

	Estimate number of responses	Completion time (minutes)	Annual burden hours
Survey .....	1,400	15	350
Focus group .....	60	90	90
Total .....	1,460	115	440

*Annual Burden Hours:* 440 hours. We expect to receive 1,460 annual responses (1,400 surveys and 60 focus group participants). We estimate an average of 15 minutes to complete a survey instrument (1,400 × 15 minutes = 350 hours), an average of 90 minutes per focus group session (60 × 90 minutes = 90 hours).

*Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping “Non-Hour Cost” Burden:* None.

*Public Disclosure Statement:* The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number and current expiration date.

### III. Request for Comments

We invite comments concerning this ICR on:

- Whether or not the collection of information is necessary, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;
- The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information;
- Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents.

Please note that the comments submitted in response to this notice are a matter of public record. 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.

Dated: September 20, 2012.

**Madonna L. Baucum,**

*Information Collection Clearance Officer,  
National Park Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

[WASO-NRSS-BRMD-11317; 2340-NYS]

#### **Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request: NPS Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) General Submission, Annual Review, and Exhibitor Forms**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service (NPS), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We (National Park Service) will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the information collection (IC) described below. This collection currently consist of three forms (General Submission, Annual Renewal, Exhibitor Submission) used by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (NPS IACUC/the Committee) to ensure compliance with the Animal Welfare Act (AWA), its regulations (AWAR), and the Interagency Research Animal Committee (IRAC) principles for projects involving the use of vertebrate animals in research, teaching, and/or exhibition. To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and as a part of our continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, we invite the general public and other federal agencies to comment on this IC. The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) provides that we may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to, a collection unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number and current expiration date.

**DATES:** Please submit your comment on or before November 26, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Please send your comments to the IC to Phadrea Ponds, Information Collections Coordinator, National Park Service, 1201 Oakridge Drive, Fort Collins, CO 80525 (mail); or [phadrea\\_ponds@nps.gov](mailto:phadrea_ponds@nps.gov) (email). Please reference Information Collection 1024-NEW, NPS IACUC in the subject line.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Jordan Spaak, NPS IACUC Administrator by mail at Biological Resource Management Division 1201 Oakridge Drive, Suite 200 Fort Collins, CO 80525 or [Jordan\\_Spaak@nps.gov](mailto:Jordan_Spaak@nps.gov)

(email). You may also contact John Bryan at [John\\_Bryan@nps.gov](mailto:John_Bryan@nps.gov) (email).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Abstract**

All research, teaching, and exhibition projects involving vertebrate animals taking place on NPS territories must be approved by the NPS IACUC prior to their commencement. Principal Investigators (PI) are required to submit the completed General Submission, Annual Renewal, or Exhibitor Submission as required for approval to the NPS IACUC Office.

##### **II. Data**

*OMB Control Number:* None. This collection is currently in use without an OMB Control Number.

*Title:* NPS Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) General Submission Form.

*Type of Request:* New.

*Affected Public:* General public.

Anyone involved in research, teaching, and exhibition projects involving vertebrate animals in NPS units.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*Frequency of Collection:* One-time, on occasion.

*Estimated Annual Number of Respondents:* 75.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 450 hours. We expect to receive 75 annual responses. We estimate an average of 6 hours per response.

*Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping “Non-Hour Cost” Burden:* None

##### **III. Request for Comments**

We invite comments concerning this ICR on:

- Whether or not the collection of information is necessary, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;
- The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information;
- Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents.

Please note that the comments submitted in response to this notice are

a matter of public record. 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.

Dated: September 18, 2012.

**Madonna L. Baucum,**  
*Information Collection Clearance Officer,*  
*National Park Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

[NPS-NER-NIFA-11324: 4533-685]

#### Notice of Niagara Falls National Heritage Area Commission Meeting Closure

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting closure.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given for the partial closure of the September 26, 2012, meeting of the Niagara Falls National Heritage Area Commission. The federally appointed Commission serves as the guiding body for Niagara Falls National Heritage Area.

**DATES:** The Commission will meet on Wednesday, September 26, 2012, at 9:30 a.m. (Eastern).

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will take place at Niagara University's Bisgrove Hall, Room 250. The University is located at 5795 Lewiston Road, Niagara University, New York 14109. Parking is limited on campus but readily available in the eastern lots of the Power Vista.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON MEETING**

**CONTACT:** Debbie Conway, Superintendent, Fort Stanwix National Monument, 112 East Park St., Rome, New York 13440; telephone (315) 336-3113.

#### Proposed SRC Meeting Agenda

The proposed meeting agenda includes the following:

1. Public Comments.
2. Executive Session.
3. Review of August 29, 2012 Minutes.
4. Committee Reports.
5. Project Updates.
6. Presentation by Lewiston Web Solutions.

#### 7. Adjourn Meeting.

The meeting is open to the public and will have time allotted for public testimony. Public comments will be heard at the beginning of the meeting and will be limited to 5 minutes per person. Before including your address, telephone 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.

**Debbie Conway,**

*Superintendent, Fort Stanwix National Monument and Designated Federal Official for the Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

#### Extension of Post-Sale Evaluation Period for Consolidated Central Gulf of Mexico Planning Area Lease Sale 216/222

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice to extend post-sale evaluation period.

**SUMMARY:** This notice extends through October 18, 2012, the post-sale evaluation period for Consolidated Central Gulf of Mexico Planning Area Lease Sale 216/222. BOEM will complete the evaluation process for all bids received in this sale by October 18, 2012. This action is necessary due to the temporary closure of the BOEM Regional Office building in New Orleans and other effects of the recent hurricane impacting the region.

**DATES:** The post-sale evaluation period for this sale will conclude on October 18, 2012.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In connection with the Consolidated Central Gulf of Mexico Lease Sale 216/222, held June 20, 2012, BOEM received 593 bids on 454 tracts. On July 10, 2012, the high bids on 63 tracts were accepted and bids on another 391 tracts were passed to Phase 2 of the post-sale evaluation period for detailed evaluation. As of September 14, 2012, BOEM had completed the evaluation and deemed acceptable the high bids offered on 203 of the tracts passed to Phase 2. BOEM is continuing the

evaluation process of bids for the remaining 188 tracts.

On August 27, 2012, BOEM personnel reported to work to carry out activities outlined in the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement and Bureau of Ocean Energy Management Gulf of Mexico Region Emergency/Hurricane Preparedness Plan. Upon completion of the tasks, the Gulf of Mexico Regional Office building in New Orleans was closed at 3:00 p.m. local time. Many BOEM employees and their families evacuated the area ahead of the storm. On August 29, 2012, Hurricane Isaac made landfall along the northern Gulf Coast, just south of the New Orleans metropolitan area. Heavy rainfall and high winds caused flooding and damage to homes, businesses, and properties in the area. The New Orleans area experienced widespread power outages that affected nearly every resident. BOEM's Regional Office building in New Orleans received minor water damage to office space on 4 floors in the building, including offices occupied by key personnel directly involved in the post-sale evaluation process.

As a result of these extraordinary circumstances, BOEM requires additional time to complete the bid review process, originally scheduled to conclude within 90 days following the Sale 216/222 sale date, that is, by September 18, 2012. Under the provisions of 30 CFR 556.47(e)(2), BOEM is extending the bid evaluation period until October 18, 2012.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David Cooke, Regional Supervisor, Office of Resource Evaluation, Gulf of Mexico Region, telephone 504-736-2710.

Dated: September 18, 2012.

**Walter D. Cruickshank,**  
*Deputy Director, Bureau of Ocean and Energy Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

#### Notice of Availability of the Proposed Notice of Sale (NOS) for Central Gulf of Mexico Planning Area (CPA) Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Lease Sale 227 (CPA Sale 227)

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of the Proposed Notice of CPA Sale 227.

**SUMMARY:** BOEM announces the availability of the Proposed NOS for