

the International Organization for Standardization.

(2) SOLAS compliance for foreign operation of U.S. flagged Offshore Support Vessels including Liftboats.

(3) Report from the Liftboat Subcommittee on operations procedure/training for liftboat operators.

(4) Offshore Helidecks—new and revised API and ICAO standards.

(5) Revision of 33 CFR Chapter I, Subchapter N, Outer Continental Shelf activities.

(6) 33 CFR Chapter I, Subchapter NN, Temporary Final Rule on Deepwater Ports, and status of license submissions for LNG deepwater ports.

*SOLAS Application for OSVs Subcommittee.* The agenda includes the following:

(1) Review and discuss previous work.

(2) Work on outline of Draft Report.

**Procedural**

The meeting is open to the public. Please note that the meeting may close early if all business is finished. At the Chair's discretion, members of the public may make oral presentations during the meeting. If you would like to make an oral presentation at the meeting, please notify the Executive Director no later than March 22, 2005. Written material for distribution at the meeting should reach the Coast Guard no later than March 22, 2005. If you would like a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee in advance of the meeting, please submit 25 copies to the Executive Director no later than March 22, 2005.

**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 the Executive Director as soon as possible.

Dated: February 9, 2005.

**Howard L. Hime,**

*Acting Director of Standards, Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-4978-N-02]

**Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment; Demolition/Disposition 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:* April 18, 2005.

**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 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.

The notice also lists the following information:

*Title of Proposal:* Demolition/Disposition Application.

*OMB Control Number:* 2577-0075.

*Description of the Need for the Information and Proposed Use:* Housing Agencies (HAs), are required to submit information to HUD to request permission to demolish or sell all or a portion of a development (*i.e.* dwelling units, nondwelling property or vacant land) owned and operated by a HA. The specific information requested in the application is based on requirements of the statute, section 18 of the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended, and specifically identified in 24 CFR part 970 of the regulation. The Department uses the information submitted to determine whether, and under what circumstances, to permit a HA to demolish or sell all or a portion of a public housing development. The Department has automated the application process by instituting the Demolition/Disposition module in the Public and Indian Housing Information Center (PIC) in February of 2004.

*Agency Form Number:* HUD-52860.

*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 of respondents	Frequency of submissions	Hours of responses	Burden hours
120 .....	1	15	*1,920
120 .....	1	1/2	60
120 .....	1	1/2	60
120 .....	1	16	2,040

\*1,920 Reporting: 120 hours recordkeeping—Total Burden: 2,040 Hours.

*Status of the Proposed Information Collection:* Extension of currently approved collection.

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

Dated: February 10, 2005.

**Michael Liu,**

*Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Availability of the Final Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Summary for Kern and Pixley National Wildlife Refuges, Kern and Tulare Counties, CA

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announces that the Kern and Pixley Refuges' Final Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and Summary are available for distribution. The CCP, prepared pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act as amended, and in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, describes how the Service will manage the two Refuges for the next 15 years. The compatibility determinations for waterfowl hunting, wildlife observation and photography, environmental education and interpretation, research, grazing and mosquito control are also available with the CCP.

**DATES:** The Final CCP and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) are available now. The FONSI was signed on September 30, 2004. Implementation of the CCP may begin immediately.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the Final CCP, FONSI, or Summary may be obtained by writing to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Attn: Mark Pelz, California/Nevada Refuge Planning Office, Room W-1916, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California, 95825. Copies of the CCP may be viewed at this address or at the Kern National Wildlife Refuge Complex Headquarters, 10811 Corcoran Road, Delano, California, 93216. The Final CCP is also available online for viewing and downloading at <http://pacific.fws.gov/planning>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mark Pelz, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, California/Nevada Refuge Planning Office, Room W-1916, 2800

Cottage Way, Sacramento, California, 95825; telephone 916-414-6500; fax 916-414-6512.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Kern National Wildlife Refuge is located in the southern portion of California's San Joaquin Valley, in Kern County. It was established in 1960, to provide wintering habitat for waterfowl and other migratory birds in the southern San Joaquin Valley. Kern Refuge consists of a 11,249-acre unit, owned by the Service. Kern Refuge's seasonal wetlands are an important wintering area for Pacific Flyway waterfowl and a popular destination for southern California hunters. The Refuge's grassland, alkali scrub, and riparian communities support four endangered species and several other special status species.

Pixley National Wildlife Refuge is located northeast of Kern Refuge in Tulare County. Pixley Refuge was set aside in 1959, to provide wintering habitat for migratory birds. Later, it was expanded to protect habitat for the endangered blunt-nosed leopard lizard and Tipton kangaroo rat. The Pixley Refuge acquisition boundary contains about 10,300 acres, of which, about 62 percent is owned by the Federal government. Pixley Refuge protects mostly grassland and smaller amounts of alkali playa, saltbush scrub, vernal pools, and riparian habitats. Pixley Refuge also has 756 acres of moist soil wetlands that are managed for wintering waterfowl, sandhill cranes, and other migratory birds.

The availability of the Draft CCP and Environmental Assessment (EA) for a 30-day public review and comment period was published in the **Federal Register** on Friday, June 25, 2004 in Volume 69, Number 122. The Draft CCP/EA identified and evaluated four alternatives for managing the Refuges for the next 15 years. Alternative A was the no-action alternative which described current Refuge management activities. Under Alternative B, improvements at Kern Refuge would have focused on improving habitat for migratory waterfowl and increasing waterfowl hunting opportunities. Changes at Pixley Refuge under Alternative B would have focused on improving and expanding the Refuge's existing threatened and endangered species management and environmental education and interpretation programs. Under Alternative C (the selected plan), Kern Refuge's focus will continue to emphasize providing wintering habitat for waterfowl and other migratory birds, and also contributing to the recovery of

targeted special status species. Management programs for all wildlife-dependant public uses will improve and expand. Changes at Pixley Refuge under Alternative C will be similar to those under Alternative B with additional improvements in sandhill crane management. Under Alternative D, management of both Kern and Pixley Refuges would have changed to maximize native biodiversity. The Service would have substantially modified management of moist soil units at both Refuges to encourage native waterfowl food plants and improve habitat for shorebirds.

The Service received thirteen comment letters on the Draft CCP and EA. The comments received were incorporated into the CCP, when appropriate, and are responded to in an appendix to the CCP. Alternative C was selected for implementation and is the basis for the Final CCP.

With the management program described in the Final CCP, the Service will continue existing management of moist soil units at Kern and Pixley Refuges and seasonal marsh units at Kern Refuge. In addition, the Service will rehabilitate 1,330 acres of seasonal marsh units at Kern Refuge to improve habitat conditions and water management efficiency. One of the objectives of the CCP is eradicating 90 percent of the salt cedar on Kern Refuge within five years, using flooding and mechanical removal. To provide sanctuary for wintering birds and other wildlife, the existing flexible closed zone will be maintained. Pixley Refuge will remain closed to hunting. The Service will continue to maintain water through most of the summer in the eastern portion of unit 1 to provide nesting habitat for tricolor blackbirds, white-faced ibis, and other colonial nesting birds. In addition, a 272-acre grain unit will be developed on Pixley Refuge to provide foraging habitat for sandhill cranes and geese.

Under the selected plan, the Service will continue to use cattle grazing on Kern and Pixley Refuge's upland habitats as a vegetation management tool to improve conditions for the endangered blunt-nosed leopard lizard and Tipton kangaroo rat. In addition, a grassland management plan will be developed that will explore various options for managing plant cover and improving habitat conditions for these two species. The Service will also pursue acquisition of the remaining natural lands within Pixley Refuge's approved boundary from willing sellers.

The Service will continue to maintain 215 acres of existing riparian habitat at Kern Refuge by periodically flooding it.