

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

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**Information Collection Sent to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Approval; OMB Control Number 1018-0100; North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) Grant Programs**

**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. The ICR, which is summarized below, describes the nature of the collection and the estimated burden and cost. This ICR is scheduled to expire on September 30, 2008. 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 October 27, 2008.

**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 (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), or hope\_grey@fws.gov (e-mail).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this ICR, contact Hope Grey by mail or e-mail (see ADDRESSES) or by telephone at (703) 358-2482.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*OMB Control Number:* 1018-0100.

*Title:* North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) Grant Programs.

*Service Form Number(s):* None.

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

*Affected Public:* Households and individuals; businesses and other for-profit organizations; educational organizations; not-for-profit institutions; and Federal, State, local and/or tribal governments.

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

*Frequency of Collection:* On occasion. The Small Grants Program has one project proposal period per year and the Standard Grants Program has two per year. Annual reports are due 90 days after the anniversary date of the grant agreement. Final reports are due 90 days after the end of the project period. The project period is 2 years.

Activity	Number of annual respondents	Number of annual responses	Completion time per response	Annual burden hours
Small Grants – Applications .....	70	70	59 hours .....	4,130
Small Grants – Reports .....	88	88	32 hours .....	2,816
U.S. Standard Grants – Applications .....	60	60	325 hours .....	19,500
Canadian and Mexican Standard Grants – Applications .....	54	54	80 hours .....	4,320
Standard Grants – Reports .....	201	201	35 hours .....	7,035
Totals .....	473	473	.....	37,801

*Abstract:* The North American Waterfowl Management Plan (NAWMP) is a tripartite agreement among Canada, Mexico, and the United States to enhance, restore, and protect habitat to benefit waterfowl and other wetlands-associated wildlife. Because the NAWMP did not include a mechanism to provide for broadly based and sustained financial support for wetland conservation activities, Congress passed the North American Wetlands Conservation Act in 1989. The NAWCA promotes, through partnerships between the private and public sectors, long-term conservation of North American wetland ecosystems and the waterfowl and other migratory birds, fish, and wildlife that depend upon such habitat.

In addition to providing for a continuing and stable funding base, NAWCA establishes an administrative body, the North American Wetlands Conservation Council. It is made up of a State representative from each of the four flyways, three representatives from nonprofit wetlands conservation organizations, the Secretary of the Board of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and the Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service. The Council

recommends funding of select wetlands conservation project proposals to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission.

There is a Standard and a Small Grants Program. Both are competitive grants programs and require that grant requests be matched by partner contributions at no less than a 1-to-1 ratio. Funds from U.S. Federal sources may contribute to a project, but are not eligible as match.

The Standard Grants Program supports projects in Canada, the United States, and Mexico that involve long-term protection, restoration, and/or enhancement of wetlands and associated uplands habitats. In Mexico, partners may also conduct projects involving technical training, environmental education and outreach, organizational infrastructure development, and sustainable-use studies.

The Small Grants Program operates only in the United States. It supports the same type of projects and adheres to the same selection criteria and administrative guidelines as the U.S. Standard Grants Program. However, project activities are usually smaller in

scope and involve fewer project dollars. Grant requests may not exceed \$75,000, and funding priority is given to grantees or partners new to the NAWCA Grants Program.

We publish notices of funding availability on the Grants.gov website (<http://www.grants.gov>) as well as in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance. To compete for grant funds, partnerships submit applications that describe in substantial detail project locations, project resources, future benefits, and other characteristics that meet the standards established by the Council and the requirements of NAWCA. Materials that describe the program and assist applicants in formulating project proposals for Council consideration are available on our website at <http://www.fws.gov/birdhabitat/Grants/NAWCA>. Persons who do not have access to the Internet may obtain instructional materials by mail. We have not made any major changes in the scope and general nature of the instructions since the OMB first approved the information collection in 1999.

*Comments:* On June 24, 2008, we published in the Federal Register (73 FR

35703) a notice of our intent to request that OMB renew this ICR. In that notice, we solicited comments for 60 days, ending on August 25, 2008. We received one comment. The comment expressed opposition to the NAWCA grants program, but did not address the information collection requirements. We did not make any changes to our information collection requirements as a result of this comment.

We again invite comments concerning this information collection on:

(1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;

(2) The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information;

(3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask OMB in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that it will be done.

Dated: September 4, 2008

**Hope Grey,**

*Information Collection Clearance Officer,  
Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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F-19154-84; AK-964-1410-KC-P]

### Alaska Native Claims Selection

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of decision approving lands for conveyance.

**SUMMARY:** As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that an appealable decision approving the surface and subsurface estates in certain lands for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act will be issued to NANA Regional

Corporation, Inc. The lands are near Kiana, Noorvik, and Selawik, Alaska, and are located in:

#### **Kateel River Meridian, Alaska**

T. 13 N., R. 5 W., Secs. 1 to 36, inclusive.

Containing approximately 9,042 acres.

T. 12 N., R. 6 W.,

Secs. 5, 6, 7, and 8;

Sec. 13; Secs. 17 to 21, inclusive; Secs. 24 to 36, inclusive.

Containing approximately 7,922 acres.

T. 13 N., R. 7 W.,

Secs. 1 to 17, inclusive;

Secs. 20 to 25, inclusive;

Secs. 27, 28, and 29;

Secs. 33 to 36, inclusive.

Containing approximately 9,023 acres.

T. 14 N., R. 8 W.,

Secs. 1 to 18, inclusive;

Secs. 24, 25, and 36.

Containing approximately 7,336 acres.

T. 16 N., R. 8 W.,

Secs. 2 to 10, inclusive;

Sec. 13;

Secs. 15 to 20, inclusive;

Secs. 24 to 27, inclusive;

Secs. 30 and 31;

Secs. 33 to 36, inclusive.

Containing approximately 16,240 acres.

T. 17 N., R. 9 W.,

Secs. 1 to 36, inclusive.

Containing approximately 19,870 acres.

T. 20 N., R. 10 W.,

Secs. 1 to 36, inclusive.

Containing approximately 20,613 acres.

Aggregating approximately 90,046 acres.

Notice of the decision will also be published four times in the Arctic Sounder.

**DATES:** The time limits for filing an appeal are:

1. Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision shall have until October 27, 2008 to file an appeal.

2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the decision may be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7504.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Bureau of Land Management by phone at 907-271-5960, or by e-mail at [ak.blm.conveyance@ak.blm.gov](mailto:ak.blm.conveyance@ak.blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunication device (TTD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a

week, to contact the Bureau of Land Management.

**Hillary Woods,**

*Land Law Examiner, Land Transfer  
Adjudication I.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[WY-100-08-1310-NB]

### Call for Nominations To Fill Two Vacancies on the Pinedale Anticline Working Group (PAWG)

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Call for nominations for membership on the Pinedale Anticline Working Group (PAWG).

**DATES:** All nominations should be postmarked no later than 30 days from date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Final appointments will be made by the Secretary of the Interior.

**ADDRESSES:** Nominations should be sent to Mr. David Crowley, Pinedale Anticline Working Group Coordinator, Bureau of Land Management, Pinedale Field Office, 1625 West Pine Street, P.O. Box 768, Pinedale, Wyoming 82941, or via e-mail to [dave\\_crowley@blm.gov](mailto:dave_crowley@blm.gov).

**SUMMARY:** On June 25, 2008, the Secretary of the Interior renewed the Charter for the PAWG and Task Groups. There are currently two vacancies on the PAWG for which nominations are being solicited: A representative of (1) Sublette County Government, and (2) the oil and gas operators. Section 309 of FLPMA directs the Secretary to select 10 to 15 member citizen-based advisory councils that are consistent with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). Individuals or groups who wish to submit a nomination or are interested in becoming a member of the PAWG should submit the specified information within 30 days of this Notice.

Nomination forms may be found at [http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/field\\_offices/Pinedale/pawg.html](http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/field_offices/Pinedale/pawg.html).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. David Crowley, Pinedale Anticline Working Group Coordinator, Bureau of Land Management, Pinedale Field Office, 1625 West Pine Street, P.O. Box 768, Pinedale, Wyoming 82941, telephone (307) 367-5323. [dave\\_crowley@blm.gov](mailto:dave_crowley@blm.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Pinedale Anticline Working Group