

partnership among the public, sporting conservation organizations, Federal, state, tribal, and territorial governments; and benefit recreational hunting and recreational shooting sports.

DATES: Comments regarding the establishment of this Council must be submitted no later than January 12, 2018. Nominations for the Council must be submitted by January 29, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments and/or nominations by any of the following methods:

- Mail or hand-carry nominations to Joshua Winchell, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Wildlife Refuge System, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041–3803; or
- *Email nominations to: joshua_winchell@fws.gov.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joshua Winchell, Council Designated Federal Officer, by U.S. mail at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Wildlife Refuge System, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041–3803; by telephone at (703) 358–2639; or by email at *joshua_winchell@fws.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Council is established under the authority of the Secretary and regulated by the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2). The Council's duties are strictly advisory and consist of, but are not limited to, providing recommendations for implementation of Executive Order 13443—Facilitation of Hunting Heritage and Wildlife Conservation; 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. Duties shall include, but are not be limited to: (a) Assessing and quantifying implementation of Executive Order 13443 and Secretary's Orders 3347 and 3356 across relevant departments, agencies, and offices; and making recommendations to enhance and expand their implementation as identified; (b) making recommendations regarding policies and programs that conserve and restore wetlands, agricultural lands, grasslands, forests, and rangeland habitats; promote opportunities and expand access to hunting and shooting sports on public and private lands; encourage hunting and shooting safety by developing ranges on public lands; recruit and retain new shooters and hunters; increase public awareness of the importance of wildlife conservation and the social and economic benefits of

hunting and shooting; and encourage coordination among the public, hunting and shooting sports community; wildlife conservation groups; and Federal, state, tribal, and territorial governments.

The Council will meet approximately two times per year. The Secretaries of Interior and Agriculture (Secretaries) will appoint members and their alternates to the Council to serve up to a 3-year term. The Council will not exceed 18 discretionary members and 7 ex officio members. Ex officio members will include:

- Secretary of the Interior or designated DOI representatives;
- Secretary of Agriculture or designated Department of Agriculture representatives; and
- Executive Director, Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.

The Secretaries will select remaining members from among, but not limited to, the entities listed below. These members must be senior-level representatives of their organization and/or have the ability to represent their designated constituency.

- State fish and wildlife management agencies;
- Wildlife and habitat conservation/management organizations;
- Game bird hunting organizations;
- Waterfowl hunting organizations;
- Big game organizations (deer, elk, sheep, bear);
- U.S. hunters actively engaged in domestic and/or international hunting conservation;
- The firearms or ammunition manufacturing industry;
- Archery, hunting and/or shooting sports industry;
- Tourism, outfitter, and/or guide industries related to hunting and/or shooting sports;
- Tribal resource management organizations;
- The agriculture industry;
- The ranching industry; and
- Veterans service organizations.

Nominations should include a resume providing an adequate description of the nominee's qualifications, including information that would enable DOI to make an informed decision regarding meeting the membership requirements of the Council and to permit DOI to contact a potential member.

Members of the Council serve without compensation. However, while away from their homes or regular places of business, Council and subcommittee members engaged in Council or subcommittee business that the DFO approves may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by 5 U.S.C.

5703, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in Federal Government service.

Public Disclosure of Comments:

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.

Certification Statement: I hereby certify that the Hunting and Shooting Sports Conservation Council is necessary, in the public interest, and is in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture under 43 U.S.C. 1457 and provisions of the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742a), the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1996 (43 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*), the National Forest Management Act of 1976 (16 U.S.C. 1600 *et seq.*), the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 668dd–668ee) and Executive Order 13443, Facilitation of Hunting Heritage and Wildlife Conservation.

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

Ryan K. Zinke,

Secretary, Department of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

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Notice of Public Meeting for the Advisory Committee on Water Information

AGENCY: United States Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, notice is hereby given that the U.S. Department of the Interior, United States Geological Survey (USGS), the Advisory Committee on Water Information (ACWI) will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting will take place from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 17, 2018, and from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 18, 2018 (times are Eastern Standard Time).

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the auditorium of the U.S. Geological Survey National Center, located at 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, VA 20192.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Wendy E. Norton, ACWI Executive Secretary and Chief, Water Information Coordination Program, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 417, Reston, VA 20192; email wennorton@usgs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The ACWI operates in conformance with the Office of Management and Budget Memorandum M-92-01 and the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the ACWI is to provide a forum for water information users and professionals to advise the Federal Government on activities and plans that may improve the effectiveness of meeting the Nation's water information needs. ACWI members help to foster communications between the Federal and non-Federal sectors on sharing water information. For more information on the ACWI, its membership, subgroups, meetings and activities, please see the website at: <https://acwi.gov>.

This meeting is to discuss broad policy-related topics relating to national water initiatives, and the development and dissemination of water information, through reports from ACWI subgroups. The agenda will include updates from ACWI's various subcommittees, including activities related to continuing implementation of the Open Water Data Initiative and a report on the newly released Bulletin 17C, Guidelines for Determining Flood Flow Frequency.

This meeting is open to the public. Half an hour will be set aside for public comment. Persons wishing to make a brief presentation (up to 5 minutes) are asked to provide a written request with a description of the general subject to Ms. Norton at the above address no later than January 12, 2018. Any member of the public may submit written information and (or) comments to Ms. Norton for distribution at the ACWI meeting. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, please 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.

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

Wendy E. Norton,
Chief, Water Information Coordination Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Solicitation of Nominations for the Advisory Board for Exceptional Children

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice of information collection;
request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) are proposing to renew an information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 29, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments on this information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget's Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior by email at OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov; or via facsimile to (202) 395-5806. Please provide a copy of your comments to Ms. Jennifer Davis, Bureau of Indian Education, 2600 N. Central Avenue, Suite 800, Phoenix, Arizona 85004, fax: (602) 265-0293; or by email to jennifer.davis@bie.edu. Please reference OMB Control Number 1076-0179 in the subject line of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this ICR, contact Ms. Jennifer Davis by email at jennifer.davis@bie.edu or by telephone at (602) 265-1592. You may also view the ICR at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

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.

A **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day public comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on October 16, 2017 (82 FR 48109). No comments were received.

We are again 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 BIE (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the BIE enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the BIE 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. 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.

Abstract: The Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) is seeking renewal for an information collection that would allow it to collect information regarding individuals' qualifications to serve on the Federal advisory committee known as the Advisory Board for Exceptional Children. This information collection requires persons interested in being nominated to serve on the Board to provide information regarding their qualifications. This information collection includes one form.

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA) of 2004, (20 U.S.C. 1400 *et seq.*) requires the BIE to establish an Advisory Board on Exceptional Education. See 20 U.S.C. 1411(h)(6). Advisory Board members shall serve staggered terms of two or three years from the date of their appointment. This Board is currently in operation. This information collection allows BIE to better manage the nomination process for future appointments to the Board.

Title of Collection: Solicitation of Nominations for the Advisory Board for Exceptional Children.