

instructions for submitting comments on Docket No. FWS–R2–ES–2017–0105.

- **Hard Copy:** Submit by U.S. mail or hand-delivery to Public Comments Processing, Attn: FWS–R2–ES–2017–0105; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Headquarters, MS: BPHC; 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041–3803.

- **Public Meetings:** We will also accept written and oral comments at four public meetings, to be announced.

We request that you submit comments by only the methods described above.

We will post all information received on <http://www.regulations.gov>. This generally means we will post any personal information you provide us (see *Public Availability of Comments*).

Public Availability of Comments

Written comments we receive become part of the public record associated with this action. Before including your address, phone number, email 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 request in your comment that we withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety.

Authority: We provide this notice under section 10(c) of the ESA and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.22 and 17.32) and NEPA and its implementing regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

Amy L. Lueders,

Regional Director, Southwest Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS–HQ–FAC–2018–N074; FF09F42300–FVWF9792090000–XXX]

Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council; Call for Nominations

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Call for nominations.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) seeks nominations for individuals to be considered for

membership on the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council (Council).

DATES: Written nominations must be postmarked by July 24, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Please address your nomination letters to Mr. Greg Sheehan, Principal Deputy Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Submit your nomination letters via U.S. mail or hand-delivery to Linda Friar, Designated Federal Officer; Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 5275 Leesburg Pike, Mailstop 3C016A–FAC; Falls Church, VA 22041–3803.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Linda Friar, at the above address, via email at linda_friar@fws.gov, or by telephone at (703) 358–2056.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Secretary seeks nominations for individuals to be considered for membership on the Council. The Council advises the Secretary, through the Director, on aquatic conservation endeavors that benefit recreational fishery resources and recreational boating and that encourage partnerships among industry, the public, and government. The Council conducts its operations in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.). The Council functions solely as an advisory body. Current members' terms expire August 29, 2018.

Council Duties

The Council's duties and responsibilities, where applicable, are as follows:

- a. Providing advice that will assist the Secretary in carrying out the authorities of the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956.

- b. Fulfilling responsibilities established by Executive Order 12962:

- (1) Monitoring specific Federal activities affecting aquatic systems and the recreational fisheries they support.

- (2) Reviewing and evaluating the relation of Federal policies and activities to the status and conditions of recreational fishery resources.

- c. Recommending policies or programs to increase public awareness and support for the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund.

- d. Recommending policies or programs that foster conservation and ethics in recreational fishing and boating.

- e. Recommending policies or programs to stimulate angler and boater participation in the conservation and restoration of aquatic resources through outreach and education.

- f. Advising how the Secretary can foster communication and coordination

among government, industry, anglers, boaters, and the public.

- g. Providing recommendations for implementation of Secretary's Order 3347—Conservation Stewardship and Outdoor Recreation, and Secretary's Order 3356—Hunting, Fishing, Recreational Shooting, and Wildlife Conservation Opportunities and Coordination with States, Tribes, and Territories.

- h. Providing recommendations for implementation of regulatory reform initiatives and policies specified in section 2 of Executive Order 13777—Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs; Executive Order 12866—Regulatory Planning and Review, as amended; and section 6 of Executive Order 13563—Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review.

Council Makeup

The Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the President of the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies are ex officio members. The Council may consist of no more than 18 members and up to 16 alternates appointed by the Secretary for a term not to exceed 3 years. Appointees will be selected from among, but not limited to, the following national interest groups:

- a. State fish and wildlife resource management agencies (two members—one a Director of a coastal State, and one a Director of an inland State);

- b. Saltwater and freshwater recreational fishing organizations;

- c. Recreational boating organizations;

- d. Recreational fishing and boating industries;

- e. Recreational fishery resources conservation organizations;

- f. Tribal resource management organizations;

- g. Aquatic resource outreach and education organizations; and

- h. The tourism industry.

Nomination Method and Eligibility

Members will be senior-level representatives of recreational fishing, boating, and aquatic resources conservation organizations, and must have the ability to represent their designated constituencies. Nominations should include a resume that provides contact information and a description of the nominee's qualifications that would enable the Department of the Interior to make an informed decision regarding the candidate's suitability to serve on the Council. Current members are eligible to be renominated and reappointed to the Council. Individuals who are federally registered lobbyists are ineligible to serve on all FACA and

non-FACA boards, committees, or councils in an individual capacity. The term "individual capacity" refers to individuals who are appointed to exercise their own individual best judgment on behalf of the government, such as when they are designated special Government employees, rather than being appointed to represent a particular interest.

Public Disclosure: Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your nomination, you should be aware that your entire nomination—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2.

Dated: June 20, 2018.

Ryan K. Zinke,

Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

[FWS–HQ–FAC–2018–N073; FF09F42300–FVWF9792090000–XXX]

Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council; Charter Renewal

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of renewal.

SUMMARY: This notice is published in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Following consultation with the General Services Administration, the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) has renewed the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council (Council) charter for 2 years.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Friar, Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 703–358–2056, linda_friar@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Secretary has renewed the Council charter for 2 years. The Council advises the Secretary, through the Director, on aquatic conservation endeavors that benefit recreational fishery resources and recreational boating and that encourage partnerships among industry, the public, and government. The Council will conduct its operations in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2.). The Council will function solely as an advisory body.

Certification: I hereby certify that the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council is necessary and is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Department of the Interior.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2.

Dated: June 20, 2018.

Ryan Zinke,

Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Contractor Eligibility and the Abandoned Mine Land Contractor Information Form

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Information Collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE), are announcing our intention to request renewed approval for the collection of information that provides a tool for OSMRE and the States/Indian tribes to help them prevent persons with outstanding violations from conducting further mining or AML reclamation activities in the State. This information collection activity was previously approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and assigned control number 1029–0119.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before September 4, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments on this information collection request (ICR) by mail to: The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Information Collection Clearance Officer, Attn: John Trelease, 1849 C Street NW; Mail Stop 4559, Washington, DC 20240. Comments may also be submitted electronically to jtrelease@osmre.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this ICR, contact John Trelease by email at jtrelease@osmre.gov, or by telephone at (202) 208–2783.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

We are soliciting comments on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is the collection necessary to the proper functions of the OSMRE; (2) is the estimate of burden accurate; (3) how might the OSMRE enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) how might the OSMRE minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email 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 us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

This notice provides the public with 60 days in which to comment on the following information collection activity:

Title of Collection: 30 CFR 874.16—Contractor Eligibility and the Abandoned Mine Land Contractor Information Form.

OMB Control Number: 1029–0119.

Abstract: 30 CFR 874.16 requires that every successful bidder for an AML contract must be eligible under 30 CFR 773.15(b)(1) at the time of contract award to receive a permit or conditional permit to conduct surface coal mining operations. Further, the regulation requires the eligibility to be confirmed by OSMRE's automated Applicant/Violator System (AVS) and the contractor must be eligible under the regulations implementing Section 510(c) of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act to receive permits to conduct mining operations. This form