

their reference to “the Quality Housing Act and the Home Investment Partnership” would imply that the request is for the HOME Investment Partnership Program and perhaps for the Section 8 program as well.

HUD response: Requirements for FMR use in various programs are determined by statute and regulation, with additional policies as determined by the relevant program office. For information on exemptions, stakeholders should consult directly with the relevant program office.

Concerns About Payment Standards

Comment: One commenter said that the Orange County Housing Authority is setting payment standards too low and believes that HUD should require SAFMRs for the affected area.

HUD response: Metropolitan areas whose PHAs are subject to the mandatory use of SAFMRs are determined using criteria laid out in a **Federal Register** notice (81 FR 80678) that accompanied the SAFMR Final Rule (81 FR 80567). The criteria include: (1) total vouchers \geq 2,500, (2) at least 20 percent of the standard quality rental stock within the area is in ZIP Codes where the SAFMR is more than 110 percent of the metropolitan FMR, (3) the percentage of voucher families living in concentrated low-income areas relative to all renters within the area must be at least 25 percent, (4) the percentage of voucher holders living in concentrated low-income areas relative to all renters within these areas over the entire metropolitan area exceeds 155 percent, and (5) the vacancy rate for the metropolitan area is higher than 4 percent. HUD evaluates new data every five years as it becomes available and makes additional SAFMR area designations as appropriate. The most recent evaluation was conducted in 2023. In the meantime, concerns about payment standards can be raised with the PHA and local HUD office.

Requests for Reevaluations

Comment: Commenters submitted valid requests for reevaluation for 11 FMR areas. There were also 4 requests that did not meet HUD requirements. Commenters requesting or supporting a reevaluation for the FY 2026 FMRs stated that the proposed FMRs were not an accurate representation of their area’s rental market. Many commenters stated that they would undertake a local rent survey as part of their request for reevaluation.

HUD response: HUD published the list of areas requesting reevaluation on the HUD User website on November 18,

2025, and the list of areas without a submission of rental market data on January 14, 2026. This notice provides the revised FMRs for areas that submitted survey data and concludes the FY 2026 FMR reevaluation process.

III. Environmental Impact

This notice involves the establishment of FMR schedules, which do not constitute a development decision affecting the physical condition of specific project areas or building sites. Accordingly, under 24 CFR 50.19(c)(6), this notice is categorically excluded from environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321).

Todd Richardson,

General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[Docket No. FWS-HQ-OC-2026-1519; FXGO166009OC000-267-FF09X00000]

Re-Establishment of the Hunting and Shooting Sports Conservation and Access Council; Request for Nominations

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) is re-establishing and seeking member nominations to the Hunting and Shooting Sports Conservation and Access Council (Council). The Council replaces and changes the name of the previous Hunting and Wildlife Conservation Council. The Secretary of the Interior (Secretary), after consultation with the General Services Administration, is re-establishing the Council charter for 2 years. The Council will provide recommendations to the Federal Government, through the Secretary and the Secretary of Agriculture, regarding the establishment and implementation of existing and proposed policies and authorities with regard to wildlife and habitat conservation endeavors that benefit wildlife resources; encourage partnership among the public, sporting conservation organizations, and Federal, State, Tribal, and Territorial governments; benefit hunting and the shooting sports; and increase public access to hunting and the shooting sports.

DATES: Comments regarding the re-establishment of this Council must be submitted no later than April 28, 2026. Nominations for the Council must be submitted by *May 21, 2026*.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments and nominations via email to *doug_hobbs@fws.gov*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Douglas Hobbs, by telephone at (703) 358-2336, or by email at *doug_hobbs@fws.gov*. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council is re-established under the authority of the Secretary and regulated by the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended (5 U.S.C. Ch. 10). The Council’s duties are strictly advisory and consist of, but are not limited to,

(a) Assessing the implementation of current and future Executive Orders, Secretary’s Orders, Secretarial memos, and Director’s Orders that pertain to the objective of the Council, and providing recommendations to enhance and expand their implementation;

(b) Conducting a review of public lands to identify any areas currently unreachable or unavailable for public hunting opportunities and recommending solutions or options to increase access;

(c) Making recommendations regarding policies and programs that:

1. conserve and restore wetlands, grasslands, forests, and other important wildlife habitats, and improve management and restoration of rangelands and agricultural lands to benefit wildlife and enhance hunting and wildlife-associated recreation;

2. promote opportunities for hunting and/or expand access to hunting, shooting sports and wildlife-associated recreation on public lands;

3. improve and enhance agency infrastructure that benefit wildlife and their habitats, that enhance public access to hunting and shooting sports opportunities on public lands and other related and lawful uses in accordance with the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (16 U.S.C. 6801-6814) and the Great American Outdoors Act (P.L. 115-162);

4. encourage hunting and shooting sports safety, including through development of ranges on public lands;

5. recruit and retain new hunters and shooting sports enthusiasts whose participation helps support wildlife conservation and increased access and opportunities through the North American Model of Conservation;

6. increase public awareness of the importance of wildlife conservation and the social and economic benefits of hunting and the shooting sports; and

7. encourage coordination among the public; the hunting and shooting sports communities; wildlife conservation groups; and Federal, State, Tribal and Territorial governments to better utilize natural resources while providing for conservation.

(d) When requested by the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) in consultation with the Council Chairperson, performing a variety of assessments or reviews of policies, programs, and efforts through the Council's designated subcommittees or workgroups for consideration and approval of full Council.

The Council will meet at least two times per year. The Secretary will appoint members and alternates to the Council to serve up to a 3-year term. The Council will not exceed 18 primary representative members, up to 18 alternate representative members, and 4 ex officio members. Ex officio members will include:

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

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

- State fish and wildlife management agencies;
- Wildlife and habitat conservation/management organizations;
- Shooting sports interests;
- Gamebird hunting organizations;
- Waterfowl hunting organizations;
- Big game hunting organizations;
- U.S hunters actively engaged in domestic and/or international hunting conservation;
- The firearms or ammunition manufacturing industry;
- Archery interests;
- Wildlife-associated recreation interests;
- Tourism, outfitter, and/or guide businesses related to hunting and/or wildlife conservation;

- Tribal resource management organizations;
- Agriculture interests;
- Ranching interest; and
- Veterans service organizations.

Member Terms and Vacancies To Fill

Each representative member is appointed to serve up to a 3-year term. Nominations are sought to fill 18 primary representative member positions and up to 18 alternate representative member positions. We are requesting nominations to fill vacancies to represent all organizations/interests listed above.

Nomination Method and Information

Nominations should include a cover letter and 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 the national interest potentially represented, 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 Designated Federal Officer (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.

Public Interest Determination: Pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 102–3.60(a) to establish, renew, reestablish, or merge a discretionary (agency discretion) advisory committee, an agency must first consult with the General Services Administration's Committee Management Secretariat (the Secretariat) and, as part of the consultation, provide a written public interest determination approved by the head of the agency to the Secretariat with a copy to the Office of Management and Budget. In addition, pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 102–3.35, an agency shall follow the same

consultation process and document in writing the same determination of need before creating a subcommittee under a discretionary committee that is not made up entirely of members of a parent advisory committee.

Information on the following factors for the committee is provided to the Secretariat to demonstrate that establishing the committee is in the public interest:

1. *Annual budget:* Up to \$80,000 (per the committee charter).

a. *Federal personnel on a full-time equivalent (FTE) basis:* Up to 0.5 FTE.

b. *Other Federal internal costs:* Approximately \$63,000.

c. *Proposed payments to members:* \$0.

d. *Proposed number of members:* 4 Ex officio members, 18 primary members, and up to 18 alternate members.

e. *Reimbursable costs:* Approximately \$17,000.

2. *If applicable, the total dollar value of grants expected to be recommended during the fiscal year:* N/A.

3. *Criteria for selecting members to ensure the committee has the necessary expertise and fairly balanced membership:*

Council membership, balance, and individual perspective and expertise are in large part dictated by the committee charter. To ensure balance, appointees will be selected from among, but not limited to, the national interest groups listed in the charter. Additionally, committee members must be senior-level representatives of their organizations and/or have the ability to represent their designated constituency. The membership make-up of the Council assures a range of perspectives and expertise reflecting the breadth of its responsibilities as identified in the charter.

4. *List of all other Federal advisory committees of the agency:*

- Acadia National Park Advisory Commission
- Advisory Committee on Landslides
- Alaska Resource Advisory Council
- Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force
- Arizona Resource Advisory Council
- Avi Kwa Ame National Monument Advisory Committee
- Baaj Nwaavjo I'tah Kukveni-Ancestral Footprints of the Grand Canyon National Monument Advisory Committee
- Bears Ears National Monument Advisory Committee
- Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area Advisory Council
- Bristol Bay Subsistence Regional Advisory Council
- Bureau of Indian Affairs Advisory Board for Exceptional Children

California Desert District Advisory Council
 Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission
 Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park Advisory Commission
 Central California Resource Advisory Council
 Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Advisory Council
 Committee for the Preservation of the White House
 Eastern Interior Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council
 Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council
 Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Public Advisory Committee
 Geologic Mapping Advisory Committee
 Gettysburg National Military Park Advisory Commission
 Gila Box Riparian National Conservation Area Advisory Committee
 Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group
 Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Advisory Committee
 Hunting and Wildlife Conservation Council
 Idaho Resource Advisory Council
 Jimmy Carter National Historic Site Advisory Commission
 John Day-Snake Resource Advisory Council
 Kalaupapa National Historical Park Advisory Commission
 Kodiak/Aleutians Subsistence Regional Advisory Council
 Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site Advisory Commission
 McInnis Canyons National Conservation Area Advisory Council
 Missouri Basin Resource Advisory Council
 Mojave-Southern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council
 National Geospatial Advisory Committee
 National Park of American Samoa Advisory Board
 National Park Service Subsistence Resource Commission-Aniakchak National Monument
 National Park Service Subsistence Resource Commission-Cape Krusenstern National Monument
 National Park Service Subsistence Resource Commission-Denali National Park
 National Park Service Subsistence Resource Commission-Gates of the Arctic National Park
 National Park Service Subsistence Resource Commission-Kobuk Valley National Park
 National Park Service Subsistence Resource Commission-Lake Clark National Park
 National Park Service Subsistence Resource Commission-Wrangell-St. Elias National Park
 National Volcano Early Warning System Advisory Committee
 Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee
 North Slope Science Initiative Science Technical Advisory Panel
 North Slope Subsistence Regional Advisory Council
 Northern California District Resource Advisory Council
 Northern New Mexico Resource Advisory Council
 Northwest Arctic Subsistence Regional Advisory Council
 Northwest Resource Advisory Council
 Preservation Technology and Training Board
 Rio Puerco Management Committee
 Rocky Mountain Resource Advisory Council
 San Rafael Swell Recreation Advisory Council
 Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Advisory Committee
 Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee
 Seward Peninsula Subsistence Regional Advisory Council
 Sierra Front Northern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council
 Southcentral Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council
 Southeast Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council
 Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council
 Southern New Mexico Resource Advisory Council
 Southwest Resource Advisory Council
 Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council
 Steens Mountain Advisory Council
 Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve Advisory Committee
 The Wyoming Resource Advisory Council
 Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument Advisory Council
 Utah Resource Advisory Council
 Wekiva River System Advisory Management Committee
 Western Interior Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council
 Western Montana Resource Advisory Council
 Western Oregon Resource Advisory Council
 Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board
 Yukon/Kuskokwim Delta Subsistence Regional Advisory Council

5. *Justification that the information or advice provided by the Federal advisory committee or subcommittee is not available from another Federal advisory*

committee, another Federal Government source, or any other more cost-effective and less burdensome source:

Because of the professional affiliations, expertise, and experiences of members of the Council, it is uniquely positioned to provide consensus advice to the Departments related to hunting, recreational shooting, and wildlife conservation.

Members of the committee typically have years of professional experience as managers, advocates, and participants in the wildlife conservation and recreation field, or as leaders within the recreation associated industries. There is no equivalent body of advisers empaneled to address the specific set of issues the committee is tasked with, or to assist the Departments with the specific subject matter by providing consensus, group advice. Empaneling the committee serves efficiency and cost-effective bureau operations through the time and cost savings realized by having a group of advisers meet to offer expert advice versus multiple individual meetings to receive stakeholder input. Cost-effectiveness is increased by limiting the number of in-person meetings, and the increased utilization of on-line meeting platforms to conduct business. Lastly, implementation of the committee's consensus recommendations frequently negates the need to proceed through additional public comment and other public input processes, thereby saving time and money.

6. *If the consultation is a committee renewal, a summary of the previous accomplishments of the committee and the reasons it needs to continue: N/A.*

7. *Explanation of why the committee/subcommittee is essential to the conduct of agency business:*

Members of the Council typically have years of experience as managers, advocates, and participants in the wildlife conservation and wildlife-associated recreation fields, or in the wildlife-associated recreation industries. There is no equivalent body of advisers empaneled to assist the Departments in improving the development and implementation of policies that benefit wildlife and their habitats, as well as policies to increase opportunities for hunting, recreational shooting, and other wildlife-associated recreation. Given the Council member knowledge of government conservation law, policy, and processes, the committee can provide actionable advice and recommendations to the Federal Government on creating, expanding, and maintaining hunting, recreational shooting sports, and wildlife-associated recreational opportunities on Federal lands and

waters. The Council also provides advice to maintain and increase the conservation and economic benefits derived from these recreational activities.

The Council serves the public interest by offering actionable recommendations to improve the Federal Government's efforts to implement laws and policies that maximize the core functions and purposes of Federal agency efforts to conserve and sustain wildlife populations and their habitats, and to provide access to and recreational opportunity on public lands. Because of the professional affiliations, expertise, and experiences of committee members, it is uniquely positioned to provide consensus advice to the Departments related to hunting, recreational shooting, and wildlife conservation.

In conclusion, this public interest determination documents that establishing the committee is in the public interest, essential to the conduct of agency business, and that the information to be obtained is not already available through another advisory committee or source within the Federal Government.

Certification Statement: I hereby certify that the Hunting and Shooting Sports Conservation and Access 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 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701), the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 668dd), Expanding Public Lands Outdoor Recreation Experiences Act (16 U.S.C. 8401 *et seq.*), other Acts applicable to specific bureaus, and Executive Order 13443 (August 17, 2007), "Facilitation of Hunting Heritage and Wildlife Conservation."

Authority: 5 U.S.C. Ch. 10.

Doug Burgum,

Secretary, Department of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[Docket No. FWS-R4-ES-2026-0199;
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Receipt of Incidental Take Permit Application and Proposed Habitat Conservation Plan for the Alabama Beach Mouse; Baldwin County, AL; Categorical Exclusion

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comment.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce receipt of an application from Stillwater Capital Assets, LLC (applicant) for an incidental take permit (ITP) under the Endangered Species Act. The applicant requests the ITP to take the federally listed threatened Alabama beach mouse incidental to the construction of a single-family home in Baldwin County, Alabama. We request public comment on the application, which includes the applicant's proposed habitat conservation plans (HCP), and on the Service's preliminary determination that the proposed permitting action may be eligible for a categorical exclusion pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Department of the Interior's (DOI) NEPA regulations, and the DOI Departmental Manual. To make this preliminary determination, we prepared a draft screening form and NEPA statement for HCPs, both of which are also available for public review. We invite comment from the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies.

DATES: We must receive your written comments on or before May 21, 2026.

To ensure your comment is received and considered, you must submit it using one of the methods identified in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document. Comments submitted through any method not authorized in this document, or sent to an address not listed here, will not be considered.

ADDRESSES:

Obtaining Documents: The documents this notice announces, as well as any comments and other materials that we receive, will be available for public inspection online in Docket No. FWS-R4-ES-2026-0199 at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

Submitting Comments: All submissions must include the docket number [FWS-R4-ES-2026-0199] for this document. You must submit comments using one of the following methods:

- *Online:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on Docket No. FWS-R4-ES-2026-0199.

- *U.S. mail:* Public Comments Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS-R4-ES-2026-0199; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS: PRB/3W, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.

Comments submitted through any method not authorized in this document, or sent to an address not listed here, will not be considered. We will not accept comments via email, fax, or hand delivery. We are not required to consider comments that are submitted after the comment period ends or that are submitted via a method outside of these instructions. Comments containing profanity, vulgarity, threats, or other inappropriate content will not be considered.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Erin Lentz, by U.S. mail (see **ADDRESSES**), by telephone at 1-251-298-3853, or via email at erin_lentz@fws.gov. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce receipt of an application from Stillwater Capital Assets LLC (applicant) for an Incidental Take Permit (ITP) under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The applicant requests the ITP to take the federally listed Alabama beach mouse (ABM; *Peromyscus polionotus ammobates*), incidental to the construction, maintenance and operation of a single-family home in Baldwin County, Alabama. We request public comment on the application, which includes the applicant's Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP), and on the Service's preliminary determination that this proposed ITP may qualify for a categorical exclusion pursuant to National Environmental Policy Act regulations (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the DOI's NEPA regulations (43 CFR 46), and the DOI's Departmental Manual (DM; 516 DM 8.5(C)(2)). To make this preliminary determination, we prepared a draft screening form and NEPA statement for HCPs, both of which are also available for public review.