

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute of Nursing Research; Notice of Meeting of the National Advisory Council for Nursing Research

Pursuant to Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given of the meeting of the National Advisory Council for Nursing Research, National Institute of Nursing Research, National Institutes of Health on January 21-22, 1998, National Institutes of Health, William H. Natcher Building, 45 Center Drive, Conference Room F1 and F2, Bethesda, Maryland 20892.

The Council meeting will be open to the public on January 21 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. and January 22 from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. for discussion of program policies and issues. Attendance by the public will be limited to space available.

In accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C. and section 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, the Council meeting will be closed to the public from 10:00 a.m. to adjournment on January 22. These meetings are closed for the review, discussion, and evaluation of individual grant applications. These applications and discussions could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

A summary of the meeting, roster of committee members, and other information may be obtained from the Executive Secretary, Dr. Lynn Amende, NINR, NIH, Building 45, Room 3AN-12, Bethesda, Maryland, 20892, 301/594-5968. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation of other reasonable accommodations, should contact the Executive Secretary in advance of the meeting.

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Dated: December 4, 1997.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Information Collection To Be Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Approval Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

**SUMMARY:** The collection of information described below will be submitted to OMB for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Copies of specific information collection requirements, related forms and explanatory material may be obtained by contacting the Service Information Collection Clearance officer at the address and/or phone numbers listed below.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before February 9, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and suggestions on specific requirements should be sent to the Service Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 222 ARLSQ, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC 20240.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kenneth L. Grannemann, Chief, Branch of Visitor Services, Division of Refuges, 703/358-2029; or Phadrea Ponds, Wildlife Biologist, U.S. Geological Survey, Fort Collins, CO, 970/226-9445.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Service proposes to submit the following information collection clearance requirements to OMB for review and approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments are invited on: (1) 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) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (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, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Congress authorized a recreation fee demonstration program in Pub. L. 104-134. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was one of the four agencies mandated to implement the program and evaluate its impact on the visiting public. This study is designed to scientifically evaluate visitor reactions and impact of the fees on visitation to the national wildlife refuges (NWR); it will be

conducted by the U.S. Geological Survey Biological Resources Divisions Social Economic and Institutional Analysis Section in Fort Collins, Colorado under a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

To represent the various types of fee changes, as well as fee demonstration refuges, six distinct fee programs and ten refuges were selected for inclusion in the study. These include (1) new entrance fees (Sacramento NWR, CA and Arkansas NWR, TX); (2) increased entrance fees (Dungeness NWR, WA); (3) new annual passes (Chincoteague NWR, VA and Crab Orchard NWR, IL); (4) new hunt fees (St. Catherine's Creek NWR, MS and Balcones NWR, TX); (5) non-hunt use permits (Buenos Aires NWR, AZ and Fort Niobrara NWR, NE) and (6) non-fee adjustments (Piedmont NWR, GA). Random samples of individuals using these refuges will be surveyed. The Service plans to use as part of the evaluation process a survey questionnaire to assess the different fee programs. An on-site questionnaire will be distributed during the peak season to a random sample of the visiting public. A minimum of 400 completed surveys will be obtained for each fee type. An additional 200 surveys will be obtained from Sacramento NWR to allow for examination of credit card entrances as well as new entrance fees in general. Overall, this will result in a total sample of 2,600 respondents. The margin of error for each fee type is  $\pm 5\%$  at the 95% confidence level. The information gained from this survey will provide a scientific basis for evaluating the viability of the fee program among the visiting public. The lead project officer is Dr. Jonathan G. Taylor, Research Social Scientist, phone 970-226-9438, 4512 McMurtry Avenue, Fort Collins, CO 80525-3400.

**Title:** Evaluation of visitor responses to recreation fee demonstration programs.

**Bureau form number:** None.

**Frequency of collection:** One time.

**Description of respondents:** Individuals and households.

**Number of respondents:** 2,600.

**Estimated completion time:** 10 minutes.

**Burden estimate:** 433 hours.

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