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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. RF-4356-N-08]

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing, Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed information collection requirement described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

**DATES:** *Comment due date:* August 17, 1998.

**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: Oliver Walker, Reports Liaison Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Room 9116, Washington DC 20410.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Oliver Walker, (202) 708-1694 X2144 (this is not a toll-free number) for copies of the proposed forms and other available documents.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department is submitting the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended).

This Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affecting agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate 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) Evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (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 collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

This Notice also lists the following information.

**Title of Proposal:** Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities, Application Submission Requirements—FR-3903.

**OMB Control Number, if applicable:** 2502-0462.

**Description of the need for the information and proposed use:** This information is necessary to assist HUD in determining applicant eligibility and ability to develop housing for disabled within statutory and program criteria. A thorough evaluation of an applicant's qualifications and capabilities is critical to protect the Government's financial interest and to mitigate any possibility of fraud, waste, or mismanagement of public funds.

**Agency form number, if applicable:** Form HUD-92016-CA.

**Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:** The estimated number of respondents are 400, 41.2 hours per response, and the frequency of responses is 1.

**Status of the proposed information collection:** Reinstatement of previously approved collection.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4356-N-10]

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing, Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed information collection requirement described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork

Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

**DATES:** *Comments due date:* August 17, 1998.

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This Notice also lists the following information.

**Title of Proposal:** Certificate of Need (Con) for Health Facilities and Assurance of Enforcement of State Standards.

**OMB Control Number, if applicable:** 2502-0210.

**Description of the need for the information and proposed use:** This notice requests and extension of the use of Form HUD-2576-HF, Certificate of Need for Health Facility and Assurance of Enforcement of State Standards as authorized by Sections 232, 242 of the National Housing Act. These certifications are prepared by the State Agencies designated in accordance with Section 604(a)(1) or Section 1521 of the Public Health Service Act. Section 232 and 242 require State certification that

there is a need for the facility, that there are minimum standards of licensure and for operating the project, and that the standards will be enforced for the insured project.

*Agency form numbers, if applicable:* Form HUD-2576-HF.

*Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:* The estimated number of respondents are 100, 40 hours per response, and the frequency of responses is 1.

*Status of the proposed information collection:* Reinstatement of previously approved collection.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Notice of Application to Amend an Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit: Inclusion of Bull Trout on the Washington Department of Natural Resources Permit for Western Washington

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Permit Amendment Application.

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises the public that the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has received a request to add bull trout (*Salvelinus confluentus*) to the species covered by an incidental take permit PRT-812521, issued to the Washington Department of Natural Resources under the Endangered Species Act (Act) on January 30, 1997. This request is pursuant to the Implementation Agreement for the Habitat Conservation Plan (Plan) accompanying incidental take permit PRT-812521. The Department of Natural Resources has requested the Service add bull trout to their permit.

**DATES:** Written comments regarding the application to add bull trout to the Department of Natural Resources' permit must be received on or before July 17, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to Mr. John Engbring, Fish

and Wildlife Service, 510 Desmond Drive, S.E., Suite 101, Lacey, Washington 98503; facsimile (360) 534-9331. Documents cited in this notice and comments received will be available for public inspection at the above office by appointment during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William Vogel, Wildlife Biologist, Fish and Wildlife Service, 510 Desmond Drive, S.E., Suite 101, Lacey, Washington 98503; telephone (360) 753-4367.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

On January 30, 1997, the Service issued an incidental take permit (PRT-812521) to the Department of Natural Resources, pursuant to Section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended (16 USC 1531 *et seq.*). This permit authorizes the incidental take of the threatened northern spotted owl (*Strix occidentalis caurina*) and other listed species in the course of the otherwise lawful forest management and other land-use activities within the range of the spotted owl. Pursuant to the Plan and the Implementation Agreement, the Department of Natural Resources received assurances from the Service that then-unlisted species occurring on their lands west of the Cascade Crest would be added to the permit upon listing of those species, in accordance with the Act, the Plan, and the Implementation Agreement.

On June 8, 1998 (63 FR 31647), the Service published the final rule to list the Columbia River distinct population segment of bull trout as a threatened species. On May 20, 1998, the Service received a request from the Department of Natural Resources that bull trout be added to its incidental take permit (PRT 812521). The purpose of this notice is to seek public comment on the Department of Natural Resources' application to add bull trout to its permit.

According to the Implementation Agreement for the Department of Natural Resources permit, if any species that was unlisted at the time of permit issuance subsequently becomes listed under the Act, the Department of Natural Resources may request a permit amendment to have that species added to their permit. Under the terms of the Plan and the Implementation Agreement, the Service would add the newly listed species to the Department of Natural Resources permit without requiring additional mitigation unless extraordinary circumstances exist.

Prior to adding bull trout to the Department of Natural Resources' permit, the Service will determine if extraordinary circumstances exist and will also reinstate consultation under section 7 of the Act to determine whether adding bull trout to the Department of Natural Resources' permit would be likely to jeopardize the continued existence or destroy modify the critical habitat of any listed species.

#### Bull Trout Conservation

Bull trout rely on cold, clean water. They are most closely associated with complex habitats, including large woody debris, undercut banks, boulders, and pools. Cover provides critical rearing, foraging, and resting habitat, and protection from predators. Bull trout spawn in the fall and the young have a strong association with stream bottoms, thus making them particularly vulnerable to altered stream flow patterns and channel instability. Bull trout prefer cold, low-gradient streams with loose, clean gravels for spawning and rearing. There is also a correlation between increasing road densities and declines in the health of bull trout populations. These characteristics make bull trout particularly susceptible to effects of timber-management and other stream-side and forest management activities. Historic adverse impacts to bull trout from forest management and related land-use activities included removal of large woody debris from streams and riparian areas, inputs of sediment from upslope logging and road construction, elevated stream temperatures, and transportation of logs within the channel network.

#### Department of Natural Resources Plan Measures

The Department of Natural Resources' Plan utilizes a combination of conservation measures that are expected to adequately minimize or mitigate the impacts of any incidental take of bull trout. All fishbearing streams (Washington State Types 1 through 3) receive a conservatively managed buffer equal in width (measured horizontally from the 100-year floodplain) to a site-potential tree height (derived from 100-year site-index curves) or 150 feet, whichever is greater. The first 25 feet is a no-harvest zone. Perennial streams without fish (Type 4) receive a 100-foot buffer. Additional information, including a description of wind buffers, can be found in the Plan at pages IV 56-59.

Inner gorges and mass-wasting areas are protected by unstable hillslope and mass wasting protection provisions of