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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Henry S. Czauski, Acting Deputy Administrator, Office of Manufactured Housing Programs, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 9164, Washington, DC 20410-8000; telephone number (202) 708-6401 (this is not a toll-free number). For hearing and speech-impaired persons, this number may be accessed via TTY by calling the Federal Relay Service at 1-(800) 877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

Section 604 of the Manufactured Housing Improvement Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-569) amended the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5401-5426) (Act) to require the establishment of the MHCC, a Federal advisory committee, to: (1) Provide periodic recommendations to the Secretary to adopt, revise, and interpret the manufactured housing construction and safety standards; and (2) to provide periodic recommendations to the Secretary to adopt, revise, and interpret the procedural and enforcement manufactured housing regulations, including regulations specifying the permissible scope and conduct of monitoring. The Act authorizes the Secretary to appoint a total of twenty-two members to the MHCC. Twenty-one members have voting rights; the twenty-second member represents the Secretary and is a non-voting position. Service on the MHCC is voluntary. Travel and per diem for meetings is provided in accordance with Federal travel policy pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 5703.

HUD seeks highly qualified and motivated individuals who meet the requirements set forth in the Act to serve as voting members of the MHCC for up to two terms of three years. The MHCC expects to meet four times annually. Meetings may take place by conference call or in person. Members of the MHCC undertake additional work commitments on subcommittees and task forces regarding issues under deliberation.

**Nominee Selection and Appointment**

Members of the Consensus Committee are appointed to serve in one of three member categories. Nominees will be appointed to fill voting member vacancies in the following categories:

1. *Producers*—Seven producers or retailers of manufactured housing.

2. *Users*—Seven persons representing consumer interests, such as consumer organizations, recognized consumer leaders, and owners who are residents of manufactured homes.

3. *General Interest and Public Officials*—Seven general interest and public official members.

The Act provides that the Secretary shall ensure that all interests directly and materially affected by the work of the MHCC have the opportunity for fair and equitable participation without dominance by any single interest; and may reject the appointment of any one or more individuals in order to ensure that there is not dominance by any single interest. For purposes of this determination, dominance is defined as a position or exercise of dominant authority, leadership, or influence by reason of superior leverage, strength, or representation.

Additional requirements governing appointment and member service include:

(1) Nominees appointed to the Producer category, and three of the individuals appointed to the General Interest and Public Official category shall not have a significant financial interest in any segment of the manufactured housing industry; or a significant relationship to any person engaged in the manufactured housing industry.

(2) Each member serving in the Producer category shall be subject to a ban disallowing compensation from the manufactured housing industry during the period of, and during the one year following, his or her membership on the MHCC.

(3) Nominees selected for appointment to the MHCC shall be required to provide disclosures and certifications regarding conflict-of-interest and eligibility for membership prior to finalizing an appointment.

All selected nominees will be required to submit certifications of eligibility under the foregoing criteria as a prerequisite to final appointment.

**Consensus Committee—Advisory Role**

The MHCC's role is solely advisory to the Secretary on the subject matter described above.

**Federal Advisory Committee Act**

The MHCC is subject to the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. Appendix), and to the Presidential Memorandum, dated June 18, 2010, directing all heads of executive departments and agencies not to make any new appointments or reappointments of Federally registered

lobbyists to advisory committees and other boards and commissions."

**Term of Office**

Consensus Committee members serve at the discretion of the Secretary or for a three-year term and for up to two terms.

**Nominee Information**

Individuals seeking nomination to the MHCC should submit detailed information documenting their qualifications as addressed in the Act and this Notice. Individuals may nominate themselves. An application form is available at <http://www.nfpa.org/assets/files/PDF/CodesStandards/MHCCApplication.pdf>. HUD recommends that the application form be accompanied by a resume.

**Additional Information**

Appointments will be made at the Secretary's discretion.

Dated: December 8, 2011.

**Carol J. Galante,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

[FWS-R9-IA-2011-N264;  
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**Endangered Species; Receipt of Applications for Permit**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (ESA) prohibits activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is acquired that allows such activities.

**DATES:** We must receive comments or requests for documents on or before January 17, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Brenda Tapia, Division of Management Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 212, Arlington, VA 22203; fax (703) 358-2280; or email [DMAFR@fws.gov](mailto:DMAFR@fws.gov).

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DMAFR@fws.gov (email).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Public Comment Procedures

##### A. How do I request copies of applications or comment on submitted applications?

Send your request for copies of applications or comments and materials concerning any of the applications to the contact listed under **ADDRESSES**. Please include the **Federal Register** notice publication date, the PRT-number, and the name of the applicant in your request or submission. We will not consider requests or comments sent to an email or address not listed under **ADDRESSES**. If you provide an email address in your request for copies of applications, we will attempt to respond to your request electronically.

Please make your requests or comments as specific as possible. Please confine your comments to issues for which we seek comments in this notice, and explain the basis for your comments. Include sufficient information with your comments to allow us to authenticate any scientific or commercial data you include.

The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are: (1) Those supported by quantitative information or studies; and (2) Those that include citations to, and analyses of, the applicable laws and regulations. We will not consider or include in our administrative record comments we receive after the close of the comment period (see **DATES**) or comments delivered to an address other than those listed above (see **ADDRESSES**).

##### B. May I review comments submitted by others?

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the address listed under **ADDRESSES**. The public may review documents and other information applicants have sent in support of the application unless our allowing viewing would violate the Privacy Act or Freedom of Information Act. 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.

#### II. Background

To help us carry out our conservation responsibilities for affected species, and in consideration of section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), along with Executive Order 13576, “Delivering an Efficient, Effective, and Accountable Government” and “The President’s Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies of January 21, 2009—Transparency and Open Government” (74 FR 4685; January 26, 2009), which call on all Federal agencies to promote openness and transparency in Government by disclosing information to the public, we invite public comment on these permit applications before final action is taken.

#### III. Permit Applications

##### A. Endangered Species

Applicant: Jacksonville Zoological Society, Jacksonville, FL; PRT-59935A

The applicant requests a permit to export three live, captive-born bonobos (*Pan paniscus*) to Germany, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Turtle Survival Alliance Foundation, Fort Worth, TX; PRT-58695A

The applicant requests a permit to import from Hong Kong up to 20 angulated tortoises (*Astrochelys yniphora*) that were previously illegally removed from the wild in Madagascar. The import would be for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: University of Georgia Research Foundation, Inc., Athens, GA; PRT-57273A

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples from wild female leatherback sea turtles (*Dermochelys coriacea*) in Trinidad for the purpose of scientific research.

Applicant: Phoenix Herpetological Society, Scottsdale, AZ; PRT-57939A

The applicant requests a permit to import two (one male and one female) African slender snouted crocodiles (*Crocodylus cataphractus*) that were captive-hatched in South Africa. The import would be for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: David Marovitz, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI; PRT-59019A

The applicant requests a permit to acquire DNA cell cultures from gorilla (*Gorilla gorilla*) and Sumatran orangutan

(*Pongo abelii*) through interstate commerce from Coriell Cell Repository, Camden, NJ, for the purpose of scientific research.

Applicant: Theodore Papenfuss, University of California, Berkeley, CA; PRT-59290A

The applicant requests a permit to import biological specimens of Cat Island slider turtle (*Trachemys terrapin*) and Inagua Island slider turtle (*T. stejnegeri malonei*) from wild turtles in the Bahamas for the purpose of scientific research.

**Brenda Tapia,**

Program Analyst/Data Administrator, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

##### Fish and Wildlife Service

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##### Hawaiian and Pacific Islands National Wildlife Refuge Complex; Wilderness Review and Legislative Environmental Impact Statement

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), intend to conduct a wilderness review (WR) to evaluate lands and waters within the Hawaiian and Pacific Islands National Wildlife Refuge Complex (Refuge Complex), to identify Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs), and to determine if the WSAs are suitable for recommending Congressional designation as wilderness. We will also prepare a legislative environmental impact statement (LEIS), to evaluate the effects of various WR/LEIS alternatives. We provide this notice to advise the public, other agencies, and organizations of our intent, and to obtain public comments, suggestions, and information on the scope of issues to consider during development of the WR/LEIS.

**DATES:** To accommodate the holidays, we are providing a 45 day public comment period. Please send your written comments by January 30, 2012. We will announce future opportunities for public input on our Web site and through local news outlets.

**ADDRESSES:** Information about the Refuge Complex is available on our Web