HUD–92210 is an application form to approve the credit of a substitute mortgagor who desires to assume an insured mortgage loan. The form will also be used as a notification to document the file that the substitute mortgage is financially accepted. Form Number: HUD–92210. Respondents: Individuals or households.

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Total Estimated Burden Hours: 10,000.

Status: Reinstatement without changes.


Dated: June 25, 1996.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Notice of Availability of Petition Management Guidance for Petitions Received Under the Endangered Species Act


ACTION: Notice of document availability.

SUMMARY: The Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service (Services) announce the availability of Petition Management Guidance. This document provides internal guidance for the management of petitions submitted to the Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). Its purpose is to provide policy and guidance for managing petitions to promote efficiency and nationwide consistency within the Services. The Services previously sought public comment on a draft of this guidance document.

DATES: The guidance became effective on June 25, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing a copy of the Petition Management Guidance may obtain a copy by contacting the Division of Endangered Species, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 452, Arlington, Virginia 22203 or the Division of Endangered Species, U.S. National Marine Fisheries Service, 1335 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, at the above address (703/358–2171), or Robert Ziober, Acting Chief, Division of Endangered Species, U.S. National Marine Fisheries Service, at the above address (301/703–1401).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Section 4(b) of the Act allows any interested individual to petition the Services to list, delist, or reclassify species, or to revise a listed species’ critical habitat. The Petition Management Guidance provides specific guidance for the Services on petition identification, data/information submission standards, lead Region responsibilities, time frames for internal review of 90-day and 12-month findings, petition tracking, preparation of administrative findings and notices, and petitioner notification. The guidance differentiates among petitions requesting (1) actions petitionable under the provisions of section 4(b)(3) of the Endangered Species Act, (2) actions encompassed by other provisions of the Endangered Species Act, and (3) actions petitionable only under the Administrative Procedure Act.

The Petition Management Guidance identifies three petition categories under section 4(b)(3) of the Act as follows:

1. Petitions to list species,
2. Petitions to reclassify or delist species, and
3. Petitions to revise critical habitat.

Under each of these three categories, situations are described to assist Service employees and ensure consistency in the determination of 90-day and 12-month petition findings. Ultimately, the Services intend to ensure that the petition process serves its function by calling appropriate attention to situations affecting the welfare of species or of any other change in biological status of species that would justify rulemaking under section 4 of the Act. In this manner, the petition process will operate consistently with the Services’ own listing priority systems.

Public Comments

The Services made available a draft of the petition management guidance through a notice published in the Federal Register on December 21, 1994 (59 FR 65781). Comments received in response to that notice have been considered in formulating the final guidance document.

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Director, Fish and Wildlife Service.

Dated: June 24, 1996.

Gary Matlock,
Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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Application for Incidental Take Permit for American Burying Beetle, etc.; McCurtain County, OK

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Receipt of Application for Incidental Take Permit for Surveying the Species Listed Below for the McCurtain County Wilderness area in Oklahoma.

APPLICANT: Greg Duffy, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

SUMMARY: Greg Duffy has applied to the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for an incidental take permit pursuant to