

to allow for compliance with the special area discharge standards in the Annex, the IMO has not yet established a date for the WCR special area to come into effect.

When the WCR special area enters into effect, the more restrictive discharge standards in 33 CFR 151.71 and Regulation 5 of MARPOL Annex V will also enter into effect. In general, these regulations prohibit the discharge of all garbage from a ship in special areas except food wastes. The discharge of food wastes must be made as far as practicable from land, but in any case not less than 12 nautical miles from the nearest land. However, in the WCR special area food wastes comminuted or ground and capable of passing through a screen with openings no greater than 25 millimeters may be discharged not less than 3 nautical miles from the nearest land.

The Coast Guard will not speculate as to a time line, and there currently is no time line, for the WCR special area coming into effect. In anticipation of the WCR special area entering into effect at some point in the future, the Coast Guard invites the public, commercial interests, local, State, Federal agencies, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), public interest groups, trade organizations, and all other interested parties to comment on the WCR special area entering into effect.

The Coast Guard is specifically interested in identifying all issues that impact port reception facilities, commercial shipping vessels, and recreational vessels operating in the WCR special area and in obtaining recommendations to address those issues. The Coast Guard seeks input on the following general issues:

- Additional MARPOL Annex V port reception facility capacity needed when the WCR special area goes in to effect;
- The impact on MARPOL Annex V cargo residues within the WCR special area;
- Impacts of MARPOL Annex V waste collection requirements on local/regional waste disposal capacity and infrastructure located within ports in the WCR special area;
- Time needed to ensure compliance with WCR special area discharge standards.

The Coast Guard would also like to receive public input concerning the following questions:

- How many vessels operating in the WCR currently treat it as a special area and adhere to the special area discharge standards?
- What would be the operational impact to vessels discharging MARPOL Annex V garbage, including cargo

residues and cargo hold wash-water containing cargo residue at a port reception facility?

- Is there current capability to accept MARPOL Annex V cargo residues and cargo residue wash-water from vessels, and do cargo vessels currently use this type of reception facility?

- How much additional MARPOL Annex V garbage would need to be offloaded at port reception facilities, and will currently adequate port reception facilities still be adequate when the WCR special area goes into effect?

- What effect, if any, will the discharge restrictions in the WCR special area have on U.S. port and terminal operators holding a Certificate of Adequacy (COA)?

- Will U.S. port and facility operators be able to meet increased quantity and capacity requirements and ensure that port reception facilities can meet the needs of all vessels calling at their ports?

- How many vessels operate solely within the WCR special area?

Written comments and responses to the above questions will be added to the docket number for this notice (USCG–2009–0365). The Coast Guard intends to review and analyze all comments received in order to develop a way forward for the implementation of the discharge standards when the WCR special area comes into effect.

This notice is issued under authority of 33 CFR 151.53(b) and 5 U.S.C. 552.

Dated: July 30, 2009.

**J.G. Lantz,**

*Director of Commercial Regulations and Standards.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

**[Docket No. FR–5308–N–02]**

### **Notice of Availability: Implementation of the Tax Credit Assistance Program (TCAP) Changes and Clarifications**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** On May 4, 2009, HUD posted on its Web site a notice establishing the submission requirements, eligible uses, fund commitment and expenditure deadlines, fund distribution, and other requirements for the Tax Credit Assistance Program (TCAP) authorized by section 2, Division A, Title XII of the

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Pub. L. 111–5, approved February 17, 2009). Through this document, HUD announces that it has posted on its Web site a revised notice that changes and clarifies a number of TCAP program requirements established in the document posted on May 4, 2009. The changes to the notice include the expansion of the definition of eligible TCAP projects to include projects that have received or will receive Gulf Opportunity Zone and Midwestern Disaster Area Housing Credits, as provided for under section 1204 of the 2009 Supplemental Appropriations Act (Pub. L. 111–32, approved June 24, 2009). The revised notice also provides for the use of additional reporting information that has now become available from both the Department and the Office of Management and Budget, and the addition of acquisition, on-site demolition costs, and hazardous material remediation costs to the eligible TCAP program costs. Please see the revised document for all changes made. The revised notice is available on the HUD Web site at: <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tax-credit.cfm>.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Clifford Taffet, Director, Office of Affordable Housing, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 7162, Washington, DC 20410–3000; telephone 1–800–998–9999. Hearing- or speech-impaired individuals may access the voice telephone number listed above by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service during working hours at 800–877–8339.

Dated: July 30, 2009.

**Nelson R. Bregón,**

*General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

### **National Park Service**

#### **60-Day Notice of Intention To Request Clearance of Collection of Information; Opportunity for Public Comment**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The National Park Service (NPS) plans to submit a request to OMB to renew approval of the collection of information in 36 CFR part 51, regarding the submission of offers in response to concession opportunities. NPS will be

requesting a 3-year term of approval for this information collection activity.

**DATES:** Public comments on this Information Collection Request (ICR) will be accepted on or before October 5, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to: Ms. Jo A. Pendry, Chief, Commercial Services Program, National Park Service, 1201 Eye Street, NW., 11th Floor, Washington, DC 20005, or via e-mail at [jo\\_pendry@nps.gov](mailto:jo_pendry@nps.gov), or via fax at 202/371-2090.

*To Request a Draft of Proposed Collection of Information Contact:* Ms. Jo A. Pendry, Chief, Commercial Services Program, National Park Service, 1201 Eye Street, NW., 11th Floor, Washington, DC 20005 or via fax at 202/371-2090. You are entitled to a copy of the entire ICR package free-of-charge.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number.

*OMB Control Number:* 1024-0125.

*Title:* Submission of Offers in

Response to Concession Opportunities.

*Current Expiration Date:* 01/31/2010.

*Form(s):* None.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection of information.

*Abstract:* The regulations at 36 CFR part 51 primarily implement Title IV of the National Parks Omnibus Management Act of 1998 (Pub. L. 105-391 or the Act), which provides legislative authority, policies and requirements for the solicitation, award and administration of National Park Service (NPS) concession contracts. The regulations require the submission of offers by parties interested in applying for a NPS concession contract.

*Affected public:* Businesses and nonprofit organizations.

*Obligation to respond:* Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

*Frequency of response:* On occasion.

*Estimated total annual responses:* 240.

*Estimated average completion time per response:* 320 hours.

*Estimated annual reporting burden:* 76,800 hours.

*Estimated annual nonhour cost burden:* \$1,120,000.

*Comments are invited on:* (1) The practical utility of the information being gathered; (2) the accuracy of the burden hour estimate; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4)

ways to minimize the burden to respondents, including use of automated information collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail 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 NPS will be able to do so. All responses to the notice will be summarized and included in the request for the Office of Management and Budget approval.

Dated: August 3, 2009.

**Cartina Miller,**

*NPS Information Collection Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

**[FWS-R7-R-2009-N135; 70133-1265-0000-U4]**

#### Izembek National Wildlife Refuge, Cold Bay, AK

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), intend to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a proposed land exchange of certain lands owned by the State of Alaska and certain lands owned by the King Cove Corporation and evaluation of a road corridor through the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge and the Izembek Wilderness Area. We furnish this notice to advise the public and other agencies of our intentions and to seek information and suggestions on the scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS. Special mailings, newspaper articles, and other media releases will announce additional opportunities to provide written and oral input.

**DATES:** While we are initiating the EIS, progress will be dependent on specific appropriations to fund this effort. Public scoping meetings will be held in Washington, DC, as well as in Anchorage, King Cove, Cold Bay, Sand Point, and Nelson Lagoon in Alaska. At least 30 days prior to each meeting, we will announce dates, times, and locations.

**ADDRESSES:** Additional information concerning the proposed land exchange is at <http://izembek.fws.gov/EIS.htm>. Send your comments or requests for information by any of the following methods:

- *E-mail:* [izembek\\_eis@fws.gov](mailto:izembek_eis@fws.gov);
- *Fax:* Attn: Helen Clough, (907) 786-3965; or

- *U.S. Mail:* Helen Clough, Project Coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1011 East Tudor Rd., MS-231, Anchorage, AK 99503.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Helen Clough, 907-786-3357 (phone), or at the addresses above.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Izembek National Wildlife Refuge (417,533 acres) and the North Creek (8,452 acres) and Pavlof (1,447,264 acres) units of the Alaska Peninsula National Wildlife Refuge are located at the westernmost tip of the Alaska Peninsula. The 1,008,697-acre Unimak Island (the easternmost Aleutian Island of the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge) lies across the Isanotski Strait. To the north of the Izembek Refuge is the Bering Sea; to the south is the Pacific Ocean. The Alaska Peninsula is dominated by the rugged Aleutian Range, part of the Aleutian arc chain of volcanoes. Landforms include mountains, active volcanoes, U-shaped valleys, glacial moraines, low tundra wetlands, lakes, sand dunes, and lagoons. Elevations range from sea level to the 9,372-foot Shishaldin Volcano. Shishaldin Volcano is a designated National Natural Landmark. Several major lagoons are within the Izembek Refuge boundary. These lagoons contain some of the world's largest eelgrass beds. The lagoons are under the jurisdiction of the State of Alaska. Izembek Lagoon is designated the Izembek State Game Refuge. Birds from all over the Arctic funnel through Izembek Refuge each fall on their way to wintering grounds throughout the world. More than 98 percent of the world's Pacific black brant use Izembek Lagoon as a staging area for their fall migration to Mexico. Other birds that use the refuge include golden plovers, ruddy turnstones, western sandpipers, tundra swans, Steller's eiders, and emperor geese. The refuge also is home to large concentrations of brown bears and other large mammals such as caribou and wolves. The red, pink, chum, and silver salmon that use the waters within the refuge enrich the entire ecosystem with the nutrients they bring from the sea. The refuge also has a rich human history, from ancient settlements of Alaska Natives, through the 18th and 19th century Russian fur