need this information for the following reasons: (1) To provide Federal, State, and local law enforcement personnel information for enforcement of boating laws and for theft/fraud investigations; (2) To increase officers’ safety by assisting boarding officers in determining how best to approach a vessel suspected of illegal activity; (3) To publish annual Boating Statistics reports required by 46 U.S.C. 6102(b); and (4) To determine proper allocation of Federal funds to assist States in carrying out the National Recreational Boating Safety Program established by 46 U.S.C. chapter 131.

Burden Estimate: The estimated burden has increased from 15,507 hours to 286,458 hours a year.

D.T. Glenn,
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Management and Budget (OMB) for Management and Budget (OMB) for Information Technology.

When submitting comments by e-mail please make sure to add OMB Control Number 1615–0029 in the subject box. Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the 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 agencies estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(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, 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: Revision of a currently approved information collection.

(2) Title of the Form/Collection: Application for Waiver of Grounds of Inadmissibility.


(4) Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary: Individuals or Households. The information collected on this form is used by U.S Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to determine whether the applicant is eligible for a waiver of excludability under section 212 of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

(5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: 15,500 responses at 1 1/2 hours per response.

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: 23,250 annual burden hours.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the information collection instrument, please visit the USCIS Web site at: http://www.regulations.gov/dmspublic/component/main. We may also be contacted at: USCIS, Regulatory Management Division, 111 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., 3rd floor, Suite 3008, Washington, DC 20529, telephone number 202–272–8377.

Richard Sloan,

The estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), USCIS, Chief, Regulatory Management Division, Clearance Office, 111 Massachusetts Avenue, 3rd floor, Washington, DC 20529. Comments may also be submitted to DHS via facsimile to 202–272–8352 or via e-mail at rfs.regs@dhs.gov, and to the OMB USCIS Desk Officer via facsimile at 202–395–6974 or via e-mail at kastrich@omb.eop.gov.

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is contained in an Environmental Action Statement which also is available for public review.

DATES: All comments from interested parties must be received on or before February 11, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Please address written comments to Patrick Leonard, Field Supervisor, Pacific Islands Fish and Wildlife Office, 300 Ala Moana Boulevard, Room 3–122, Honolulu, HI 96850. You may also send comments by facsimile at (808) 792–9580.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff Newman, Assistant Field Supervisor (see ADDRESSES), telephone (808) 792–9400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Availability of Documents

Copies of the draft documents and permit applications are available for public inspection, by appointment between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the Pacific Islands Fish and Wildlife Office (see ADDRESSES). You may also request copies of the documents by contacting the Service’s Pacific Island Fish and Wildlife Office (see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT). We are furnishing this notice to provide the public, other state and Federal agencies, and tribes an opportunity to review and comment on these documents. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Background

A SHA encourages private landowners to conduct voluntary conservation activities and assures them that they will not be subjected to increased listed species restrictions should their beneficial stewardship efforts result in increased numbers of listed species. As long as enrolled landowners maintain agreed-upon baseline responsibilities, they may make any other lawful use of the enrolled property during the permit term, even if such use results in the take of individuals of the Federally listed species named within the permit.

Application requirements and issuance criteria for enhancement of survival permits and SHAs are found in 50 CFR 17.22(c). The primary objective of this proposed SHA is to establish a breeding population of Guam rails on Cocos Island by providing a predator-controlled habitat.

The private lands subject to this proposed SHA and permit consist of 83.1 acres of mixed forest and beach strand habitat on Cocos Island, Guam. Current land use practices include the operation of a day resort for tourists and overnight camping. Habitat conditions vary from manicured lawn surrounding the buildings to mixed native forest with invasive vines. The Guam rail was last observed in the wild on Northern Guam in the mid-1980s; therefore, the baseline for the species is zero, and there are no prohibitions on the use of the property or responsibilities for protecting existing individuals of the Guam rail or its habitat. However, management activities by the Applicants and other cooperators to encourage the establishment and survival of Guam rails on the enrolled lands during the term of the proposed SHA and the permit include: (1) Eradicating rats and mice and control monitor lizard population on Cocos Island prior to release of Guam rail; (2) reducing likelihood of reintroduction of rats, mice, and the introduction of the brown treesnake; (3) developing and implementing a forest enhancement plan to reduce invasive plant species and increase native plant species on Cocos Island; (4) releasing Guam rails and monitoring survivorship, breeding behavior, habitat preference, and nesting success; and (5) creating materials to promote understanding of wildlife recovery and invasive species issues for Cocos Island staff and visitors. Based upon the probable species’ response, we estimate it will take 10 years of implementing the planned conservation measures to fully reach a net conservation benefit for the Guam rail; some level of benefit is expected within a shorter period of time as a result of predator control and habitat restoration effort. The duration of the SHA and permits will be for a term of 10 years, although both may be renewed upon approval by the Service.

We believe that approval of the proposed SHA may qualify for a categorical exclusion under NEPA, as provided by the Department of Interior Manual (516 DM 2, Appendix 1 and 516 DM 6, Appendix 1) Based on the following criteria: (1) Implementation of the SHA would result in minor or negligible effects on federally listed, proposed, and candidate species and their habitats; (2) implementation of the SHA would result in minor or negligible effects on other environmental values or resources; and (3) impacts of the SHA, considered together with the impacts of other past, present and reasonably foreseeable similarly situated projects, would not result, over time, in cumulative effects to environmental values or resources which would be considered significant. This is more fully explained in our draft EAS. We will consider public comments in making its final determination on whether to prepare such additional NEPA documentation.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the ESA and NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1506.6). The Service will evaluate the permit application, associated documents, and comments submitted thereon to determine whether the proposed Agreement and permit application meets the requirements of section 10(a) of the ESA and NEPA regulations. The final NEPA and permit determinations will not be completed until after the end of the 30-day comment period and will fully consider all comments received during the comment period.


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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Record of Decision for the Final “Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Alternative Energy Development and Production and Alternate Use of Facilities on the Outer Continental Shelf”

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of a Record of Decision (ROD).

SUMMARY: MMS prepared the ROD for the establishment of an alternative energy and alternate use (AEAU) program on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), as authorized by Section 388 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct), and codified in subsection 8(p) of the OCS Lands Act. In accordance with the regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the MMS is announcing the availability of this ROD. The decision is to select the Preferred Alternative described in the Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). This decision establishes an AEAU program for the issuance of leases, easements and rights-of-way (ROW) for alternative energy activities and the alternate use of