information is to be used by HUD staff in evaluating and processing applications requesting approval of multifamily project efficiency unit conversions into one-bedroom units.

Respondents (i.e. affected public): This is a voluntary program, for which owners under the following programs may participate:

- Section 202 Direct Loan with or without Rental Assistance.
- Section 202 Capital Advance with Project Rental Assistance Contracts or Project Assistance Contracts (PRAC and PAC).
- Section 811 Capital Advance with Project Rental Assistance Contracts (PRAC).
- Section 236 insured and non-insured with or without Rental Assistance Section 221(d)(3).
- Below Market Interest Rate (BMIR) with or without Rental Assistance.
- Section 8 Project-Based Rental Assistance with or without FHA insurance Rental Assistance Payment (RAP) Rent Supplement Assistance Contract Properties subject to a HUD Use Agreement or Deed Restriction.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Hours per Response: 8.

Total Estimated Burdens: 80.

B. Solicitation of Public Comment

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected parties concerning the collection of information described in Section A on the following:

1. 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. The accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed 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 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.

HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.


DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE)

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Notice of Further Revisions to the National Preparedness for Response Exercise Program (PREP) Guidelines

AGENCY: Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the National Scheduling Coordination Committee (NSCC), which is comprised of representatives from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), and BSEE, is making additional changes to the National Preparedness for Response Exercise Program (PREP) Guidelines. The NSCC will announce the availability of an updated draft of the revised PREP Guidelines and invite public comment at a future date. The future invitation to comment will be published in the Federal Register by the USCG, on behalf of the NSCC, and will use docket USCG–2011–1178.

ADDRESSES: The public docket for any materials submitted during the previous comment period that ended April 24, 2014 (79 FR 16363), is available online at http://www.regulations.gov. Type BSEE–2014–0003 into the search field and click “Search.” Follow the instructions at that Web site to view materials and public comments that are available in the docket.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 22, 2012, the USCG published, on behalf of the NSCC, a notice and request for public comments in the Federal Register (77 FR 10542, docket USCG–2011–1178), which provided advance notice that the NSCC agencies planned to update the 2002 PREP Guidelines. During the 60-day comment period, the USCG, on behalf of the NSCC, received 214 comments in the docket. The NSCC agencies subsequently revised the 2002 PREP Guidelines to reflect the comments received in the docket, as well as NSCC member agency organizational changes, lessons learned from past incidents, and the addition of new regulatory requirements, including the addition of the USCG’s Salvage and Marine Firefighting (SMFF) regulations.

On March 25, 2014, BSEE published a notice in the Federal Register (79 FR 16363), on the behalf of the NSCC, announcing the availability of an updated draft of the PREP Guidelines document and requesting public comments. The NSCC is currently amending the updated draft of the PREP Guidelines to address the comments received in response to the notice in 79 FR 16363, and will also be incorporating additional guidance pertaining to the new regulatory requirements for nontank vessel response plans. The NSCC will solicit public comment on the entirety of the updated PREP Guidelines at a future date when the aforementioned changes have been incorporated, and the revised draft of the updated Guidelines is ready for public viewing. The future invitation to comment will be published by the USCG, on behalf of the NSCC, in the Federal Register and will use a different docket ID number (USCG–2011–1178).

Dated: July 2, 2014.

David M. Moore,
Chief, Oil Spill Response Division, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service


Incidental Take Permit and Environmental Assessment for Erosion Armoring and Beachfront Activities Regulated by the Walton County Board of County Commissioners in Walton County, Florida

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.
SUMMARY: Under the Endangered Species Act (Act), we, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, announce the receipt and availability of a proposed habitat conservation plan (HCP) and accompanying documents for beachfront activities regulated by the Walton County Board of Commissioners (applicant), which would take the loggerhead sea turtle, green sea turtle, leatherback sea turtle, Kemp’s ridley sea turtle, piping plover, and Choctawhatchee beach mouse, incidental to activities as conducted or permitted by the applicant in Walton County, Florida. We invite public comments on these documents.

DATES: We must receive any written comments at our Regional Office (see ADDRESSES) on or before September 15, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Documents are available for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours at the Fish and Wildlife Service’s Regional Office, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, GA 30345; or Ecological Services Field Office, Fish and Wildlife Service, 1601 Balboa Avenue, Panama City, FL 32405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. David Dell, Regional HCP Coordinator, (see ADDRESSES), telephone: 404–679–7313; or Ms. Kristi Yanchis, Field Office Project Manager, at the Panama City Field Office (see ADDRESSES), telephone: 850–769–0552.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We announce the availability of the proposed HCP, incidental take permit (ITP) application, and an environmental assessment (EA), which analyze the take of loggerhead sea turtle (Caretta caretta), green sea turtle (Chelonia mydas), leatherback sea turtle (Dermochelys coriacea), Kemp’s ridley sea turtle (Lepidochelys kempi), the nonbreeding piping plover (Charadrius melodus), and the Choctawhatchee beach mouse (Peromyscus polionotus allophrys), incidental to activities as conducted or permitted by the applicant. The applicant requests a 25-year ITP under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), as amended. The Applicant’s HCP describes the mitigation and minimization measures proposed to address the impacts to the species.

We specifically request scientific or technical information, views, and opinions from the public via this notice on our proposed Federal action, including identification of any other aspects of the human environment not already identified in the EA pursuant to National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 40 CFR 1506.6. Further, we specifically solicit information regarding the adequacy of the HCP per 50 CFR parts 13 and 17.

The EA assesses the likely environmental impacts associated with the implementation of the activities, including the environmental consequences of the no-action alternative and the proposed action. The proposed action alternative is issuance of the ITP and implementation of the HCP as submitted by the applicant. The HCP covers activities conducted or permitted by the applicant, and includes installation of beachfront armoring (temporary or permanent); beach crossovers at public access points; County and public beach driving and vehicular beach access–related activities; sale or rental of merchandise, services, goods, or property by beach vendors, as permitted by Walton County; and beach placement of temporary vending equipment storage boxes. Avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures include: Providing a process for the permitting and implementation of emergency armoring measures initiated under the County’s permitting authority; developing and implementing guidelines to minimize disturbances to sea turtles and their nests, shorebirds, and beach mice caused by the operation of official vehicles involved in public safety, beach maintenance, law enforcement, HCP implementation, and other official business on County beaches; implementing new requirements to minimize impacts to sea turtles and their nests caused by the operation of private vehicles on County beaches; developing and implementing guidelines for beach vendors regarding the transport, placement, and storage of merchandise, equipment, and supplies to reduce interference with sea turtle nest protection activities; developing and implementing a multi-faceted public awareness program to educate residents and visitors of the importance of the County’s beaches to the conservation and recovery of protected species; adopting and enforcing a beachfront lighting ordinance to reduce nighttime disturbances to sea turtles, piping plovers, and beach mice; and implementing an effective monitoring program for all species covered under the ITP to identify and ameliorate factors impeding their recovery.

Public Comments

Before including your address, phone number, email 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.

If you wish to comment, you may submit comments by any one of several methods. Please reference TE43711A–0 in such comments. You may mail comments to the Fish and Wildlife Service’s Regional Office (see ADDRESSES). You may also comment via the Internet to david_dell@fws.gov. Please include your name and return address in your internet message. If you do not receive a confirmation from us that we have received your internet message, contact us directly at either telephone number listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

Finally, you may hand-deliver comments to either of our offices listed under ADDRESSES.

Covered Area

The area encompassed under the HCP and ITP application consists of approximately 20 miles of beachfront along the Gulf of Mexico on non-State lands, from the Bay/Walton to the Okaloosa/Walton county line.

Next Steps

We will evaluate the ITP application, including the HCP and any comments we receive, to determine whether the application meets the requirements of section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Act. We will also evaluate whether issuance of the section 10(a)(1)(B) ITP complies with section 7 of the Endangered Species Act by conducting an intra-Service section 7 consultation. We will use the results of this consultation, in combination with the above findings, in our final analysis to determine whether or not to issue the ITP. If we determine that the requirements are met, we will issue the ITP for the incidental take of loggerhead sea turtle, green sea turtle, leatherback sea turtle, Kemp’s ridley sea turtle, piping plover, and Choctawhatchee beach mouse.

Authority

We provide this notice under section 10 of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) and NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

Dated: May 29, 2014.

Mike Oetker,
Acting Regional Director.

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