Access roads, parking areas, boat ramps, wildlife plantings in the adjacent lands, fishing jetties, in-lake facilities, underwater fish structures, etc., will be installed by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) with their own funds. The Ringgold County Conservation Board (RCCB) will install the recreation facilities such as roads, campgrounds, cabins, restrooms, picnic areas, beach, parking lots, etc.

Effects of the Recommended Actions

There are no cultural resources in the area of potential effect. Construction of recreation facilities (i.e. access roads, cabins, boat ramps, etc.) will need further cultural resources survey. Construction discoveries will be handled in accordance with NRCS General Manual, Section 420, Part 401.

Construction of the dam and multipurpose pool inundates 24,000 feet (8 acres) of low quality ephemeral and intermittent warm water stream channel habitat. This conversion creates 565 acres of high quality warm water lacustrine habitat.

No jurisdictional wetlands were identified in either the planned multipurpose pool, flood pool, or at the structure site.

Ringgold County is within the summer range of the Indiana Bat (myotis sodalis). However, since less than five percent of the project area is in woodland, suitable habitat for this species does not occur at the project site. No other Federal or state listed T&E species are known to occur in the Gooseberry Lake project area, nor are there any areas of suitable habitat for those species listed for Ringgold County in this project area.

While 110.1 acres woody wildlife habitat with a value of 73.6 Habitat Units will be lost to the structure and pool, the installation of planned measures will produce 248 additional acres of woody wildlife habitat worth 110.8 Habitat Units. This will produce a net project gain of 147.9 acres and 37.8 habitat units.

Grassland wildlife habitat on 425 acres with a value of 117.7 Habitat Units will be lost due to the project. The installation of planned measures will produce 650 acres additional acres of grassland wildlife habitat worth 299 Habitat Units. This will produce a net project gain of 225 acres and 181.3 habitat units.

Installation of the project will convert 2,365 acres of cropland, hayland, and pasture to non-agricultural land uses. This includes 725 acres of prime farmland.

Alternative Actions

The only alternative action to the proposed action considered in the supplemental plan--EA would be to construct Site GB–3 approved in the original watershed plan--EIS. That alternative action was rejected by the Sponsors. The supplemental plan is the only alternative that meets the local Sponsors objectives and is acceptable to local residents. The plan is the National Economic Development (NED) plan.

Consultation and Public Participation

The Gooseberry Lake Agency has held more than 40 meetings beginning in 2000. All have been conducted in accordance with the Iowa Open Meetings Law. This means that the public has been notified of each meeting and allowed to attend and participate in each meeting. Typically, 10–25 members of the public attend these regular meetings; two to five request time on the agenda to speak. One or more members of the NRCS staff were at each of those meetings in order to answer questions and receive comments.

Ongoing public participation identified the need to include detailed information on recreation benefits and other direct costs related to lost farm income. This was done and was discussed in the supplemental plan--EA.

NRCS hosted a week long open house at Mount Ayr, Iowa in February 2004. Numerous displays and information related to the East Fork of the Grand Watershed and the proposed 565 acre Gooseberry Lake were available during the open house. NRCS staff answered questions from the over 80 public participants.

Seven Indian tribal contacts and one local historical society were notified of this intended action in accordance with 36CFR800. They were consulted about their knowledge of historical properties in the project area. No response was received from the tribes or the local historical society.

The draft supplemental plan was provided to local, state, and federal agencies and non-governmental organizations for a 45 day long interagency review beginning in March, 2004. Any private citizens who requested the document were also mailed copies and requested to comment during the interagency review comment period. Seventy-eight copies of the supplemental plan–EA were distributed to the above agencies and private citizens during the interagency comment period. The NRCS also posted the draft supplemental plan on its Iowa Web site, at http://www.ia.nrcs.usda.gov. News releases were issued to state and local media announcing its availability on the Web site and that hard copies could be obtained by contacting the NRCS–Iowa state office. Requests for review and input into the document were part of the news releases.

Significant comments were received from five private citizens, four government agencies, and one non-governmental organization. These comments were addressed in the final supplemental plan–EA.

Conclusion

The Environmental Assessment summarized above indicates that this Federal action will not cause significant impacts on the environment. Therefore, based on the above findings, I have determined that an environmental impact statement for the Supplemental Watershed Plan No. 1 East Fork of the Grand River Watershed is not required.

Richard Van Klaveren,
State Conservationist.

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was established to “examine whether the need exists to modernize the antitrust laws and to identify and study related issues.” Antitrust Modernization Commission Act of 2002, Pub. L. 107–273, § 11053, 116 Stat. 1856.


By direction of Deborah A. Garza, Chair of the Antitrust Modernization Commission.

Approved by Designated Federal Officer:
Andrew J. Heimert,
Executive Director & General Counsel,
Antitrust Modernization Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

I.D. 092904D

Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Western Pacific Pelagic Fisheries; Public Hearing on Draft Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTIONS: Notice of public hearing.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Islands Regional Office of NMFS, in coordination with the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, will hold a public hearing in Honolulu, HI, to receive comments on a draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) for management measures being considered for the domestic pelagic fisheries in the Pacific Ocean. The DEIS describes and assesses the likely environmental impacts of a range of alternatives for two fishery management actions. The first action is aimed at cost-effectively reducing the potentially harmful effects of fishing by Hawaii-based longline vessels on seabirds. The second is aimed at establishing an effective management framework for pelagic squid fisheries in the Pacific, including fishing activities within the exclusive economic zone of the U.S. and on the high seas. The first action would be taken through the Fishery Management Plan for the Pelagic Fisheries of the Western Pacific Region (FMP), under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The second action would be taken both through the FMP and under the authority of the High Seas Fishing Compliance Act.

DATES: Public hearings will be held as follows: Wednesday, October 6, 2004, from 5 to 7 p.m., on Hawaii Island in Hilo, HI; Thursday, October 7, 2004, from 6 to 8 p.m., on Oahu Island in Honolulu, HI; and Friday, October 8, 2004, on Kauai Island in Lihue, HI. All times are Hawaii Standard Time.

ADDRESSES: The public hearings will be held at the following locations: On Hawaii Island at the University of Hawaii at Hilo, Campus Center, Room 301, 200 W. Kawai St., Hilo, HI; On Oahu Island at the office of the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI; On Kauai Island, at Kamakahelei Middle School, Room E–101, 4431 Nuhou St., Lihue, HI.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Graham, NMFS, 808–973–2937.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The DEIS was made available to the public on August 27, 2004, as described in a Notice of Availability published in the Federal Register by the Environmental Protection Agency on that date. The public comment period for the DEIS ends October 12, 2004.

To obtain a copy of the DEIS or for additional information, contact NMFS (see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT). The DEIS is also available on the Internet at http://swr.nmfs.noaa.gov/pit/.

Special Accommodations
This hearing is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Tom Graham, 808–973–2937 (voice) or 808–973–2941 (fax), by October 6, 2004.


Alan D. Risenhoover,
Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request


The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Title: Trademark Processing (proposed addition of seven new TEAS Forms).

Form Number(s): PTO Forms 2194, 2195, 2196, 2197, 2200, 2201, and 2202. These forms will be added to those that are currently approved for this collection: PTO Form 4.8, 4.9, 4.16, 1478, 1478(a), 1553, 1581, 1583, 1963, 2000, and PTO/TM/4.16 and 1583.

Agency Approval Number: 0651–0009.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 154,483 hours.

Number of Respondents: 762,701 responses.

Avg. Hours Per Response:
Approximately 3 to 12 minutes, depending on the form. The USPTO estimates that it takes approximately 3 minutes (0.05 hours) to complete the requests for deletion of the § 1(b) basis from an intent to use application, the change of owner’s address form, and the express abandonment of the application and submit them electronically through the Trademark Electronic Application System (TEAS). The USPTO estimates that it takes approximately 5 minutes (0.08 hours) to complete the petitions to revive and the revocation and appointment of attorneys, and 12 minutes (0.20 hours) to complete the withdrawals as the attorney of record and submit them electronically through TEAS. The USPTO estimates that it takes 6 minutes (0.10 hours) to complete the revocation and appointment of attorney, and 12 minutes (0.20 hours) to complete the petitions to revive and mail them to the USPTO. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, prepare the petitions, requests, and other associated forms, and submit them to the USPTO.

Needs and Uses: The USPTO is developing seven forms that will allow applicants to submit certain petitions, requests, revocations, and change of address forms electronically through TEAS. When the USPTO deploys these forms, applicants will be able to petition the USPTO to revive an abandoned application; to appoint or revoke a power of attorney; to request that the USPTO delete a § 1(b) filing basis from an intent to use application; to request permission to withdraw as the attorney of record; and to request the withdrawal of an application. Applicants and