

Dated: April 22, 2003.  
**Edward W. Kernan,**  
*Director, Information Resources Management  
 Division, Information Technology Services  
 Directorate.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND  
 URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-4849-N-05]

**Notice of Proposed Information  
 Collection: Comment Requested;  
 Record of Employee Interview**

**AGENCY:** Office of Departmental  
 Operations and Coordination, Office of  
 Labor Relations, 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 Dates: June 30,  
 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are  
 invited to submit comments regarding  
 this proposal. Comments should refer to  
 the proposal by name and/or OMB  
 Control Number and should be sent to:  
 Wayne Eddins, Reports Management  
 Officer, Department of Housing and  
 Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW,  
 L'Enfant Plaza Building, Room 800a,

Washington, DC 20410 or  
 Wayne\_Eddins@HUD.gov.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jade  
 Banks, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of  
 Labor Relations, Department of Housing  
 and Urban Development, 451 Seventh  
 Street, Southwest, Washington, DC  
 20410 or Jade-M.-Banks@hud.gov;  
 telephone (202) 708-0370 (this is not a  
 toll-free number) for copies of the  
 proposed forms and other available  
 information.

**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  
 affecting 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:* Record of Employee  
 Interview.

*OMB Control Number, if applicable:*  
 2501-0009.

*Description of the need for the  
 information and proposed use:* HUD  
 and local agencies administering HUD-  
 assisted programs collect information  
 from laborers and mechanics employed  
 on HUD projects to ensure that wages  
 paid to these workers meets Federal  
 labor standards requirements applicable  
 to their work. HUD and local agencies  
 must retain this information to  
 document the compliance of employers  
 and the sufficiency of local agency  
 enforcement efforts. HUD proposes to  
 modify this form in order to clarify  
 certain 2 information and to collect  
 more specific information from the  
 employees. The additional information  
 will better enable contract monitors  
 ensure that the laborers and mechanics  
 receive the wages to which they are  
 entitled and will assist in enforcement  
 actions, if necessary. The collection of  
 the additional information will not  
 significantly increase the burden on,  
 and will serve to better protect  
 respondents.

*Agency form numbers, if applicable:*  
 HUD-11.

*Estimation of the total number of  
 hours needed to prepare the information  
 collection including number of  
 respondents, frequency of response, and  
 hours of response:*

Item	Number of respondents	Amount of time required	Total time required/ annum
Interviews .....	20,000	25 hours .....	5,000 hours.
Record Keeping .....	20,000	.16 hours .....	3,200 hours.
Total Annual Burden .....	.....	.....	8,200 hours

*Status of the proposed information  
 collection:* Revision of a currently  
 approved collection.

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

Dated: April 9, 2003.  
**Frank L. Davis,**  
*Director, Departmental Operations and  
 Coordination.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**Availability of Comprehensive  
 Conservation Plan for Waubay  
 National Wildlife Refuge Complex,  
 Waubay, SD**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife  
 Service announces that a  
 Comprehensive Conservation Plan and  
 Summary for Waubay National Wildlife  
 Refuge and Wetland Management  
 District Complex (Complex) is available.

This Plan describes how the U.S. Fish  
 and Wildlife Service intends to manage  
 the Complex for the next 15 years.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the Plan or  
 Summary may be obtained by writing to  
 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Waubay  
 National Wildlife Refuge Complex,  
 44401 134A Street, Waubay, SD 57273;  
 or download from <http://mountain-prairie.fws.gov/planning>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
 Larry Martin, Project Leader, U.S. Fish  
 and Wildlife Service, Waubay National  
 Wildlife Refuge Complex, 44401 134A  
 Street, Waubay, SD 57273. Phone 605-  
 947-4521; fax 605-947-4524; or e-mail:  
[larry\\_d\\_martin@fws.gov](mailto:larry_d_martin@fws.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

## Background

Waubay National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), comprised of 4,650 acres, is located in Day County in northeastern South Dakota. The Refuge's mix of lakes, wetlands, prairie, forests, and cropland is home to a diversity of wildlife. More than 100 bird species nest on this small piece of habitat, with 37 mammals also calling it home. Waubay NWR was established by President Roosevelt in 1935 as "a refuge and breeding ground for migratory birds and other wildlife."

Waubay Wetland Management District (WMD) protects over 250,000 acres of wetlands and prairie in six counties of northeastern South Dakota. The area's mix of native grass, planted grasses, cropland, and wetlands support a variety of wildlife. The WMD is home to 247 species of birds, 43 species of mammals, and over 20 species of amphibians and reptiles. Breeding waterfowl and grassland-dependent passerines are two groups that are especially prominent.

The availability of the Draft CCP/ Environmental Assessment (EA) for 30-day public review and comment was announced in the **Federal Register** on Wednesday, May 29, 2002 in Volume 67, Number 103. The Draft CCP/EA identified and evaluated three alternatives for managing Waubay National Wildlife Refuge Complex for the next 15 years. Alternative A, the No Action Alternative, would continue current management of the Refuge and Wetland Management District (WMD). Alternative B, the Tallgrass Prairie Alternative, would focus on protecting and restoring tallgrass prairie in the Minnesota-Red River Lowlands of the WMD. Alternative C, Enhanced Management, the preferred alternative, would increase management of Complex habitats and public use opportunities.

Based on this assessment and comments received, the preferred Alternative C was selected for implementation. The preferred alternative was selected because it best meets the purposes of the Refuge and WMD as a refuge and breeding ground for migratory birds and wild animals. The preferred alternative will also provide for enhanced public access for wildlife-dependent recreation, and provides environmental education opportunities related to fish and wildlife resources.

Dated: October 2, 2002.

### Elliott Sutta,

Acting Regional Director, Region 6, Denver, Colorado.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; 90-day Finding for a Petition To List the Midvalley Fairy Shrimp as Endangered

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

**ACTION:** Notice of 90-day petition finding and initiation of status review.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce a 90-day finding for a petition to list the midvalley fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta mesovallensis*) under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. We find the petition presents substantial information to indicate that listing may be warranted. We are therefore initiating a status review of the species, and will issue a 12-month finding to determine if the petitioned action is warranted. To help ensure the review is comprehensive, we are soliciting information and data regarding this species.

**DATES:** The finding announced in this document was made on April 18, 2003. To be considered in the 12-month finding on this petition, comments and information should be submitted to us by June 30, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** The complete file for this finding is available for inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours, at the Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825-1846. Submit new information, materials, comments, or questions concerning this species to the Service at the above address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Glen Tarr, at the address given above (telephone 916/414-6652; facsimile 916/414-6713; electronic mail: [Glen\\_Tarr@fws.gov](mailto:Glen_Tarr@fws.gov)).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Section 4(b)(3)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act) (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), requires that we make a finding on whether a petition to list, delist, or reclassify a species presents substantial scientific or commercial information indicating that the petitioned action may be warranted. We are to base this finding on all information available to us at the time we make the finding. To the maximum extent practicable, we must make this finding within 90 days of receiving the petition and publish the notice of the

finding promptly in the **Federal Register**. Our standard for substantial information within the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) with regard to a 90-day petition finding is "that amount of information that would lead a reasonable person to believe that the measure proposed in the petition may be warranted" (50 CFR 424.14(b)). If the finding is that substantial information was presented, we are required to promptly commence a review of the status of the species, if one has not already been initiated, under our internal candidate assessment process.

On August 31, 2001, we received a petition dated August 14, 2001 submitted by the Center for Biological Diversity and VernalPools.Org. The petition requests us to list the midvalley fairy shrimp as an endangered species, to designate critical habitat for the species, and to list the species on an emergency basis. The petition presents extensive information regarding the biology of the midvalley fairy shrimp and threats to the species, which we address below. We have reached our 90-day finding on this petition in accordance with a consent decree that requires us to complete a finding by April 21, 2003 (*Butte Environmental Council v. Wayne White*, Consent Decree, CIV.S-00-797 WBS).

#### Biology and Distribution

The midvalley fairy shrimp is a small (7 to 20 millimeter (mm) (0.28 to 0.79 inch (in))), freshwater crustacean that lives in vernal pools, vernal swales and other ephemeral water bodies near the middle of California's Central Valley (Helm 1998; Eriksen and Belk 1999; Belk and Fugate 2000). It is known from 52 occurrences in seven California counties: Sacramento, Solano, Contra Costa, San Joaquin, Merced, Madera and Fresno (California Natural Diversity Data Base (CNDDB) 2002). Midvalley fairy shrimp populations survive the seasonal desiccation of their pools by laying dormant eggs called cysts, which can withstand extreme temperatures, the digestive tracts of animals and, if necessary, years of desiccation before hatching. Since not all cysts hatch with any given refilling of their pool, the cysts form a "bank" in the soil from which new populations of adults may develop, even in pools that have not had adults for years (Eriksen and Belk 1999).

The habitat requirements and life history characteristics of the midvalley fairy shrimp are similar to those of four other shrimp species that we listed in 1994: the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), longhorn fairy shrimp (*B. longiantenna*), vernal pool fairy shrimp (*B. lynchi*), and vernal