

Commandant (G-MSO-2), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001; by calling (202) 267-1082; or by faxing (202) 267-4570. A copy of the application form is also available from the Coast Guard's Advisory Committee Web page at: <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/advisory/index.htm>. Send your application in written form to the above street address. This notice is available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Commander John M. Cushing, Executive Director of NOSAC, or James M. Magill, Assistant to the Executive Director, telephone (202) 267-1082, fax (202) 267-4570.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NOSAC is a Federal advisory committee established under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2 (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770, as amended). It consists of 15 regular members who have particular knowledge and experience regarding offshore technology, equipment, safety and training, as well as environmental expertise in the exploration or recovery of offshore mineral resources. It provides advice and makes recommendations to the Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection regarding safety, security and rulemaking matters relating to the offshore mineral and energy industries. This advice assists the Coast Guard in developing policy and regulations and formulating the positions of the United States in advance of meetings of the International Maritime Organization.

NOSAC meets twice a year, with one of these meetings being held at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, DC. It may also meet for extraordinary purposes. Its subcommittees and working groups may meet to consider specific problems as required.

We will consider applications for five positions. These positions will begin in January, 2005. Applications should reach us by September 30, 2004, but we will consider applications received later if they arrive within a reasonable time before we make our recommendations to the Secretary of Homeland Security.

To be eligible, applicants should have experience in one of the following categories: (1) Offshore drilling, (2) offshore supply vessel services including geophysical services, (3) safety and training relating to offshore activities, (4) offshore production or (5) national environmental interests. Please state on the application form which of the five categories you are applying for.

Each member normally serves a term of 3 years, or until a replacement is appointed. Some members may serve consecutive terms. All members serve at their own expense and receive no salary, reimbursement of travel expenses, or other compensation from the Federal Government.

In support of the policy of the Coast Guard on gender and ethnic diversity, we encourage qualified women and members of minority groups to apply.

Dated: August 5, 2004.

Joseph J. Angelo,

Director of Standards, Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Western Panel Meeting

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) Task Force Western Regional Panel. The meeting topics are identified in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

DATES: The Western Regional Panel will meet from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, September 8, 2004, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, September 9, 2004, and 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Friday, September 10, 2004. Minutes of the meeting will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Friday.

ADDRESSES: The Western Regional Panel meeting will be held at the Sheraton Anchorage Hotel, 401 East 6th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501. Phone 907-276-8700. Minutes of the meeting will be maintained in the office of Chief, Division of Environmental Quality, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Suite 322, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203-1622.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tina Proctor, Western Panel Coordinator and FWS Regional Aquatic Nuisance Species Program Coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 25486, DFC, Denver CO, 80225, or Everett Wilson, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at 703-358-2108.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. I), this notice announces meetings of the

Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Western Regional Panel. The Task Force was established by the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990. The Western Regional Panel was established by the ANS Task Force in 1997 and is comprised of representatives from Federal, State, and local agencies and from private environmental and commercial interests.

The purpose of the Panel is to advise and make recommendations to the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force on issues relating to the Western region of the United States that includes: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, North Dakota, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. Responsibilities of the Panel include:

a. Identifying priorities for the Western Region with respect to aquatic nuisance species;

b. Making recommendations to the Task Force regarding an education, monitoring (including inspection), prevention, and control program to prevent the spread of the zebra mussel west of the 100th Meridian.

c. Coordinating, where possible, other aquatic nuisance species program activities in the Western region that are not conducted pursuant to the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 (as amended, 1996);

d. Developing an emergency response strategy for Federal, State, and local entities for stemming new invasions of aquatic nuisance species in the region;

e. Providing advice to public and private individuals and entities concerning methods of controlling aquatic nuisance species; and

f. Submitting an annual report describing activities within the Western region related to aquatic nuisance species prevention, research, and control.

The Western Regional Panel will discuss several topics at this meeting including: ballast water challenges, impact of New Zealand mud snails, member updates, zebra mussels in the Missouri River, zebra mussels in Kansas, assessing the potential ecological and economic impacts of zebra mussels to Western river systems, NAISA status, status of State ANS management plans, reports from other regional panels, the Canadian national strategy to deal with the threat of invasive species, climate change—opening up new routes and pathways, northern pike impacts on native fish, an outreach program to aquarium owners,

and aquatic nuisance species in Alaska. There will also be reports on WRP projects: cross boundary Spartina control and eradication, the educational material catalog on a searchable database, the joint Western Governor's Association project and the database of estuarine species in California, Oregon and Washington.

Dated: July 28, 2004.

Mamie A. Parker,

Co-Chair, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Assistant Director—Fisheries & Habitat Conservation.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Request for Public Comments on Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

The proposed information collection described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of the proposed collection of information may be obtained by contacting the Bureau's clearance officer at the phone number listed below. OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection but may respond after 30 days; therefore, public comments should be submitted to OMB within 30 days in order to assure their maximum consideration. Address your comments and suggestions on the proposal by fax (202) 395-6566 or e-mail (oira_docket@omb.eop.gov) to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for the Interior Department. Send copies of your comments to the USGS Clearance Officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 807 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192, or e-mail (jcordyack@usgs.gov).

Specific public comments are requested as to:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions on the bureaus, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of the bureau's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. The quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

4. How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Title: Public perceptions of Bats in Fort Collins, Colorado.

OMB Approval No.: New collection.

Abstract: The primary objective of this information collection is to investigate public perceptions, knowledge, and awareness of bats and how this could influence potential transmission of disease (*i.e.*, from bats to bats, bats to pets, bats to humans). A random sample of Fort Collins, Colorado residents and a sample of identified residents known to have had an encounter with a bat will be asked about these bat-related issues via a questionnaire. This information is a vital component for managing bats and developing effective communications protocols regarding bat disease and ecology. This is collaborative effort involving scientists from Colorado State University (CSU), the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Bureau Form No.: None.

Frequency: One time.

Description of Respondents: Residents of Fort Collins, Colorado.

Estimated Completion Time: 20 minutes per respondent (approximate).

Number of Respondents: 950.

Burden hours: 317 hours.

For Additional Information Please

Contact: Natalie Sexton, (970) 226-9313, or e-mail

Natalie_sexton@usgs.gov.

Bureau clearance officer: John Cordyack (703) 648-7313.

Dated: June 24, 2004.

Byron K. Williams,

Acting Associate Director Biology.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office of Community Oriented Policing Services; Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comments Requested

ACTION: 60-Day notice of information collection under review: Department Annual Progress Report.

The Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in

accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for "sixty days" until October 12, 2004. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

If you have comments especially on the estimated public burden or associated response time, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact Rebekah Dorr, Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, 1100 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20530.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

- 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;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of This Information Collection

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* New collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Department Annual Progress Report (DAPR).

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection:* None. U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Law enforcement agencies that are recipients of COPS hiring grants and/or COPS grants that have a redeployment requirement. The