

status discrimination complaint, and the housing provider claims the "55 or older" housing exemption as an affirmative defense to the complaint.

Agency form numbers(s), if applicable: None.

Members of affected public: Both the HOPA and the HOPA final rule require that small businesses and other small entities that operate housing intended for occupancy by persons 55 years of age or older to routinely collect and update age verification information necessary to meet the eligibility criteria for the "55 or older" housing exemption. The record keeping requirements are the responsibility of the housing provider that wishes to qualify for the exemption.

Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including the number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response: The information collection requirements of the HOPA final rule are the responsibility of the community or facility that claims eligibility for the "55 or older" housing exemption provided under the HOPA. Since the HOPA does not require HUD certification or registration for "55 or older" communities or facilities, it is difficult to estimate the number of communities or facilities that intend to collect this information in order to qualify for the exemption. When the proposed rule was published for public comment in January 1997, HUD estimated that approximately 1,000 communities or facilities would seek the exemption. HUD also estimated that the occupancy/age verification data would require routine updating with each new housing transaction within the community or facility, and that the number of such transactions per year might vary significantly depending on the size and nature of the community. HUD estimated the average number of housing transactions per year at "10 per community." HUD concluded that the publication of policies and procedures " * * * is likely to be a one-time event and in most cases will require no additional burden beyond what is done in the normal course of business. The estimated total annual burden for the three collections is 5,500 hours."

Status of the proposed information collection: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 34, as amended.

Dated: January 8, 2003.

Diana Ortiz,

Director, Office of Enforcement.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor Commission; Notice of Bimonthly Meeting

Notice is hereby given in accordance with section 552b of Title 5, U.S.C., that a meeting of the John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor Commission will be held on Thursday, February 6, 2003.

The Commission was established pursuant to Pub. L. 99-647. The purpose of the Commission is to assist federal, state and local authorities in the development and implementation of an integrated resource management plan for those lands and waters within the Corridor.

The meeting will convene at 4 p.m. at the Corporate Offices of Gateway Healthcare, Inc. located at 249 Roosevelt Ave., Second Floor Board Conference Room, in Pawtucket, RI for the following reasons:

1. Approval of Minutes.
2. Chairman's Report.
3. Executive Director's Report.
4. Financial Budget.
5. Public Input.

It is anticipated that about twenty-five people will be able to attend the session in addition to the Commission members.

Interested persons may make oral or written presentations to the Commission or file written statements. Such requests should be made prior to the meeting to: Michael Creasey, Executive Director, John H. Chafee, Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor Commission, One Depot Square, Woonsocket, RI 02895, Tel.: (401) 762-0250.

Further information concerning this meeting may be obtained from Michael Creasey, Executive Director of the Commission at the aforementioned address.

Michael Creasey,

Executive Director BRVNHCC.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Receipt of Applications for Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

SUMMARY: The public is invited to comment on the following applications

to conduct certain activities with endangered species and/or marine mammals.

DATES: Written data, comments or requests must be received by February 14, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203; fax 703/358-2281.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Division of Management Authority, telephone 703/358-2104.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Endangered Species

The public is invited to comment on the following application(s) for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of these complete applications should be submitted to the Director (address above).

Applicant: Larry P. Carlson, N. Muskegon, MI, PRT-066199

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Joseph F. Hickey, Milwaukee, WI, PRT-066094

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Philip L. Rank, Westfield, WI, PRT-061812

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa