The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment.

**DATES:** Comments Due Date: September 12, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Colette Pollard, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 4176, Washington, DC 20410–5000; telephone 202–402–3400 (this is not a toll-free number) or email Colette.Pollard@hud.gov for a copy of the proposed forms or other available information. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free number (202–708–1515 (this is not a toll-free number)). Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free number (202–402–3400 (this is not a toll-free number)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Justin D. Burch, Director, Quality Assurance Division, Office of Lender Activities and Program Compliance, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room B133–P3214, Washington, DC 20410, telephone 202–708–1515 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877–8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice informs the public that HUD is seeking approval from OMB for the information collection described in Section A.

**A. Overview of Information Collection**

**Title of Information Collection:** Quality Control Requirements for Direct Endorsement Lenders.

**OMB Approval Number:** 2502–0600.

**Type of Request:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Form Number:** N/A.

**Description of the need for the information and proposed use:** Under 24 CFR 203.25(c), Direct Endorsement (DE) lenders which sponsor third-party originators (TPOs) are responsible to the Secretary for the actions of TPOs or mortgagees in originating loans or mortgages, unless applicable law or regulation requires specific knowledge on the part of the party to be held responsible. As a result, DE lenders are responsible for conducting quality control on TPO originations of FHA-insured mortgage loans, and ensuring that their quality control plans contain appropriate oversight provisions. This creates an information collection burden on DE lenders, since these institutions must conduct quality control on all loans they originate and underwrite. In addition, under 24 CFR 203.255(c) and (e), HUD conducts both pre- and post-endorsement reviews of loans submitted for FHA insurance by DE lenders. As part of those reviews, the Secretary is authorized to determine if there is any information indicating that any certification or required document is false, misleading, or constitutes fraud or misrepresentation on the part of any party, or that the mortgage fails to meet a statutory or regulatory requirement. In order to assist the Secretary with this directive, FHA requires that lenders self-report all findings of fraud and material misrepresentation, as well any material findings concerning the origination, underwriting, or servicing of the loan that the lender is unable to mitigate or otherwise resolve. The obligation to self-report these findings creates an additional information collection burden on DE lenders.

In accordance with the requirements of 5 CFR 1320.8(d), a notice soliciting comments on this collection of information was initially published in the Federal Register on December 21, 2010 (Volume 75, Number 244, page 80006). At that time, FHA still allowed for loan correspondents to participate in its programs and had not yet transitioned to the use of TPOs. Therefore, FHA estimated information collection burdens based on the expected use of TPOs by DE lenders. Three years later, FHA has revised these estimates with real data, which has substantially reduced the information collection burden associated with OMB Control Number 2502–0600.

**Respondents:** Business or other for-profit.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 1,831.

**Estimated Number of Responses:** 135,682.

**Frequency of Response:** Annually.

**Average Hours per Response:** .52.

**Total Estimated Burdens:** 71,017.

**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.

**Authority:** Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35.

**Dated:** June 23, 2017.

Genger Charles, General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**


**Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Initiation of a 5-Year Status Review of the Aleutian Shield Fern**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for information.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), are initiating a 5-year status review of the Aleutian shield fern under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA). A 5-year status review is based on the best scientific and commercial data available at the time of the review; therefore, we are requesting submission of any new information on these species that has become available since the last review, in 2005.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration of your comments in our preparation of this 5-year status review, we must receive your comments and information by September 12, 2017. However, we will accept information about any species at any time.

**ADDRESSES:** Please submit your information by any one of the following methods:

- Email: leah_kenney@fws.gov; or
- U.S. mail or hand delivery: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, ATTN: Aleutian shield fern, 4700 BLM Road, Anchorage, AK 99507.

For more about submitting information, see Request for Information in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Leah Kenney, Anchorage Fish and
Why do we conduct 5-year reviews?

Under the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), we maintain Lists of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants (which we collectively refer to as the List) in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17.11 (for animals) and 17.12 (for plants). Section 4(c)(2)(A) of the ESA requires us to review each listed species’ status at least once every 5 years. Further, our regulations at 50 CFR 424.21 require that we publish a notice in the Federal Register announcing those species under active review. For additional information about 5-year reviews, go to http://www.fws.gov/endangered/what-we-do/recovery-overview.html, scroll down to “Learn More about 5-Year Reviews,” and click on the “5-Year Reviews” link.

What information do we consider in our review?

A 5-year review considers all new information available at the time of the review. In conducting these reviews, we consider the best scientific and commercial data that have become available since the listing determination or most recent status review, such as:

1. The biology of the species, including but not limited to population trends, distribution, abundance, demographics, and genetics;
2. Habitat conditions, including but not limited to amount, distribution, and suitability;
3. Conservation measures that have been implemented that benefit the species;
4. Threat status and trends in relation to the five listing factors (as defined in section 4(a)(1) of the ESA); and
5. Other new information, data, or corrections, including but not limited to taxonomic or nomenclatural changes, identification of erroneous information contained in the List, and improved analytical methods.

Any new information will be considered during the 5-year review and will also be useful in evaluating the ongoing recovery programs for the species.

Species Under Review

Entity listed: Aleutian shield fern (Polystichum aleuticum).

Where listed: Wherever found.

Classification: Endangered.

Date listed (publication date for final listing rule): February 17, 1988.

Federal Register citation for final listing rule: 53 FR 4626.

Request for Information

To ensure that a 5-year review is complete and based on the best available scientific and commercial information, we request new information from all sources. See What Information Do We Consider in Our Review? for specific criteria. If you submit information, please support it with documentation such as maps, bibliographic references, methods used to gather and analyze the data, and/or copies of any pertinent publications, reports, or letters by knowledgeable sources. If you submit purported sightings of the species, please also provide supporting documentation in any form to the extent that it is available.

Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, 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.

Completed and Active Reviews

A list of all completed and currently active 5-year reviews addressing species for which the Alaskan Region of the Service has lead responsibility is available at http://www.fws.gov/alaska/fisheries/endangered/reviews.htm.

Authority

This document is published under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).


Gregory Siekaniec,
Regional Director, Alaska Region.