

resulting from severe storms, flooding, landslides, and mudslides during the period of November 2–11, 2006, is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant a major disaster declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121–5206 (the Stafford Act). Therefore, I declare that such a major disaster exists in the State of Washington.

In order to provide Federal assistance, you are hereby authorized to allocate from funds available for these purposes such amounts as you find necessary for Federal disaster assistance and administrative expenses.

You are authorized to provide Individual Assistance in the designated areas, Hazard Mitigation throughout the State, and any other forms of assistance under the Stafford Act you may deem appropriate. Consistent with the requirement that Federal assistance be supplemental, any Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Hazard Mitigation and Other Needs Assistance will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs. If Public Assistance is later requested and warranted, Federal funds provided under that program will also be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs. Further, you are authorized to make changes to this declaration to the extent allowable under the Stafford Act.

The time period prescribed for the implementation of section 310(a), Priority to Certain Applications for Public Facility and Public Housing Assistance, 42 U.S.C. 5153, shall be for a period not to exceed six months after the date of this declaration.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) hereby gives notice that pursuant to the authority vested in the Director, under Executive Order 12148, as amended, Elizabeth Turner, of FEMA is appointed to act as the Federal Coordinating Officer for this declared disaster.

I do hereby determine the following areas of the State of Washington to have been affected adversely by this declared major disaster: Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, King, Lewis, Pierce, Skagit, Skamania, Snohomish, Thurston, and Wahkiakum Counties for Individual Assistance.

All counties within the State of Washington are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 97.030, Community Disaster Loans; 97.031, Cora Brown Fund Program; 97.032, Crisis Counseling; 97.033, Disaster Legal Services Program; 97.034, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 97.046, Fire Management Assistance; 97.048, Individuals and Households Housing; 97.049, Individuals and Households Disaster Housing Operations; 97.050 Individuals and Households

Program—Other Needs, 97.036, Public Assistance Grants; 97.039, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

**R. David Paulson,**

*Under Secretary for Federal Emergency Management and Director of FEMA.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–5044–N–24]

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment; Public Housing Inventory Removal Application on Reporting

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, 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 date:* February 20, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name/or OMB Control number and should be sent to: Aneita Waites, Reports Liaison Officer, Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 4116, Washington, DC 20410–5000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Aneita Waites, (202) 708–0713, extension 4114, for copies of the proposed forms and other available documents. (This is not a toll-free number).

**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). This 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, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

This Notice also lists the following information:

*Title of Proposal:* Public Housing Inventory Removal Application.

*OMB Control Number:* 2577–0075.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) are required to submit information to HUD to request permission to remove from inventory all or a portion of a public housing development (i.e. dwelling unit(s), non-dwelling property or vacant land) owned by a Public Housing Authority (PHA). The information requested in this application is based on requirements of Sections 18, 22, 32, and 33 of the United States housing Act of 1937 as amended (“Act”), 24 CFR Parts 906, 970, and 972 (HUD Regulations), and HUD's interest in property of PHAs under Annual Contribution Contracts and Declarations of Trust. The Department will use this information to determine whether, and under what circumstances, to permit PHAs to remove from their inventories all or a portion of a public housing development, as well as to track removals for other record keeping requirements. Responses to this collection of information are statutory and regulatory to obtain a benefit. The Department has automated the application process by instituting an inventory removal module in the Public and Indian Housing Information Center (PIC) System.

*Agency form numbers:*

HUD–52860: Inventory Removal Application

HUD–52860–B: Total Development Cost (TDC) Calculation

HUD–52860–C: Homeownership

HUD–52860–D: Required Conversion

HUD–52860–E: Voluntary Conversion

HUD–52860–F: Eminent Domain

*Members of affected public:* State or Local Government.

*Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents:*

	Number respondents	Frequency of submissions	Hours of responses	Burden hours
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*Status of the proposed information collection:* Reinstatement, with change, of previous approved collection for which approval has expired.

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

Dated: December 13, 2006.

**Bessy Kong,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Office of Policy, Program and Legislative Initiative.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5116-N-01]

### Establishment of Office of Hearings and Appeals

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In this notice, HUD announces the establishment of an Office of Hearings and Appeals within the Office of the Secretary.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Earnestine T. Pruitt, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Administration, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 2158, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 7080-1381 (this is not a toll-free number). Hearing- or speech-impaired individuals may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** HUD has established an Office of Hearings and Appeals within the Office of the Secretary, under the supervision of the Director of the Office of Hearings and Appeals. The Office of Hearings and Appeals consists of two separate divisions: the Office of Administrative Law Judges and the Office of Appeals. The Director of the Office of Hearings and Appeals shall supervise and manage the administrative activities of the Office of Administrative Law Judges and the Office of Appeals.

The Office of Administrative Law Judges shall have independent jurisdiction in deciding cases consistent with statutes and HUD regulations. The Office of Appeals shall have judicial review and jurisdiction of non-contract cases currently handled by the HUD

Board of Contract Appeals in accordance with following regulatory sections in title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations: §§ 17.150 through 17.170 20.4(b), 24.947, 25.3 and 26.2, and consistent with applicable statutes, regulations, agreements, or such other matters as may be assigned by the Secretary of HUD or the Secretary's designee.

The establishment of an Office of Hearings and Appeals facilitates operations within HUD relating to the implementation of section 847 of Title VIII of the National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2006 (Public Law 109-613, approved January 6, 2006).

Dated: December 15, 2006.

**Alphonso Jackson,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Information Collection Sent to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Approval; OMB Control Number 1018-0007; Annual Certification of Hunting and Sport Fishing Licenses Issued, 50 CFR 80.10

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

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

**SUMMARY:** We (Fish and Wildlife Service) have sent an Information Collection Request (ICR) to OMB for review and approval. This ICR is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2006. We 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. However, under OMB regulations, we may continue to conduct or sponsor this information collection while it is pending at OMB.

**DATES:** You must submit comments on or before January 22, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your comments and suggestions on this ICR to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior at OMB-OIRA at (202) 395-6566 (fax) or [OIRA\\_DOCKET@OMB.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_DOCKET@OMB.eop.gov) (e-mail). Please provide a copy of your comments

to Hope Grey, Information Collection Clearance Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 222-ARLSQ, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203 (mail); (703) 358-2269 (fax); or [hope\\_grey@fws.gov](mailto:hope_grey@fws.gov) (e-mail).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this ICR, contact Hope Grey at one of the addresses above or by telephone at (703) 358-2482.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*OMB Control Number:* 1018-0007.

*Title:* Annual Certification of Hunting and Sport Fishing Licenses Issued, 50 CFR 80.10.

*Service Form Number(s):* 3-154a and 3-154b.

*Type of Request:* Revision of currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* States and territories (Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, District of Columbia, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, Virgin Islands, and American Samoa).

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

*Estimated Annual Number of Respondents:* 56.

*Frequency of Collection:* Annually.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 112 (one per respondent for each form).

*Estimated Time Per Response:* Average of 12 hours for FWS Form 3-154a and 20 hours for FWS Form 3-154b.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 1,792.

*Abstract:* The Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669-669i) and the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 777-777k) provide Federal assistance to the States for management and restoration of fish and wildlife. These Acts and our regulations at 50 CFR 80.10 require that States and territories annually certify their hunting and fishing license sales. States and territories that receive grants under these Acts use FWS Forms 3-154a (Part I—Certification) and 3-154b (Part II—Summary of Hunting and Sport Fishing Licenses Issued) to certify the number and amount of hunting and fishing license sales. We use the information collected to determine apportionment and distribution of funds according to the formula specified in each Act.

*Comments:* On July 24, 2006, we published in the **Federal Register** (71 FR 41831) a notice of our intent to