

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval number (2503-0018) and should be sent to: Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., OMB Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, Q, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; e-mail Wayne_Eddins@HUD.gov; telephone (202) 708-2374. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of the proposed forms and other available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Mr. Eddins.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department has submitted the proposal for the collection of information, as described below, to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction

Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The Notice lists the following information: (1) The title of the information collection proposal; (2) the office of the agency to collect the information; (3) the OMB approval number, if applicable; (4) the description of the need for the information and its proposed use; (5) the agency form number, if applicable; (6) what members of the public will be affected by the proposal; (7) how frequently information submissions will be required; (8) an estimate of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information submission including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response; (9) whether the proposal is new, an extension, reinstatement, or revision of an information collection requirement; and (10) the name and telephone number of an agency official familiar with the proposal and of the OMB Desk Officer for the Department.

This Notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: Prospectus.

OMB Approval Number: 2503-0018.

Form Numbers: HUD-11712, 11712-11, 11717, 11717-11, 1724, 11728, 11728-11, 1731, 1734, 11747, 11747-11, 11772-11.

Description of the Need for the Information and its Proposed Use: GNMA is authorized to guarantee the timely payment of principal and interest on securities which are based on or backed by a pool composed of mortgages insured by the FHA. Forms are used to provide a standard format for the description of securities for each type of mortgage eligible for inclusion in a mortgage-backed securities pool. Since each type of mortgage has different characteristics, it is necessary to have separate prospectuses for each program.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, Federal Government.

Frequency of Submission: On occasion.

Reporting Burden

No. of respondents	×	Frequency of response	×	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
655		48		0.25		7,885

Total Estimated Burden Hours: 7,885.
Status: Reinstatement, without change.

Authority: Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 35, as amended.

Dated: February 13, 2001.

Wayne Eddins,

*Departmental Reports Management Officer,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Availability of a Final Recovery Plan for Thirteen Plant Taxa From the Northern Channel Islands

AGENCY: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of document availability.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, announce the availability of a final recovery plan for 13 plant taxa from the northern Channel Islands, California. These taxa include 11 plants listed as endangered, Hoffmann's rock-cress (*Arabis hoffmannii*), Santa Rosa Island manzanita (*Arctostaphylos confertiflora*), island barberry (*Berberis*

pinnata ssp. *insularis*), soft-leaved paintbrush (*Castilleja mollis*), island bedstraw (*Galium buxifolium*), Hoffmann's slender-flowered gilia (*Gilia tenuiflora* ssp. *hoffmannii*), Santa Cruz Island bushmallow (*Malacothamnus fasciculatus* var. *nesioticus*), Santa Cruz Island malacothrix (*Malacothrix indecora*), island malacothrix (*Malacothrix squalida*), island phacelia (*Phacelia insularis* var. *insularis*), and Santa Cruz Island fringepod (*Thysanocarpus conchuliferus*) and two plants listed as threatened, Santa Cruz Island dudleya (*Dudleya nesiotica*) and island rush-rose (*Helianthemum greenei*). These threatened and endangered plants are native to Anacapa, San Miguel, Santa Rosa, Santa Cruz, and Santa Catalina Islands. To assure their recovery, they require control of introduced herbivores and weeds, habitat restoration, and reintroduction measures.

ADDRESSES: Recovery plans that have been approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.r1.fws.gov>. Recovery Plans may also be obtained from: Fish and Wildlife Reference Service, 5430 Grosvenor Lane, Suite 110, Bethesda, Maryland 20814, 301/429-6403 or 1-800-582-3421. The fee for the plan varies

depending on the number of pages of the plan.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tim Thomas, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, Barstow Field Sub-Office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 222 East Main Street, Suite 202, Barstow CA 92311, (phone 760/255-8890).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Restoring endangered or threatened animals and plants to the point where they are again secure, self-sustaining members of their ecosystems is a primary goal of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service's endangered species program. To help guide the recovery effort, we are working to prepare recovery plans for most of the listed species native to the United States. Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for the conservation of the species, establish criteria for downlisting or delisting listed species, and estimate time and cost for implementing the recovery measures needed.

The Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act) (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), requires the development of recovery plans for listed species unless such a plan would not promote the conservation of a particular species. Section 4(f) of the Act as amended in

1988 requires that public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment be provided during recovery plan development. Information presented during the public comment period has been considered in the preparation of the final recovery plan, and is summarized in the appendix to the recovery plan. We will forward substantive comments regarding recovery plan implementation to appropriate Federal or other entities so that they can take these comments into account during the course of implementing recovery actions.

All 13 plant taxa covered in this recovery plan are endemic to the northern Channel Islands (Anacapa, Santa Cruz, Santa Rosa, and San Miguel), with the exception of a few populations of island rush-rose that occur on the more southerly island of Santa Catalina. These plants occur in a variety of habitats: coastal terrace, coastal bluff scrub, coastal sage scrub, and chaparral. All 13 plant taxa and their habitats have been variously affected or are currently threatened by one or more of the following: soil loss; historic and continuing habitat alteration by mammals alien to the Channel Islands (pigs, goats, sheep, donkeys, cattle, deer, elk, horses, bison); direct predation by these same alien mammals; habitat alteration by native seabirds; competition with alien plant taxa; and increased vulnerability to extinction due to reduced genetic viability, depressed reproductive vigor, and the chance of extinction from random naturally occurring events because of small numbers of individuals and isolated populations.

The objective of this plan is to conserve the plants so that protection by the Act is no longer necessary. Actions necessary to accomplish this objective include active control programs for introduced animals, implementation of an interagency Conservation Strategy, habitat restoration and weed control, surveys, conservation research, seed storage in cooperating facilities, and development of techniques for germination, propagation, and outplanting.

Authority

The authority for this action is section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533(f).

Dated: February 15, 2001.

Michael J. Spear,

Manager, California/Nevada Operations Office, Region 1, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Mitten Crab Control Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) Task Force Mitten Crab Control Committee. The meeting topics are identified in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

DATES: The Mitten Crab Control Committee will meet from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 6, 2001.

ADDRESSES: The Mitten Crab Control Committee Meeting will be held in the Pavilion Room at the Radisson Hotel, 500 Leisure Lane, Sacramento, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon Gross, Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, at 703-358-2308 or by e-mail at sharon_gross@fws.gov or Kim Webb, Mitten Crab Control Committee Chair, at 209-946-6400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. I), this notice announces a meeting of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Mitten Crab Control Committee. The ANS Task Force was established by the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990.

Topics to be covered during the Mitten Crab Control Committee meeting include: a review of the life history of the mitten crab, a description of the California invasion, a review of the draft management plan, an update of the current status, and a discussion of Committee actions to further develop a comprehensive management plan.

Minutes of the meeting will be maintained by the Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Suite 810, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203-1622, and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Friday.

Dated: February 14, 2001.

Cathleen I. Short,

Co-Chair, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Assistance Director—Fisheries and Habitat Restoration.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Addition to Ninigret National Wildlife Refuge

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has approved the 114 acre expansion of the Ninigret National Wildlife Refuge.

DATES: This action was effective on February 9, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Andrew French, Chief, Division of Realty, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2nd Floor, 300 Westgate Center Drive, Hadley, Massachusetts. Telephone 413-253-8590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This property has been identified as the preferred site for the proposed Rhode Island National Wildlife Complex visitor center. The property is also within the boundary of all the proposed alternatives of the draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan currently proposed for the Rhode Island Complex.

Based on the information contained in the decision document, a categorical exclusion was signed on December 20, 2000, by the Regional Director.

Dated: February 9, 2001.

Marshall P. Jones, Jr.,

Acting Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Notice of Proposed Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) Negotiations Under the Technology Transfer Act of 1986

SUMMARY: The United States Geological Survey (USGS) is contemplating entering into a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) with Schering-Plough Animal Health Corporation to seek U.S. Food and Drug Administration approval of the antibacterial florfenicol for use in public and private aquaculture.

Inquiries: If any other parties are interested in similar activities with the USGS, please contact: William H. Gingerich, 2630 Fanta Reed Road, La Crosse, Wisconsin 54603; Telephone 608-783-6451; Internet "bill_gingerich@usgs.gov".