

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this notice, contact Thomas Scott Kuhaneck, Domestic Vessel Compliance Division (G-MOC-1), U.S. Coast Guard, telephone 202-267-0240, or e-mail: TKuhaneck@comdt.uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Andrea M. Jenkins, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202-366-0271.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Participation and Request for Comments

We encourage you to respond to our request for comments, by submitting comments and related materials. All comments received will be posted, without change, to <http://dms.dot.gov> and will include any personal information you have provided. We have an agreement with the Department of Transportation (DOT) to use the Docket Management Facility. Please see DOT's "Privacy Act" three paragraphs below.

Submitting comments: If you submit a comment, please include your name and address, identify docket number (USCG-2004-19977), indicate the specific question, and give the reason for each comment. You may submit your comments and material by electronic means, mail, fax, or delivery to the Docket Management Facility at the address under **ADDRESSES**; but please submit your comments and material by only one means. If you submit them by mail or delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit them by mail and would like to know that they reached the Facility, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. We will consider all comments and material received during the comment period.

Viewing comments and documents: To view comments, as well as documents mentioned in this notice as being available in the docket, go to <http://dms.dot.gov> at any time and conduct a simple search using the docket number. You may also visit the Docket Management Facility in room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Privacy Act: Anyone can search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review the Department of

Transportation's Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477), or you may visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Public Meeting

The meeting will be held—
 • February 10, 2005, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., at Hyatt Regency New Orleans, Cabildo Room, Poydras at Loyola Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70113.

Questions

We need the public's assistance in answering the following questions, and any additional information provided on this topic is welcome.

In responding to each question, please explain your reasons for each answer as specifically as possible so that we can carefully weigh the consequences and impacts of any future actions we may take.

(1) Towing vessels of a certain size (300 or more gross register tons) are already inspected vessels and are subject to a variety of existing requirements. Should the Coast Guard use any of these existing standards (or standards for other types of inspected vessels) for incorporation into the new regulations regarding the inspection of towing vessels? If so, which regulations or standards should be incorporated into these new regulations?

(2) Title 46, United States Code, specifies the items covered with regard to inspected vessels including lifesaving, firefighting, hull, propulsion equipment, machinery and vessel equipment. However, the legislation that added towing vessels to the list of inspected vessels, authorized that the Coast Guard may prescribe different standards for towing vessels than for other types of inspected vessels. What, if any, different standards should be considered with regard to inspected towing vessel requirements from other inspected vessels?

(3) Towing vessels vary widely in terms of size, horsepower, areas of operation, and type of operation. Under what circumstances, if any, should a towing vessel be exempt from the requirements as an inspected vessel?

(4) Should existing towing vessels be given time to implement requirements, be "grandfathered" altogether from them, or should this practice vary from requirement to requirement?

(5) Should existing towing vessels be treated differently from towing vessels yet to be built?

(6) The same act that requires inspection of towing vessels authorizes the Coast Guard to develop a safety management system appropriate for the towing vessels. If such a system is

developed, should its use be required for all inspected towing vessels?

(7) Examples of existing safety management systems include the international safety management (ISM) code and the American Waterways Operators Responsible Carrier Program. If a safety management system is used, what elements should be included in such a system?

Procedural

The meeting is open to the public. Attendees may make oral presentations during the meeting. Please note that the meeting may close early if all business is finished.

Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact Thomas Scott Kuhaneck at the address under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** as soon as possible.

Dated: January 31, 2005.

Howard L. Hime,

Acting Director of Standards, Marine Safety, Security, and Environmental Protection, U.S. Coast Guard.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Information Collection Renewal To Be Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Approval Under the Paperwork Reduction Act; State Certification of Expenditures, Public Law 106-408; OMB Control No. 1018-0117

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Fish and Wildlife Service (We) plans to submit the collection of information described below to OMB for renewal under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs Improvement Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-408) requires that States certify annually in writing that their expenditures of Federal grant funds under the Federal Aid in Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Acts were in accordance with the appropriate Act.

DATES: You must submit comments on or before April 4, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments on this information collection to Hope

Grey, Information Collection Clearance Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 222-ARLSQ, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203; *hope_grey@fws.gov* (email); or (703) 358-2269 (fax).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request a copy of the information collection requirements, explanatory information, form, or related materials, contact Hope Grey at the above addresses or by telephone at 703-358-2482.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OMB regulations at 5 CFR part 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), require that interested members

of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (*see* 5 CFR 1320.8(d)).

We administer grant programs authorized by the Federal Aid in Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Acts. The Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs Improvement Act of 2000 requires that States certify annually in writing that their expenditures of these Federal grants funds were in accordance with the appropriate Act. We must forward these certifications to Congress annually by December 31. The OMB control number for this information collection is 1018-0117, and the OMB approval for this

collection expires on May 31, 2005. We plan to send a request to OMB to renew its approval of this information collection for a 3-year term. 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 OMB control number.

Title: State Certification of Expenditures, Public Law 106-408.
OMB Control Number: 1018-0117.
Form Number: FWS Form 3-2197a.
Frequency of Collection: Annually.
Description of Respondents: States, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, District of Columbia, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, U.S. Virgin Islands, and American Samoa.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Name	Completion time per form	Total annual number of responses	Total annual burden hours
State certification of spending (FWS Form 3-2197a)	30 minutes	56	28

We invite comments on: (1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether or not the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimates of burden of the collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and, (4) ways to minimize the burden of collection of information on respondents, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: January 21, 2005.

Hope Grey,

Information Collection Clearance Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment for Rice Lake and Mille Lacs National Wildlife Refuges in East Central Minnesota and Horicon and Fox River National Wildlife Refuges (NWR) in Southeast Wisconsin

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) intends to gather information necessary to prepare Comprehensive Conservation Plans (CCP) and Environmental Assessments (EA) for the following National Wildlife Refuges: Rice Lake NWR in Aitkin and Pine Counties, Minnesota and Mille Lacs NWR in Mille Lacs County, Minnesota, which are managed by Rice Lake NWR staff, and Horicon NWR in Dodge and Fond du Lac Counties, Wisconsin and Fox River NWR in Marquette County, Wisconsin, which are managed by Horicon NWR staff. The CCPs will describe how we intend to manage the refuges for the next 15 years.

The Service is furnishing this notice in compliance with the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 668dd *et seq.*), and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Open house style meetings and possibly focus group meetings and workshops will be held during the scoping phase of the CCP development process to obtain additional suggestions and information on the scope of alternatives and impacts to be considered.

In addition, the Service is inviting comments on archeological, historic, and traditional cultural sites in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act. Cultural resource overview studies will be conducted to identify known historic and cultural sites on the refuges.

Special mailings, newspaper articles, Internet postings, and other media announcements will inform people of the opportunities for written comments.

ADDRESSES: Comments for Rice Lake NWR or Mille Lacs NWR can be mailed to: Refuge Manager, Rice Lake National Wildlife Refuge, 36289 State Highway 65, McGregor, Minnesota 55760 or submit comments electronically at the following Web site: <http://midwest.fws.gov/planning/ricelake/index.html>.

Comments for Horicon NWR or Fox River NWR can be mailed to: Refuge Manager, Horicon National Wildlife Refuge, W4279 Headquarters Road, Mayville, Wisconsin 53050 or submit comments electronically at the following Web site: <http://midwest.fws.gov/planning/horicon/index.html>.

You may also find information on the CCP planning process and submit comments electronically at the planning Web site: <http://midwest.fws.gov/planning/index.html> or you may e-mail comments to: r3planning@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Stefanski, Rice Lake NWR, at (218) 768-2402 or Patti Meyers, Horicon NWR, at (920) 387-2658.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee *et seq.*) requires the Service to develop a CCP for each National Wildlife Refuge. The purpose