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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services
Administration

Agency Information Collection
Activities: Submission for OMB
Review; Comment Request

Periodically, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) publishes abstracts of information collection requests under review by the Office of Management and Budget, in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35). To request a copy of the clearance requests submitted to OMB for review, call the HRSA Reports Clearance Office on (301) 443–1129.

The following request has been submitted to the Office of Management

and Budget for review under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995:

Proposed Project: National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Travel Request Worksheet, Non-Federal Personnel—In Use Without Approval

The National Health Service Corps (NHSC), of the HRSA's Bureau of Health Professions (BHP), is committed to improving the health of the Nation's underserved by uniting communities in need with caring health professionals and by supporting communities' efforts to build better systems of care.

The NHSC (sections 331–338 of the Public Health Service Act) collects data on its programs to ensure compliance with legislative mandates and to report to Congress and policymakers on program accomplishments. To meet these objectives, the NHSC requires a core set of information collected annually that is appropriate for monitoring and evaluating performance and reporting on annual trends.

The Travel Request Worksheet is used by NHSC Scholarship Program recipients to receive travel funds from the Federal Government to perform pre-employment interviews at sites on the Approved Practice List. The travel approval process is initiated when the scholar notifies the NHSC's In-Service Support Branch or the respective Bureau of Prisons, Indian Health Service, or Immigration and Naturalization Service recruitment office of an impending interview at one or more NHSC approved practice sites.

The Travel Request Worksheet is also used to initiate the relocation process after an NHSC scholar has successfully match to an approved practice site. Upon receipt of the Travel Request Worksheet, the NHSC will review and approve or disapprove the request and promptly notify the NHSC contractor whether to authorize the funding for the relocation.

Estimates of annualized reporting burden are as follows:

Type of respondent	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Hours per response (minutes)	Total burden hours
Health Care Professionals	311	2	4	41

Written comments and recommendations concerning the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of this notice to: Allison Eydt, Human Resources and Housing Branch, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, Fax Number 202–395–6974.

Dated: August 5, 2003.

Jane M. Harrison,
Director, Division of Policy Review and Coordination.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Office of Federal Housing Enterprise
Oversight

Strategic Plan

AGENCY: Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, HUD.

ACTION: Solicitation of comments for updating the Strategic Plan.

SUMMARY: The Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight (OFHEO) is soliciting comments on its revised Strategic Plan. In accordance with the requirements of the Government

Performance and Results Act of 1993 that agencies update their Strategic Plans every three years, OFHEO has developed its draft 2003–2008 Strategic Plan and is soliciting the views and suggestions of those entities potentially affected by or interested in the plan. OFHEO's draft Strategic Plan, for FY 2003–2008, may be viewed on the OFHEO Web site at www.ofheo.gov/OFHEOReports.asp.

DATES: Written comments regarding the draft Strategic Plan may be received through August 27, 2003.

ADDRESSES: All comments concerning the notice should be addressed to: Susan S. Jacobs, Associate Director, Office of Strategic Planning and Management, Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, 1700 G Street, NW., Third Floor, Washington, DC 20552. Comments may also be submitted via electronic mail to: StrategicPlan@ofheo.gov. OFHEO requests that written comments submitted in hard copy also be accompanied by the electronic version in MS Word or in portable document format (PDF) on 3.5" disk.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan S. Jacobs, Associate Director, Office of Strategic Planning and Management, Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, 1700 G Street,

NW., Third Floor, Washington, DC 20552, telephone (202) 414–3821 (not a toll-free number). The telephone number for the Telecommunications Device for the Deaf is: (800) 877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight (OFHEO) is charged by Congress, as established in Title XIII of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992, known as the Federal Housing Enterprises Financial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992, with the mandate of overseeing the Federal National Mortgage Association and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (the "Enterprises").

Three years ago, OFHEO adopted a Strategic Plan covering FY 2000–2005. Section 306 of the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (GPRA), 31 U.S.C. 1115 *et seq.*, requires that agencies update and revise their Strategic Plans every three years. OFHEO has drafted a new plan for FY 2003–2008 that describes the agency's mission, strategic goals, and strategies to achieve them. This plan will provide a framework for the years ahead. OFHEO uses its Strategic Plan to guide each year's performance goals, which are described in OFHEO's Annual Performance Plans. They may be viewed

on the OFHEO Web site at <http://www.ofheo.gov> in the "News Center & FOIA" section under "Reports."

In today's notice, OFHEO is soliciting comments to be considered on its revised plan. OFHEO will then submit its Strategic Plan pursuant to the statutory requirements.

Dated: August 5, 2003.

Armando Falcon, Jr.,

Director, Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Notice of Availability; Final Environmental Impact Statement on Double-Crested Cormorant Management

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of Final Environmental Impact Statement on double-crested cormorant management.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public of the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) on double-crested cormorant management. The FEIS follows publication of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and a proposed rule, each of which had extensive public comment periods. The FEIS analyzes the direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts related to double-crested cormorant management and provides the public with responses to comments received on the DEIS.

DATES: The period of availability for public review for the FEIS ends 30 days following publication of the EPA notice of availability in the **Federal Register**. After that date, we will publish a final rule and Record of Decision.

ADDRESSES: You can obtain a copy of the FEIS by writing to the Division of Migratory Bird Management, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, MBSP-4107, Arlington, VA 22203; by emailing us at cormorants@fws.gov; or by calling us at 703/358-1714. We will also post the FEIS on our Web site at <http://migratorybirds.fws.gov/issues/cormorant/cormorant.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian Millsap, Chief, Division of Migratory Bird Management, at 703/358-1714.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 8, 1999, we published a

notice in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 60826) announcing our intent to prepare, in cooperation with the Wildlife Services program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS/WS), an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to address "impacts caused by population and range expansion of the double-crested cormorant [DCCO] in the contiguous United States." The notice of intent also marked the beginning of a public scoping period. The purpose of scoping, which included 12 public meetings, was to identify significant issues to be addressed in the EIS. More than 900 people attended the public scoping meetings, with 239 providing oral comments, and over 1,450 people submitted written comments. Comments fell into two categories: issues of concern and suggested management options. Issues of concern included impacts on sport fishing, local economies, aquaculture/commercial fishing, bird species, ecological balance, vegetation, human health and safety, and private property. Management options that were suggested included controlling DCCO populations, not managing DCCOs, removing DCCOs from the protection of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, hunting, focusing on non-lethal control, allowing State management of DCCOs, changing the permit policy, oiling eggs, giving APHIS/WS more authority, basing decisions on the best science, using population objectives, and increasing education efforts. The scoping period ended on June 16, 2000.

On December 3, 2001, we published a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the availability of the DEIS for public review (66 FR 60218). This was followed by a 100-day public comment period, which included 10 public meetings. The DEIS analyzed the predicted environmental impacts of six management alternatives for addressing problems associated with increasing DCCO populations. These management alternatives were: (1) No Action, or continue current cormorant management practices (Alternative A); (2) implement only nonlethal management techniques (Alternative B); (3) expand current cormorant damage management practices (Alternative C); (4) establish a new depredation order to address public resource conflicts (Alternative D — proposed action); (5) reduce regional cormorant populations (Alternative E); and (6) establish frameworks for a cormorant hunting season (Alternative F). The biological and socioeconomic resource categories

evaluated in relation to each alternative included DCCO populations, fish, other birds, vegetation, federally listed threatened and endangered species, water quality and human health, economic impacts (aquaculture and recreational fishing economies), fish hatcheries and environmental justice, property losses, and existence and aesthetic values.

We received 994 letters, faxes, and email messages commenting on the DEIS. Of the 994 letters received, 764 of these stated a preference for a specific alternative. These results were: 32.2 percent chose Alternative D (proposed action) as the best alternative; 25.8 percent chose Alternative E (population reduction); 16.9 percent chose Alternative A (No Action); 11.8 percent chose Alternative F (hunting); 11.8 percent chose Alternative B (non-lethal methods); and <1 percent chose Alternative C (increased local damage control). Our responses to significant comments can be found in Chapter 7 of the FEIS.

In response to concerns about the public resource depredation order being too broad in scope, we made two changes to the order which were subsequently described in a proposed rule published in the **Federal Register** on March 17, 2003 (68 FR 12653). These changes limit the public resource depredation order to 24 States (rather than the 48 originally proposed in the DEIS) and limit its applicability to land and freshwater (not saltwater). The 24 States were chosen based on locations of significant numbers of wintering, migrating, or breeding birds from the Interior and Southern DCCO populations. Saltwater areas were excluded because impacts have not been documented there.

Additionally, we changed the order so that it applied only to State fish and wildlife agencies, federally recognized Tribes, and APHIS/WS, and we expanded allowable control techniques to include egg oiling, egg and nest destruction, cervical dislocation, shooting, and CO₂ asphyxiation. APHIS/WS was added since it is the chief Federal wildlife damage control agency and has considerable expertise in managing DCCOs. Control techniques were selected to include all effective and humane techniques. As stated in the proposed rule, these modifications do not constitute significant changes to the DEIS analysis and are addressed, as needed, in the FEIS.

Following publication of the proposed rule, the public had 60 days to provide comments. This comment period led to additional modifications to the proposed action, including the addition