

*Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:*

20 CDCs  $\times$  5 hours = maximum of 100 hours by respondents annually.

*Status of the proposed information collection:* 7 years of reporting remaining for 20 CDCs.

Authority: Sections 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: February 12, 1997.

Howard B. Glaser,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.

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### Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, 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: April 21, 1997.

**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: Josie D. Harrison, Reports Liaison Office, Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451-7th Street, SW, Room 5124, Washington, D.C. 20410-5000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cheryl Kent (202) 708-2333, Extension 348 or (202) 708-1734 (TTY) (these are not toll-free numbers) for copies of the proposed forms and other available documents.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department will submit 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).

The Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected 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, permitting electronic submission of responses.

OMB Control Number: 25290034.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:*

*The information is needed to ensure that HUD's recipients comply with the Section 504 reporting requirements at:*

- 24 CFR 8.21(c)(4) and 24 CFR 8.24 (d)—Transition Plans. Recipients must develop transition plans setting forth the steps necessary to complete structural changes that would make their programs and activities accessible to persons with disabilities;
- 24 CFR 8.51—Self Evaluation. Recipients must evaluate their current policies and practices to determine whether, in whole or in part, they do not or may not meet the requirements of Section 504;
- 24 CFR 8.25(c)—Needs Assessment and Transition Plan. Public/Indian housing authorities must assess the needs of current tenants and applicants on waiting lists for accessible units and assess the extent to which such needs have not been met or cannot reasonably be met. PHAs must develop transition plans setting forth steps necessary to complete structural changes, revealed by the needs assessment, to make their programs and activities accessible to persons with disabilities.

*Agency Form Numbers:* None.

*Members of Affected Public:* All recipients of Federal financial assistance from this Department, including public and private non-profit organizations and qualified persons with disabilities.

Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response. On an annual basis, 200 respondents (HUD recipients) will submit two (2) report(s) to HUD. It is estimated that four (4) hours per annual reporting period will be required of a recipient to prepare either of the reporting requirements for a total of 1600.

Status of the proposed information collection: Revision of a currently approved collection to reflect the

collection of information from HUD recipients only.

Authority: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 44 U.S.C., as amended. Section 7(d) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Act, 42 U.S.C. 3535(d).

Dated: February 12, 1997.

Susan M. Forward,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Investigations.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Availability of Draft Recovery Plan for the Florida Salt Marsh Vole (*Microtus pennsylvanicus dukecampbelli*), for Review and Comment

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

**ACTION:** Notice of document availability and public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces the availability for public review of a draft recovery plan for the Florida salt marsh vole (*Microtus pennsylvanicus dukecampbelli*), a federally endangered rodent that is known from only one site in Waccasassa Bay, near Cedar Key, Levy County, Florida. The Service solicits review and comment from the public on this draft plan.

**DATES:** Comments on the draft recovery plan must be received on or before April 21, 1997 to receive consideration by the Service.

**ADDRESSES:** Persons wishing to review the draft recovery plan may obtain a copy by contacting the Field Supervisor, Jacksonville Field Office, Fish and Wildlife Service, 6620 Southpoint Drive South, Suite 310, Jacksonville, Florida 32216 (Telephone: 904-232-2580, FAX 904-232-2404). Written comments and materials regarding the plan should be addressed to the Field Supervisor, at the above address. Comments and materials received are available on request for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Linda Finger at the above address (Telephone: 904-232-2580 ext. 107).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Restoring endangered or threatened plants and animals to the point where they are secure self-sustaining members

of their ecosystems 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. Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for conservation of the species, establish criteria for the recovery levels for downlisting or delisting species, and estimate time and cost for implementing the recovery measures needed.

The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act), as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) 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 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. The Service and other Federal agencies will take these comments into account in the course of implementing approved recovery plans.

The Florida salt marsh vole inhabits one known coastal marsh site in Levy County, Florida. The vole is limited by two factors, an extremely restricted range encompassing only one known population, and the threat of losing this population to a storm event or population fluctuations.

The immediate goal of this recovery plan is to prevent extinction of the salt marsh vole by protecting the existing population. The actions needed to recover this species are: (1) Protect existing population, (2) conduct surveys to locate additional populations, and (3) conduct life history studies.

#### Public Comments Solicited

The Service solicits written comments on the recovery plan. All comments received by the date specified above will be considered prior to the approval of the plans.

#### Authority

The authority for this action is section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533(f).

David Hankla,  
Field Supervisor.

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#### **Availability of an Environmental Assessment and Receipt of an Application for an Incidental Take Permit for Obyan Beach Resort Associates, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (Commonwealth)**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises the public that Obyan Beach Resort Associates has applied to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for an incidental take permit pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. The application has been assigned permit number PRT-824821. The proposed permit would authorize the incidental take of nightingale reed-warblers (*Acrocephalus luscini*), federally listed as endangered, and/or nightingale reed-warbler habitat during the construction of a proposed 36-hole golf course and resort. The Micronesian megapode (*Megapodius laperouse*) also occurs on site but is not expected to be impacted by this project. Green sea turtles (*Chelonia mydas*) may nest at a beach near the project site, but outside of the project boundaries, and are not expected to be impacted by this project. The permit would be in effect for 50 years.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service also announces the availability of an Environmental Assessment for the incidental take permit application, which includes the proposed Habitat Conservation Plan fully describing the proposed project and mitigation, and the accompanying Implementing Agreement. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act and National Environmental Policy Act regulations (40 CFR 1506.6). All comments, including names and addresses, received will become part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

**DATES:** Written comments on the permit application, Environmental Assessment and Implementing Agreement should be received on or before March 24, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments regarding the application or adequacy of the Environmental Assessment and Implementing Agreement should be addressed to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Islands Office, 300 Ala Moana Blvd., Room 3108, P.O. Box 50088, Honolulu, HI 96850. Please refer to permit number PRT-824821 when submitting comments. Individuals wishing to obtain review copies of the application, Environmental Assessment,

or Implementing Agreement should immediately contact the above office. Documents also will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Brooks Harper, Ms. Karen Evans or Dr. Annie Marshall, Pacific Islands Office, 808-541-3441.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 9 of the Endangered Species Act prohibits the "taking" of a species listed as threatened or endangered. However, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, under limited circumstances, may issue permits to take listed species incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Regulations governing permits for threatened species are promulgated in 50 CFR 17.32; regulations governing permits for endangered species are promulgated in 50 CFR 17.22.

#### Background

Obyan Beach Resort Associates propose to construct a 36-hole golf course and resort on the southeastern part of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Obyan Beach Resort Associates seeks coverage for impacts to 814 acres that contain nightingale reed-warbler habitat. To compensate for project impacts, Obyan Beach Resort Associates will: (1) Minimize on-site impacts and maintain habitat on site for 10 pairs of nightingale reed-warblers, and (2) work with the local Commonwealth government to establish the Saipan Wildlife Mitigation Bank, that will consist of 3 conservation sites located north of the project site. The mitigation sites provide suitable habitat for nightingale reed-warbler (tangantangan forest and mixed tangantangan/grassland mosaic). Obyan Beach Resort Associates will work with the Commonwealth government to ensure that the mitigation bank is secure through the promulgation of regulations and will provide funding for long-term management of the mitigation sites. Other measures are specified in the Habitat Conservation Plan to minimize potential for take during construction activities.

The Environmental Assessment considers the environmental consequences of three alternatives. Alternative 3, the proposed action, consists of the issuance of an incidental take permit and implementation of the Habitat Conservation Plan and its Implementing Agreement. This alternative is preferred because: (1) It satisfies the purpose and needs of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and