regional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education,

area-wide planning organizations (APO), and States.

Frequency of Submission: On occasion of application, annually.

	Number of respondents	×	Annual responses	×	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
Reporting Burden	90		210		16		3,300

Total Estimated Burden Hours: 3,300. Status: Request for an extension of a currently approved collection.

Authority: Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 35, as amended.

Dated: January 28, 2004.

Wayne Eddins,

Departmental Reports Management Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer. [FR Doc. E4-184 Filed 2-4-04; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4210-27-P

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND **URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-4912-N-02]

Notice of Availability of a Final **Environmental Impact Statement for** the Salishan Revitalization Project, City of Tacoma, WA

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD. ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Housing and Urban Development gives notice to the public, agencies, and Indian tribes that a final Environmental Impact Statement for the Salishan Revitalization Project, City of Tacoma, WA will be available for a 30-day review period beginning today. This notice is given on behalf of the City of Tacoma, WA as the responsible entity for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 24 CFR 58.4, and the City of Tacoma, WA jointly with the Tacoma Housing Authority (THA), and under their authority as lead agencies in accordance with the Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)(RCW 43.21). This notice advises that a NEPA/ SEPA Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the redevelopment of the Salishan housing project will be available. A NEPA Record of Decision (ROD) will be issued after the 30-day availability period. This notice is given in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations at 40 CFR 1500-1508. The City of Tacoma's SEPA regulations (TMC 13.12.460 and TMC 13.12.680) provide a 14-day Hearing Examiner appeal period from the date of the issuance of

the FEIS and a 15-day period from FEIS issuance limiting any land use action on the proposal (with a potential extension of the limitation on action as a result of any appeal). The NEPA review period and SEPA appeal period will run concurrently from the issuance of the FEIS.

DATES: Comments Due Date: Comments must be received by March 8. 2004. Comments are to be submitted to Karie Hayashi at the address below.

ADDRESSES: The FEIS is available on the Internet and can be viewed or downloaded at: *http://* govme.cityoftacoma.org/govme/ panelBeta/permitInfo/LandUse/ landUse. Hard copies of the FEIS are available from: Karie Hayashi, Land Use Administration Planner, City of Tacoma, 747 Market Street, Tacoma, Washington, 98402; e-mail:

khayashi@cityoftacoma.org; phone: (253) 591-5387; fax: (253) 591-5433. The document can also be viewed at the following libraries: Pierce County Library, Main Branch, Tacoma Public Library, and the University of Washington, Tacoma Campus Library.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karie Havashi, Land Use Administration Planner, City of Tacoma, 747 Market Street, Tacoma, Washington 98402; Phone (253) 591-5387 fax: (253) 591-5433; e-mail:

khayashi@cityoftacoma.org.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Salishan Public Housing Development (Salishan) was originally constructed in 1942 as wartime housing. Located in what is known as the East Side neighborhood, Salishan is bordered on the west by Portland Avenue and on the east by Swan Creek. There are currently 786 housing units on the site and other related community/social service buildings.

In 2000, THA submitted a successful HOPE VI grant application for the redevelopment of Salishan. The amount of the HOPE VI grant awarded in connection with the Salishan revitalization project was \$35 million. Under the proposed Revitalization Plan, existing housing will be demolished and Salishan will be redeveloped into a mixed-use, mixed-income community of approximately 1,270 to 1,500 units. The project will require the relocation of all

existing residents. The new unit mix will incorporate low-income, affordable, and market rate housing with singleand multi-family dwellings, and senior and special needs housing. The redevelopment project will also include a mixture of commercial uses and improvements to community facilities such as expanding the existing health clinic, day care, family investment center, and gymnasium. Alternatives that were considered in the EIS included a no action alternative, a 1.270-unit alternative, and a 1.500-unit development. The FEIS identifies a Preferred Alternative (the 1,500-unit development), which was chosen following review of public and agency comments and the analysis in the Draft EIS.

Issuance of the FEIS will trigger a 30day review period, after which a ROD will be issued. The issuance of the ROD will conclude a planning and environmental review process, which started with the notice of intent to prepare an EIS dated February 28, 2003. A 30-day scoping period was subsequently initiated and a public scoping meeting was held on March 19, 2003. The Draft EIS was made available for a 45-day comment period on September 5, 2003 (68 FR 52417). A public comment meeting to take oral comments on the Draft EIS was held on September 22, 2003.

Dated: January 28, 2004.

Roy A. Bernardi,

Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development. [FR Doc. E4-182 Filed 2-4-04; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4210-27-P

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Central Utah Project Completion Act

AGENCY: Department of the Interior, Office of the Assistant Secretary-Water and Science.

ACTION: Extension of public comment period, Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), Lower Duchesne **River Wetlands Mitigation Project**, Duchesne and Uintah Counties, Utah.

SUMMARY: On November 24, 2003, the Department of the Interior (Department) and Utah Reclamation Mitigation and

Conservation Commission (Mitigation Commission) announced the availability for public review and comment of the Draft DEIS for the Lower Duchesne River Wetlands Mitigation Project (68 FR 65943). This project has been planned in conjunction with the Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Agency and is intended to fulfill longstanding commitments to mitigate for impacts to Ute Indian tribal and nontribal wetland-wildlife habitats arising from construction and operation of the Bonneville Unit, and to provide additional wetland/wildlife benefits to the Ute Indian Tribe. The Proposed Action and alternatives improve existing, and restore prior existing, wetlands to replace wetland resources, especially Ute Indian Tribal resources, lost or adversely impacted by the Bonneville Unit, Central Utah Project. Three public meetings were announced and the public was invited to submit comments on the adequacy of the DEIS and the assessment of environmental impacts until January 16, 2004. Based on comments received, the Department and Mitigation Commission have decided to extend the public comment period until February 17, 2004. Comments already received will remain on file and need not be resubmitted.

DATES: The public is invited to submit written comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), Lower Duchesne River Wetlands Mitigation Project until February 17, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the DEIS should be addressed to: Mr. Ron Groves, Director, Wissiups Wetlands Project, Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 190, Ft. Duchesne, Utah 84026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of the Draft EIS and the resource technical reports can be obtained by contacting Mr. Ron Groves, Director, Wissiups Wetlands Project, Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 190, Ft. Duchesne, Utah 84026, Telephone: (435) 722–5867, Email address: wetlands@ubtanet.com.

Copies of the DEIS are also available for inspection at:

- Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission, 102 West 500 South, Suite 315, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101.
- Department of the Interior, Central Utah Project Completion Act Office, 302 East 1860 South, Provo, Utah 84606.
- Department of the Interior, Natural Resource Library, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240.
- Duchesne County Library, 70 East Lagoon, Roosevelt, Utah 84066.

Headquarters, Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Agency, 988 South 7500 East, Ft. Duchesne, Utah 84026. Information on other matters related to this notice may be obtained by calling or writing Mr. Ralph G. Swanson, Program Coordinator, CUP Completion Act Office, Department of the Interior, 302 East 1860 South, Provo UT 84606– 6154, Telephone (801) 379–1254, E-mail address: rswanson@uc.usbr.gov.

Dated: January 16, 2004.

Ronald Johnston,

CUP Program Director, Department of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Receipt of Applications for Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

SUMMARY: The public is invited to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species and/or marine mammals.

DATES: Written data, comments or requests must be received by March 8, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203; fax 703/358–2281.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Division of Management Authority, telephone 703/358–2104.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Endangered Species

The public is invited to comment on the following applications for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of these complete applications should be submitted to the Director (address above). *Applicant:* University of Georgia, Infectious Disease Laboratory, Athens, Georgia, PRT–009445.

The applicant requests renewal of a permit to import samples from wild or captive-held birds (class Aves) for the purpose of scientific research/study of infectious diseases. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

Endangered Marine Mammals and Marine Mammals

The public is invited to comment on the following applications for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered marine mammals and/or marine mammals. The applications were submitted to satisfy requirements of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, et seq.) and/or the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.), and the regulations governing endangered species (50 CFR part 17) and/or marine mammals (50 CFR part 18). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of the complete applications or requests for a public hearing on these applications should be submitted to the Director (address above). Anyone requesting a hearing should give specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate. The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Director.

Applicant: Albert A. Cheramie, Golden Meadow, LA, PRT–082026.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Western Hudson Bay, polar bear population in Canada for personal use.

Applicant: Edward L. Keller, Mt. Clemens, MI, PRT–081346.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Davis Strait polar bear population in Canada prior to February 18, 1997, for personal use.

Applicant: S. Mark Rayburg, Lower Burrell, PA, PRT–082017.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Gulf of Boothia polar bear population in Canada prior to February 18, 1997, for personal use.

Applicant: Ronald K. Montgomery, Tulsa, OK, PRT–082018.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Gulf of Boothia polar bear population in Canada prior to February 18, 1997, for personal use.

Applicant: Robert M. Stuck, Clover, SC, PRT–082019.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*)