

contrary determination. It will be accomplished 18 months from the beginning date.

**Comments Due Date:** October 14, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this notice to the Rules Docket Clerk, Office of General Counsel, Room 10276, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410.

Communications should refer to the above docket number and title. A copy of each communication submitted will be available for public inspection and copying between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. weekdays at the above address.

**FOR PRIVACY ACT INFORMATION FROM SOURCE AGENCY CONTACT:** Jeanette Smith, Departmental Privacy Act Officer, 451 7th Street, SW, Room 4178, Washington, DC 20410, telephone number (202) 708-2374. (This is not a toll-free number).

**FOR PROGRAM INFORMATION FROM SOURCE AGENCY CONTACT:** Debbie Holt, Office of Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 470 L'Enfant Plaza, SW, Room 3115, Washington, DC 20024, telephone number (202) 755-7570. (This is not a toll-free number).

**REPORTING:** In accordance with Public Law 100-503, the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988, as amended, and Office of Management and Budget Bulletin 89-22, "Instructions on Reporting Computer Matching Programs to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Congress and the Public;" copies of this Notice and a report are being provided to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Governmental Affairs of the Senate, and the Office of Management and Budget.

**AUTHORITY:** The matching program will be conducted pursuant to Pub. L. 100-503, "The Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988," as amended, the Federal Debt Collection Act of 1982 (Pub. L. 97-276), which authorizes Federal agencies to offset a Federal employee's salary as a means of satisfying delinquent debts owed to the United States (5 U.S.C. 5514 (a)); 26 CFR 301.6402-6 *et seq.*, Chapter I,

Subchapter F—Procedure and Administration (Tax Refund Regulations issued by Internal Revenue Service); and 24 CFR part 17, Administrative Claims, subpart C 17.60 and 17.125 through 17.140, Salary Offset Provisions (HUD).

**OBJECTIVES TO BE MET BY THE MATCHING PROGRAM:** The matching program will allow HUD to discover the identities and locations of postal employees who are indebted to the Department and to collect debts owed to the Federal Government.

**RECORDS TO BE MATCHED:** HUD will provide extracts from its system of records entitled HUD/DEPT-2, Accounting Records, last published in the **Federal Register** at 59 FR 52985 on October 20, 1994, containing records of more than 250,000 debtors of the records to be matched. Disclosures will be made under routine use (i) of that system.

The USPS will provide extracts from its Privacy Act System of Records USPS 050.020, Finance Records—Payroll System, containing payroll records for approximately 800,000 current USPS employees. Disclosure will be made under routine use No. 24 of that system, a full description of which was last published in 57 FR 57515, dated December 4, 1992.

**NOTICE PROCEDURES:** HUD will notify individuals at the time of application (ensuring that routine use appears on the application form) for guaranteed or direct loans that their records will be matched to determine whether they are delinquent or in default on a Federal debt. HUD and USPS will also publish notices concerning routine use disclosures in the **Federal Register** to inform individuals that a computer match may be performed to determine a loan applicant's credit status with the Federal Government.

**CATEGORIES OF RECORDS/INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED:** The debtor records include these data elements from HUD's system of records, HUD/Dept-2: SSN, claim number, program code, and indication of indebtedness. Categories of records include: Records of claims and defaults, repayment agreements, credit reports, financial statements, and records of foreclosures.

Categories of individuals include: former mortgagors and purchasers of HUD-owned properties manufactured

(mobile) home and home improvement loan debtors who are delinquent or in default on their loans, and rehabilitation loan debtors who are delinquent or in default on their loans.

**PERIOD OF THE MATCH:** Matching will begin at least 40 days from the date copies of the signed (by both Data Integrity Boards) computer matching agreement are sent to both Houses of Congress or at least 40 days from the date this Notice is published in the **Federal Register**, whichever is later, providing no comments are received which would result in a contrary determination. The matching program will be in effect and continue for 18 months with an option to renew for 12 additional months unless one of the parties to the agreement advises the other in writing to terminate or modify the agreement.

Issued at Washington, DC.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Endangered and Threatened Species Permits Issued

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

**ACTION:** Notice of permits issued for the months of January 1997–August 1997.

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 3, has taken the following action with regard to permit applications duly received in accordance with section 10 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1539, *et seq.*). Each permit listed as issued was granted only after it was determined that it was applied for in good faith, that by granting the permit it will not be to the disadvantage of the endangered species, and that it will be consistent with the purposes and policy set forth in the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended.

Name	Permit No.	Date issued
Tamara Ross .....	PRT 801463 A1*	5/1/97
TAMS Consultants .....	PRT 801466 A1*	5/29/97
Malacological Consultants .....	PRT 801471 A2*	6/19/97
Malacological Consultants .....	PRT 801471 A3*	7/30/97
Dr. John Whitaker .....	PRT 802777 A3*	3/17/97

Name	Permit No.	Date issued
Dr. John Whitaker .....	PRT 802777 A4*	5/12/97
Dr. Daniel Soluk .....	PRT 805269 A2*	7/9/97
3D/Environmental .....	PRT 809227 A3*	5/28/97
3D/Environmental .....	PRT 809227 A4*	6/5/97
3D/International, Envir Grp .....	PRT 809227 A5*	7/30/97
Dr. Patrick Redig .....	PRT 810396 A1*	5/27/97
Dr. Daniel Hornbach .....	PRT 811008 A1*	2/7/97
Mr. Don Helms .....	PRT 811314 A2*	6/5/97
Thomas C. Erdman .....	PRT 813259	5/14/97
Mark C. Hove .....	PRT 814107 A1*	5/9/97
Midwest Science Center .....	PRT 825176	2/7/97
Wolf Timbers .....	PRT 821343	5/1/97
Dr. Cynthia Rebar .....	PRT 825177	6/12/97
Wisconsin DNR .....	PRT 824384	4/18/97
Wayne P. Steffens .....	PRT 826077	6/9/97
R. Mies/K. Williams .....	PRT 827309	6/16/97
Field Museum of Natural History .....	PRT 829986	8/18/97

\* Indicates permit amendment.

Additional information on these permit actions may be requested by contacting the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Operations, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111-4056, telephone 612/725-3536, during normal business hours (7:30 am-4:00 pm) weekdays.

Dated: August 26, 1997.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Availability of Draft Recovery Plan for Three Plant Species on Nihoa Island for Review and Comment

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

**ACTION:** Notice of document availability.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces the availability for public review of a draft recovery plan for three plant species on Nihoa Island: *Amaranthus brownii*, *Pritchardia remota*, and *Schiedea verticillata*. These species are known only from the island of Nihoa and are federally listed as endangered. The numbers of known remaining populations and individuals are as follows (# of colonies, # of individuals): *Amaranthus brownii* (4, <40), *Pritchardia remota* (4, 680), and *Schiedea verticillata* (10, 359).

**DATES:** Comments on the draft recovery plan received by November 3, 1997 will receive consideration by the Service.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the draft recovery plan are available for inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the following locations: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Islands Ecoregion, Room 3108, 300 Ala Moana Boulevard, P.O. Box 50088, Honolulu, Hawaii 96850 (phone: 808/541-3441). Requests for copies of the draft recovery plan and written comments and materials regarding the plan should be addressed to Brooks Harper, Field Supervisor-Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Islands Ecoregion at the Honolulu address given above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Chris Swenson, at the Honolulu address given above.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Restoring endangered or threatened animals and plants to the point where they are again secure, self-sustaining members of their ecosystem is a primary goal of the Service's endangered species program. To help guide the recovery effort, the Service is working to prepare recovery plans for most of the listed species native to the United States, its Territories and Commonwealths. Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for conservation of the species, establish criteria for the recovery levels for downlisting or delisting them, and estimate time and cost for implementing the recovery measures needed.

The Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) (Act), requires the development of recovery plans for listed species unless such a plan would not promote the conservation of a particular species. Section 4(f) of the Act, as amended in 1988, requires that a public notice and

an opportunity for public review and comment be provided during recovery plan development. The Service will consider all information presented during a public comment period prior to approval of each new or revised recovery plan. Substantive technical comments will result in changes to the plan. Substantive comments regarding recovery plan implementation may not necessarily result in changes to the recovery plan, but will be forwarded to appropriate Federal or other entities so that they can take these comments into account during the course of implementing recovery actions. Individualized responses to comments will not be provided.

The draft plan covers the following three plant taxa, all of which are federally listed as endangered: *Amaranthus brownii*, *Pritchardia remota*, and *Schiedea verticillata*. All of these taxa are believed to be endemic to the island of Nihoa, in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands. However, an uncollected palm, no longer extant, was observed growing on Laysan Island, and may have been a *Pritchardia remota*. These three taxa grow only on Nihoa, which has an area of 0.25 square mile (0.65 square kilometer). Nihoa is part of the Hawaiian Islands National Wildlife Refuge.

Due to the small number of existing individuals and their extremely limited distributions, these taxa and all of their populations are subject to an increased likelihood of extinction and/or reduced reproductive vigor from stochastic events. These taxa and their habitats have been variously affected or are currently threatened by one or more of the following: Fire; potential habitat degradation and competition with alien plants; predation by rodents that could easily be introduced by shipwrecks; introduced insects, possibly leading to