

services to be provided. In addition, letters of commitment from service providers are included which address both operating expenses and space needs. Information provided is sufficient to determine that the project will proceed effectively.

(5 points) If a tribe assumes operation and maintenance responsibilities for public facilities and improvements, a tribal resolution is included in the application that adopts the operation and maintenance plan and commits the necessary funds to provide for these responsibilities or the operation and maintenance plan is included in the application and addresses most of the above items (maintenance, repairs, insurance, replacement reserves). If an entity other than the tribe commits to pay for operation and maintenance for the public facilities and improvements, the maintenance provider is identified and, if applicable, responsibilities for operations the entity will assume are included in the application, but no letter of commitment is provided. For community buildings only, no tribal resolution or letter of commitment is included in the application that identifies the source of and commits the necessary funds for any recreation, social or other services to be provided. However, letters of commitment to provide services are included but they do not address operating expenses and space needs. Information provided is sufficient to determine that the project will proceed effectively.

(0 points) None of the above criteria is met.”

9. On page 42207, in the third column under the subsection entitled, “Rating Factor 5 Comprehensiveness and Coordination (5 points)” that continues to the first column on page 42208, the last sentence of the paragraph is corrected to read as follows: “However, applicants may use this form to address program evaluation requirements under Rating Factor 1(1)(b) of this NOFA.”

10. In the middle column on page 42208, under paragraph (C), entitled, “Application Submission,” number one on the list of forms is corrected to read as follows: “1. Application for Federal Assistance (HUD-424).”

Dated: August 15, 2003.

Michael M. Liu,

Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Availability; Draft Environmental Impact Statement on Resident Canada Goose Management; Reopening of Comment Period

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability for public comment; reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is reopening the comment period on a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) which is available for public review. The DEIS analyzes the potential environmental impacts of alternative strategies to reduce, manage, and control resident Canada goose populations in the continental United States and to reduce goose-related damages. The analysis provided in the DEIS is intended to accomplish the following: inform the public of the proposed action and alternatives; address public comment received during the scoping period; and disclose the direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental effects of the proposed actions and each of the alternatives. The Service invites the public to comment on the DEIS.

DATES: Written comments on the DEIS must be received on or before October 20, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the DEIS should be mailed to Chief, Division of Migratory Bird Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, MBSP-4107, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Copies of the DEIS can be downloaded from the Division of Migratory Bird Management Web site at <http://migratorybirds.fws.gov>. Comments on the DEIS should be sent to the above address. Alternatively, comments may be submitted electronically to the following address: canada_goose_eis@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Brian Millsap, Chief, Division of Migratory Bird Management, or Ron Kokel (703) 358-1714.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 1, 2002 (67 FR 9448), and March 7, 2002 (67 FR 10431), notices were published in the **Federal Register** announcing the availability of our DEIS on resident Canada goose management. On March 26, 2002 (67 FR 13792), we published a notice in the **Federal Register** to announce the schedule of public hearings to invite further public

participation in the DEIS review process.

The DEIS evaluates alternative strategies to reduce, manage, and control resident Canada goose populations in the continental United States and to reduce goose-related damages. The objective of the DEIS is to provide a regulatory mechanism that would allow State and local agencies, other Federal agencies, and groups and individuals to respond to damage complaints or damages by resident Canada geese. The DEIS is a comprehensive programmatic plan intended to guide and intended to guide and direct resident Canada goose population growth and management activities in the conterminous United States. The DEIS analyzes seven management alternatives: (1) No Action (Alternative A); (2) Increase Use of Nonlethal Control and Management (excludes all permitted activities) (Alternative B); (3) Increase Use of Nonlethal Control and Management (continue permitting of those activities generally considered nonlethal) (Alternative C); (4) New Regulatory Options to Expand Hunting Methods and Opportunities (Alternative D); (5) Integrated Depredation Order Management (consisting of an Airport Depredation Order, a Nest and Egg Depredation Order, an Agricultural Depredation Order, and a Public Health Depredation Order) (Alternative E); (6) State Empowerment (Proposed Action) (Alternative F); and (7) General Depredation Order (Alternative G). Alternatives were analyzed with regard to their potential impacts on resident Canada geese, other wildlife species, natural resources, special status species, socioeconomics, historical resources, and cultural resources.

Our proposed action (Alternative F) would establish a regulation authorizing State wildlife agencies (or their authorized agents) to conduct (or allow) management activities, including the take of birds, on resident Canada goose populations when necessary to protect human health and safety; protect personal property, agricultural crops, and other interests from injury; and allow resolution or prevention of injury to people, property, agricultural crops, or other interests from resident Canada geese; and to reduce resident Canada goose populations within management objectives. Control and management activities include indirect and/or direct population control strategies such as aggressive harassment, trapping and relocation, nest and egg destruction, gosling and adult trapping and culling programs, or other general population reduction strategies. The intent of

Alternative F is to allow State wildlife management agencies sufficient flexibility, within predefined guidelines, to deal with problems caused by resident Canada geese within their respective States. Other guidelines under Alternative F would include criteria for such activities as control options for taking geese during the portion of the Migratory Bird Treaty closed period (August 1–31), airport, agricultural, and public health control, and the non-permitted take of nests and eggs.

We are publishing simultaneously a proposed rule in the **Federal Register** that would implement our preferred alternative. Because of the publishing of the proposed rule, we have reopened the comment period on the DEIS. The Service invites careful consideration by all parties, and welcomes serious scrutiny from those committed to the long-term conservation of migratory birds.

In order to be considered, electronic submission of comments must include your name and postal mailing address; we will not consider anonymous comments. All comments received including names and addresses, will become part of the public record. The public may inspect comments during normal business hours at the Service's office in Room 4701, 4501 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia. Requests for such comments will be handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act and the Council on Environmental Quality's National Environmental Policy Act regulations [40 CFR 1506.6(f)]. Our practice is to make all comments available for public inspection during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. If a respondent wishes us to withhold his/her name and/or address, this must be stated prominently at the beginning of the comment.

Dated: July 1, 2003.

Steve Williams,

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Request for Public Comments on Information Collection To Be Submitted to OMB for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

A request to reinstate the information collection described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35). Copies of the proposed collection of information may be obtained by contacting the Bureau's clearance officer at the phone number listed below. Comments and suggestions on the proposal should be made within 60 days directly to the Bureau clearance officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 807 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192, telephone (703) 648–7313.

As required by OMB regulations at 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), the U.S. Geological Survey solicits specific public comments as to:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions on the bureaus, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of the Bureau estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. The quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Title: North American Bird Banding Program—Banding Database.

Previous OMB Approval Number: 1018–0006.

Summary: In accordance with the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, the USGS Bird Banding Laboratory issues permits for the trapping and marking of migratory birds. These permits require that data on marked birds be submitted to the Bird Banding Laboratory in a timely fashion. Currently this data is submitted electronically using a program (Band Manager) supplied by the Bird Banding Laboratory and the Canadian Bird Banding Office to all active permit holders. Data may also be submitted using a paper form. These data are used to provide researchers with information needed for projects and also to respond to the 85,000 reports of banded birds received annually by the Bird Banding

Laboratory and the Canadian Bird Banding Office. These data are vital to the study of avian biology. Data are received for approximately 1.2 million birds per year. For further information on the North American Bird Banding Program, see our Web site (<http://www.pwrc.usgs.gov/bbl>).

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 2400.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 27, 563.

Affected Public: Primarily U.S. and Canadian citizens who hold either a U.S. or Canadian permit to mark and tag birds (bird banding).

For Further Information Contact: To obtain copies of the survey, contact the Bureau clearance officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 807 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192, telephone (703) 648–7313 or see the Web site at <http://www.pwrc.usgs.gov/bbl>.

Dated: August 11, 2003.

Ken Williams,

Acting Associate Director for Biology.

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