequency of Collection: Annually.

Description of Respondents: Alaska residents.

Total Annual Burden Hours: The reporting burden is estimated to average 0.5 hours per respondent. With an estimated 120 applicants annually, the estimated Total Annual Burden hours is 60 hours.

Total Annual Responses: About 120 applications are expected to be submitted annually.

Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council Membership Application Form (use this form if you are applying for a seat on the council)

The Federal Subsistence Board is accepting applications through Month/Day/Year for membership on ten Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils. The Regional Advisory Councils provide advice and

recommendations to the Board, concerning subsistence hunting, trapping and fishing issues on Federal public lands. XXXX appointments will be made in Year to fill expiring terms and seats vacated by resignation on the Regional Advisory Councils.

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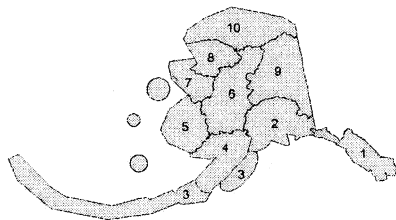
Criteria for Membership

- Resident of the region he/she wishes to represent
- Knowledge of fish and wildlife resources in the region
- Knowledge of subsistence uses, customs, and traditions in the region
- Knowledge of recreational, commercial, and other uses in the region
- Leadership and experience with local regional organizations
- Ability to communicate effectively
- Willing to travel to and attend Regional Advisory Council meetings at least two times each year (usually in October and February)
- Willing to occasionally attend Federal Subsistence Board meetings

Federal Subsistence Regions

Regional Advisory Councils represent the following geographic regions in Alaska:

- Region 1 Southeast Alaska
- Region 2 Southcentral Alaska
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Regional Advisory Council Membership

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- Develop proposals pertaining to the subsistence harvest of fish and wildlife, and review proposals submitted by others;
- Encourage and promote local participation in the decision making process affecting subsistence harvests on Federal public lands;
- Make recommendations on customary and traditional use determinations of subsistence resources;
- Appoint members to national park subsistence resource commissions.

Schedule

February [day/year]

Deadline for submitting applications and nominations.

March–May

Applications will be reviewed by regional panels.

June

Federal Subsistence Board will review panel recommendations.

July–November

Secretaries of Interior and Agriculture will review recommendations and appoint members to the Regional Councils.

For More Information Please Call

Southeast Alaska Region: Bob Schroeder, Juneau, (800) 586–7895 or (907) 586–7895.

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In accordance with the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) and the Paperwork

Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501), please note the following information. This information collection is authorized by the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act and regulations promulgated thereunder. It is our policy not to use your name for any other purpose. The information that you provide will be used by the Federal Subsistence Board to make recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior for appointment of members of the Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils. This information will be maintained in accordance with the Privacy Act, but may be released under a Freedom of Information Act request (5 U.S.C. 552). Your response is voluntary. 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. This information collection has been approved by OMB and assigned clearance number 1018–xxxx. We estimate that it will take you about 20 minutes to respond to these questions. Comments on this form should be mailed to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Mail Stop Room 222, Arlington Square, Washington, DC 20240, (1018–xxxx). Thank you.

OMB Clearance Number 1018–xxxx.
Expires: xx–xx–xxxx.

Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council Membership

Application Form (use this form if you are applying for a seat on the council)

Your name:
First Name

Middle Initial

Last Name

Your Mailing address:

Your Telephone numbers:
home:

work:

fax:

Email:

Where is your *primary* place of residence?

Please answer the following questions (use another page if necessary):

(1) Please describe your knowledge of fish and wildlife resources in the region.

(2) Please describe your knowledge of subsistence and customary and traditional uses of resources in the region.

(3) Please describe your knowledge of recreational, guiding, commercial and other uses of fish and wildlife resources in the region.

(4) Do you participate in meetings on fish and wildlife issues (*i.e.* Fish and Game Advisory Committees, Regional Advisory Councils, Marine Mammal Commissions, Caribou Working Groups, Subsistence Resource Commissions, Coastal Resource Service areas, Waterfowl Conservation Committees)? If so, please describe your involvement.

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(9) Are you willing to travel to and attend Regional Advisory Council meetings at least two times each year? (Regional Advisory Council meetings are usually held in October and February and travel expenses are reimbursable) Yes ☐ No ☐

(10) Are you willing to attend Federal Subsistence Board meetings occasionally? (Board meetings are usually held in May and December. Travel expenses are reimbursable) Yes ☐ No ☐

Which user group will you represent as a member of the Regional Advisory Council? (Check ONE only!)

a. subsistence user

b. recreational/sport user

c. commercial fisherman

d. guide (hunting or fishing)

e. transporter/outfitter

f. other

Please describe your affiliation with this user group. You may include letters of endorsement from interest groups or local or statewide organizations, if you so desire.

Any additional comments you want to offer (attach additional sheets if needed).

Reference Contacts: Please include three references who can be contacted.

You may also submit a letter of recommendation if you wish. Please provide the most current phone numbers available.

Name:

Organization:

Address:

Telephone Numbers:

Home:

Work:

Name:

Organization:

Address:

Telephone Numbers:

Home:

Work:

Name:

Organization:

Address:

Telephone Numbers:

Home:

Work:

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, all statements are correct and complete.

Applicant Signature

Date

Please submit completed applications to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Federal Subsistence Board, 3601 C Street, Suite 1030, Anchorage, Alaska 99503.

Applications must be received by Month/Date/Year.

Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council Membership

Applications Will Be Accepted Through Month/Date/Year

Application Materials Are Enclosed!

Title: Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council Membership Nomination Form.

Approval Number: 1018-XXXX.

Frequency of Collection: Annually.

Description of Respondents: Local governments, Tribal organizations, and special interest groups.

Total Annual Burden Hours: The reporting burden is estimated to average 0.5 hours per respondent. With an

estimated 50 nominations annually, the estimated Total Annual Burden Hours is 25 hours.

Total Annual Responses: About 50 nominations are expected to be submitted annually.

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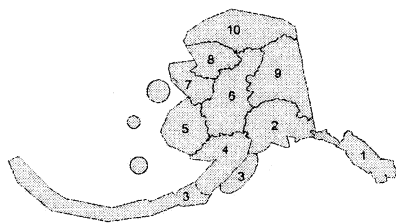
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OMB Clearance Number 1018–xxxx.
Expires: xx–xx–xxxx.

Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council Membership

Nomination Form (for use when you are nominating someone else for a seat on the Council)

Name of the person you are nominating:

First Name

Middle Initial

Last Name

Nominee's Mailing address:

Nominee's Telephone numbers:
home:

work:

fax:

Email:

Where is the nominee's *primary* place of residence?

Please answer the following questions (use another page if necessary):

(1) Please describe the nominee's knowledge of fish and wildlife resources in the region.

(2) Please describe the nominee's knowledge of subsistence and customary and traditional uses of resources in the region.

(3) Please describe the nominee's knowledge of recreational, guiding, commercial and other uses of fish and wildlife resources in the region.

(4) Does the nominee participate in meetings on fish and wildlife issues (*i.e.* Fish and Game Advisory Committees, Regional Advisory Councils, Marine Mammal Commissions, Caribou Working Groups, Subsistence Resource Commissions, Coastal Resource Service areas, Waterfowl Conservation Committees)? If so, please describe the nominee's involvement.

(5) Has the nominee served in an official capacity on councils, boards, committees, or associations in the past few years? Please mention the role you served while working with these groups (*i.e.* Chair, Vice Chair, member).

(6) The seat you are nominating someone for represents users throughout the region. How would the nominee find out about fish and wildlife concerns people have and get information back to those people?

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(8) Does the nominee use Federal lands for hunting, trapping, fishing, guiding, transporting, commercial fishing, gathering, or sharing of traditional knowledge or other use of fish and wildlife resources?

(9) Is the nominee willing to travel to and attend Regional Advisory Council meetings at least two times each year? (Regional Advisory Council meetings are usually held in October and February and travel expenses are reimbursable) Yes ☐ No ☐

(10) Is the nominee willing to attend Federal Subsistence Board meetings occasionally? (Board meetings are

traditional uses of resources in your region.

3. Please describe your (the applicant's/nominee's) knowledge of recreational, guiding, commercial, and other uses of fish and wildlife resources in the region.

4. Do you (Does the applicant/nominee) participate in meetings on fish and wildlife resource issues (*i.e.* Fish and Game Advisory Committees, Regional Advisory Councils, Marine Mammal Commissions, Caribou Working Groups, Subsistence Resource Commissions, Coastal Resource Service Areas, Waterfowl Conservation Committees)? If so, please describe the involvement.

5. Have you (Has the applicant/nominee) served in an official capacity on councils, boards, committees, or associations in the past few years? Please mention the role you (he/she) served while working with these groups (*i.e.* Chair, Vice Chair, member).

6. The Regional Council member represents users throughout the region. How would you (the applicant/nominee) find out about fish and wildlife concerns people have and get information back to those people?

7. Please describe your (the applicant's/nominee's) ability to communicate effectively with others.

8. Do you (Does the applicant/nominee) use Federal public lands for hunting, trapping, fishing, guiding, transporting, commercial fishing, gathering, or sharing of traditional knowledge or other use of fish or wildlife resources?

9. Describe your (the applicant's/nominee's) affiliation with the user group that you (he/she) will represent. Are there formal endorsements from this group? If so, please describe them.

Questions for the Applicant/Nominee only:

What are some fish and wildlife issues you would like to see addressed through the Regional Advisory Council over the next three years?

Why do you want to serve on the Regional Advisory Council?

Regional Council members serve as volunteers but are reimbursed for travel costs such as lodging, food, transportation, and other related expenses. There is no compensation for lost wages or job activities missed as a result of doing Regional Advisory Council business.

Are you willing to serve as a volunteer in this way? Yes _____
No _____

Can you be available to travel to meetings lasting 2–4 days within the region at least twice a year? Yes _____
No _____

We invite comments concerning this proposed information collection on:

(1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper selection of Regional Council members, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and, (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents. The information collections in this program are part of a system of record covered by the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552(a)).

Dated: October 23, 2002.

Anissa Craghead,

Information Collection Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Proposed Habitat Conservation Plan for the Northern Spotted Owl, Napa County, CA

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has received an application for an incidental take permit from Terra Springs, LLC (the "applicant") for the northern spotted owl (*Strix occidentalis caurina*) pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The applicant addresses the potential for "take" of the threatened northern spotted owl associated with timber harvest and conversion of timberlands to vineyards within a 76 acre area in Napa County (the "covered lands"). These activities (the "covered activities") are those associated with conversion of 22 acres of forest lands to vineyard and with any subsequent removal of commercial conifer trees from the remainder of the covered lands. A conservation program to minimize and mitigate for the covered activities would be implemented as described in the Terra Springs Low Effect Habitat Conservation Plan (Plan), which would be implemented by the applicant, and which includes management in perpetuity of 41 acres of the parcel as nesting/roosting quality habitat for the northern spotted owl.

We request comments on the permit application, the Plan, and on the

preliminary determination that the Plan qualifies as a "Low-effect" Habitat Conservation Plan, eligible for a categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act. The basis for this determination is discussed in the Environmental Action Statement (EAS), which is also available for public review.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before November 29, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to the Project Leader, Fish and Wildlife Service, Arcata Fish and Wildlife Office, 1655 Heindon Road, Arcata, California 95521. Written comments may be sent by facsimile to (707) 822-8411.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Amedee Brickey, Team Leader, Habitat Conservation Planning Team, at the Arcata Fish and Wildlife Office; telephone: (707) 822-7201.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Availability of Documents

Individuals wishing copies of the application, Plan, and EAS should contact the Service by telephone at (707) 822-7201 or by letter to the Arcata Fish and Wildlife Office. Copies of these documents also are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Arcata Fish and Wildlife Office.

Background Information

Section 9 of the Act and Federal regulation prohibit the "take" of animal species listed as endangered or threatened. Take is defined under the Act as harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture or collect listed animal species, or attempt to engage in such conduct (16 U.S.C. 1538). However, under limited circumstances, the Service may issue permits to authorize "incidental take" of listed animal species. "Incidental take" is defined by the Act as take that is incidental to, and not the purpose of, carrying out of an otherwise lawful activity. Regulations governing permits for threatened species and endangered species, respectively, are at 50 CFR 17.32 and 50 CFR 17.22.

The applicant is seeking a permit for take of the threatened northern spotted owl (*Strix occidentalis caurina*) during the life of the permit. The duration of the permit is 30 years.

The Terra Springs LLC site, the covered lands, comprises two adjacent parcels, totaling 76 acres, and is located about 4 miles west of the city of Saint Helena, on the western edge of the Napa Valley between 1,800 and 2,000 feet