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September 8, 2016

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IN REPLY REFER TO:
Case No.: 12-04-0916S

The Honorable Richard Strickland
Chairman, Glynn County Board of
Commissioners
Harold Pate Building
1725 Reynolds Street, Suite 302
Brunswick, Georgia 31520

Community: Glynn County, Georgia
(Unincorporated Areas)
Community No.: 130092

APPEAL START

Dear Mr. Strickland:

On December 11, 2015, the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provided your community with Preliminary copies of the revised Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report for Glynn County, Georgia and Incorporated Areas. FEMA has posted digital copies of these revised FIRM and FIS report materials to the following Website: <http://www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata>. The Preliminary FIRM and FIS report include proposed flood hazard information for certain locations in the Unincorporated Areas of Glynn County, Glynn County, Georgia. The proposed flood hazard information may include addition or modification of Special Flood Hazard Areas, the areas that would be inundated by the base (1-percent-annual-chance) flood; base flood elevations or depths; zone designations; or regulatory floodways.

We have published a notice of the proposed flood hazard determinations in the *Federal Register* and will publish a public notification concerning the appeal process (explained below) in the *Brunswick News* on or about September 15, 2016, and September 22, 2016. We will also publish a separate notice of the flood hazard determinations on the "Flood Hazard Determinations on the Web" portion of the FEMA Website (www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/bfe). We have enclosed copies of the notice published in the *Federal Register* and the newspaper notice for your information.

These proposed flood hazard determinations, if finalized, will become the basis for the floodplain management measures that your community must adopt or show evidence of having in effect to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). However, before any new or modified flood hazard information is effective for floodplain management purposes, FEMA will provide community officials and citizens an opportunity to appeal the proposed flood hazard information presented on the preliminary revised FIRM and FIS report posted to the above-referenced Website.

Section 110 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (Public Law 93-234) is intended to ensure an equitable balancing of all interests involved in the setting of flood hazard determinations. The legislation provides for an explicit process of notification and appeals for your community and for private persons prior to this office making the flood hazard determinations final. The appeal procedure is outlined below

for your information and in the enclosed document titled *Criteria for Appeals of Flood Insurance Rate Maps*.

During the 90-day appeal period following the second publication of the public notification in the above-named newspaper, any owner or lessee of real property in your community who believes his or her property rights will be adversely affected by the proposed flood hazard determinations may appeal to you, or to an agency that you publicly designate. It is important to note, however, that the sole basis for such appeals is the possession of knowledge or information indicating that the proposed flood hazard determinations are scientifically or technically incorrect. The appeal data must be submitted to FEMA during the 90-day appeal period. Only appeals of the proposed flood hazard determinations supported by scientific or technical data can be considered before FEMA makes its final flood hazard determination at the end of the 90-day appeal period. Note that the 90-day appeal period is statutory and cannot be extended. However, FEMA also will consider comments and inquiries regarding data other than the proposed flood hazard determinations (e.g., incorrect street names, typographical errors, omissions) that are submitted during the appeal period, and will incorporate any appropriate changes to the revised FIRM and FIS report before they become effective.

If your community cannot submit scientific or technical data before the end of the 90-day appeal period, you may nevertheless submit data at any time. If warranted, FEMA will revise the FIRM and FIS report after the effective date. This means that the revised FIRM would be issued with the flood hazard information presently indicated, and flood insurance purchase requirements would be enforced accordingly, until such time as a revision could be made.

Any interested party who wishes to appeal should present the data that tend to negate or contradict our findings to you, or to an agency that you publicly delegate, in such form as you may specify. We ask that you review and consolidate any appeal data you may receive and issue a written opinion stating whether the evidence provided is sufficient to justify an official appeal by your community in its own name or on behalf of the interested parties. Whether or not your community decides to appeal, you must send copies of individual appeals and supporting data, if any, to:

Onur Celik
Project Manager
CDM Smith
125 South Wacker Drive, Suite 600
Chicago, Illinois 60606

If we do not receive an appeal or other formal comment from your community in its own name within 90 days of the second date of public notification, we will consolidate and review on their own merits such appeal data and comments from individuals that you may forward to us, and we will make such modifications to the proposed flood hazard information presented on the revised FIRM and in the revised FIS report as may be appropriate. If your community decides to appeal in its own name, all individuals' appeal data must be consolidated into one appeal by you, because, in this event, we are required to deal only with the local government as representative of all local interests. We will send our final decision in writing to you, and we will send copies to the community floodplain administrator, each individual appellant, and the State NFIP Coordinator.

All appeal submittals will be resolved by consultation with officials of the local government involved, by an administrative hearing, or by submission of the conflicting data to an independent scientific body or appropriate Federal agency for advice. Use of a Scientific Resolution Panel (SRP) is also available to your community in support of the appeal resolution process when conflicting scientific or technical data are submitted during the appeal period. SRPs are independent panels of experts in hydrology, hydraulics,

and other pertinent sciences established to review conflicting scientific and technical data and provide recommendations for resolution. An SRP is an option after FEMA and community officials have been engaged in a collaborative consultation process for at least 60 days without a mutually acceptable resolution of an appeal. Please refer to the enclosed "Scientific Resolution Panels" fact sheet for additional information on this resource available to your community.

FEMA will make the reports and other information used in making the final determination available for public inspection. Until the conflict of data is resolved and the revised FIRM becomes effective, flood insurance available within your community will continue to be available under the effective NFIP map, and no person shall be denied the right to purchase the applicable level of insurance at chargeable rates.

The decision by your community to appeal, or a copy of its decision not to appeal, should be filed with this office no later than 90 days following the second publication of the flood hazard determination notice in the above-named newspaper. Your community may find it appropriate to call further attention to the proposed flood hazard determinations and to the appeal procedure by using a press release or other public notice.

If warranted by substantive changes, during the appeal period we will send you Revised Preliminary copies of the revised FIRM and FIS report. At the end of the 90-day appeal period and following the resolution of any appeals and comments, we will send you a Letter of Final Determination, which will finalize the flood hazard information presented on the revised FIRM and FIS report and will establish an effective date.

If you have any questions regarding the proposed flood hazard determinations, revised FIRM panels, or revised FIS report for your community, please call our FEMA Information eXchange (FMIX), toll free, at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627) or e-mail the FMIX staff at FEMAMapSpecialist@riskmapcds.com.

Sincerely,



Robert E. Lowe, Chief
Risk Analysis Branch
FEMA Region IV

Enclosures:

Newspaper Notice
Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations *Federal Register* Notice
Criteria for Appeals of Flood Insurance Rate Maps
"Scientific Resolution Panels" Fact Sheet

cc: Haydn Blaize, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Project Manager
Paul Andrews, County Engineer, Glynn County
David Hainley, Director of Community Development and Floodplain Administrator, Glynn County
Alan Ours, Glynn County Manager

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations for Glynn County, Georgia and Incorporated Areas

The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has issued a preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), and where applicable, Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report, reflecting proposed flood hazard determinations within Glynn County, Georgia and Incorporated Areas. These flood hazard determinations may include the addition or modification of Base Flood Elevations, base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area boundaries or zone designations, or the regulatory floodway. Technical information or comments are solicited on the proposed flood hazard determinations shown on the preliminary FIRM and/or FIS report for Glynn County, Georgia and Incorporated Areas. These flood hazard determinations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that your community is required to either adopt or show evidence of being already in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. However, before these determinations are effective for floodplain management purposes, you will be provided an opportunity to appeal the proposed information. For information on the statutory 90-day period provided for appeals, as well as a complete listing of the communities affected and the locations where copies of the FIRM are available for review, please visit FEMA's website at www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/bfe, or call the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX) toll free at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627).

State and county	Location and case No.	Chief executive officer of community	Community map repository	Online location of letter of map revision	Effective date of modification	Community No.
Dallas	City of Coppell (16-06-0213P).	The Honorable Karen Hunt, Mayor, City of Coppell, P.O. Box 9478, Coppell, TX 75019.	Engineering Department, 265 Parkway Boulevard, Coppell, TX 75019.	http://www.msc.fema.gov/lomc	Oct. 3, 2016	480170
Ellis	City of Waxahachie (15-06-1366P).	The Honorable Kevin Strength, Mayor, City of Waxahachie, 401 South Rogers Street, Waxahachie, TX 75165.	City Hall, 401 South Rogers Street, Waxahachie, TX 75165.	http://www.msc.fema.gov/lomc	Sep. 14, 2016	480211
Fort Bend	City of Sugar Land (15-06-1008P).	The Honorable James A. Thompson, Mayor, City of Sugar Land, P.O. Box 110, Sugar Land, TX 77487.	City Hall, 2700 Town Center, Boulevard North, Sugar Land, TX 77479.	http://www.msc.fema.gov/lomc	Sep. 13, 2016	480234
Fort Bend	Unincorporated areas of Fort Bend County (15-06-1008P).	The Honorable Robert Hebert, Fort Bend County Judge, 401 Jackson Street, Richmond, TX 77469.	Fort Bend County Engineering Department, 401 Jackson Street, Richmond, TX 77469.	http://www.msc.fema.gov/lomc	Sep. 13, 2016	480228
Fort Bend	Unincorporated areas of Fort Bend County (16-06-0935P).	The Honorable Robert Hebert, Fort Bend County Judge, 401 Jackson Street, Richmond, TX 77469.	Fort Bend County Engineering Department, 401 Jackson Street, Richmond, TX 77469.	http://www.msc.fema.gov/lomc	Sep. 30, 2016	480228
Montgomery ...	Unincorporated areas of Montgomery County (15-06-4246P).	The Honorable Craig B. Doyal, Montgomery County Judge, 501 North Thompson Street, Suite 401, Conroe, TX 77301.	Montgomery County Permitting Department, 501 North Thompson Street, Suite 100, Conroe, TX 77301.	http://www.msc.fema.gov/lomc	Sep. 14, 2016	480483
Waller	Unincorporated areas of Waller County (16-06-0935P).	The Honorable Carbett "Trey" Duhon III, Waller County Judge, 836 Austin Street, Suite 203, Hempstead, TX 77445.	Waller County Annex Building, 775 Business Highway, 290 East Hempstead, TX 77445.	http://www.msc.fema.gov/lomc	Sep. 30, 2016	480640
Williamson	City of Georgetown (14-06-4362P).	The Honorable Dale Ross, Mayor, City of Georgetown, 113 East 8th Street, Georgetown, TX 78626.	Building Official's Office, 300 Industrial Avenue, Georgetown, TX 78626.	http://www.msc.fema.gov/lomc	Sep. 15, 2016	480668
Williamson	Unincorporated areas of Williamson County (14-06-4362P).	The Honorable Dan A. Gattis, Williamson County Judge, 710 South Main Street, Georgetown, TX 78626.	Williamson County Road and Bridge Division, 3151 Southeast Inner Loop, Suite B, Georgetown, TX 78626.	http://www.msc.fema.gov/lomc	Sep. 15, 2016	481079
Virginia: Prince William	City of Manassas Park (16-03-0885P).	The Honorable Frank Jones, Mayor, City of Manassas Park, 1 Park Center Court, Manassas Park, VA 20111.	Department of Public Works, 331 Manassas Drive, Manassas Park, VA 20111.	http://www.msc.fema.gov/lomc	Sep. 15, 2016	510123
Prince William	Unincorporated areas of Prince William County (16-03-0885P).	Mr. Christopher E. Martino, Acting Prince William County Executive, 1 County Complex Court, Prince William, VA 22192.	Prince William County Department of Public Works, 5 County Complex Court, Prince William, VA 22192.	http://www.msc.fema.gov/lomc	Sep. 15, 2016	510119

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID FEMA-2016-0002; Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA-B-1642]

Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Comments are requested on proposed flood hazard determinations, which may include additions or modifications of any Base Flood Elevation (BFE), base flood depth, Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) boundary or zone designation, or regulatory floodway on the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), and where applicable, in the supporting Flood Insurance Study (FIS) reports for the communities listed in the table below. The purpose of this notice is to seek general information and comment

regarding the preliminary FIRM, and where applicable, the FIS report that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has provided to the affected communities. The FIRM and FIS report are the basis of the floodplain management measures that the community is required either to adopt or to show evidence of having in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). In addition, the FIRM and FIS report, once effective, will be used by insurance agents and others to calculate appropriate flood insurance premium rates for new

buildings and the contents of those buildings.

DATES: Comments are to be submitted on or before November 8, 2016.

ADDRESSES: The Preliminary FIRM, and where applicable, the FIS report for each community are available for inspection at both the online location and the respective Community Map Repository address listed in the tables below. Additionally, the current effective FIRM and FIS report for each community are accessible online through the FEMA Map Service Center at www.msc.fema.gov for comparison.

You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. FEMA-B-1642, to Rick Sacbabit, Chief, Engineering Services Branch, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, FEMA, 400 C Street SW., Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-7659, or (email) patrick.sacbabit@fema.dhs.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rick Sacbabit, Chief, Engineering Services Branch, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, FEMA, 400 C Street SW., Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-7659, or (email) patrick.sacbabit@fema.dhs.gov; or visit the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX) online at www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/fmx_main.html.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FEMA proposes to make flood hazard determinations for each community listed below, in accordance with section

110 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4104, and 44 CFR 67.4(a).

These proposed flood hazard determinations, together with the floodplain management criteria required by 44 CFR 60.3, are the minimum that are required. They should not be construed to mean that the community must change any existing ordinances that are more stringent in their floodplain management requirements. The community may at any time enact stricter requirements of its own or pursuant to policies established by other Federal, State, or regional entities. These flood hazard determinations are used to meet the floodplain management requirements of the NFIP and also are used to calculate the appropriate flood insurance premium rates for new buildings built after the FIRM and FIS report become effective.

The communities affected by the flood hazard determinations are provided in the tables below. Any request for reconsideration of the revised flood hazard information shown on the Preliminary FIRM and FIS report that satisfies the data requirements outlined in 44 CFR 67.6(b) is considered an appeal. Comments unrelated to the flood hazard determinations also will be considered before the FIRM and FIS report become effective.

Use of a Scientific Resolution Panel (SRP) is available to communities in support of the appeal resolution process. SRPs are independent panels of experts in hydrology, hydraulics, and

other pertinent sciences established to review conflicting scientific and technical data and provide recommendations for resolution. Use of the SRP only may be exercised after FEMA and local communities have been engaged in a collaborative consultation process for at least 60 days without a mutually acceptable resolution of an appeal. Additional information regarding the SRP process can be found online at http://floodsrp.org/pdfs/srp_fact_sheet.pdf.

The watersheds and/or communities affected are listed in the tables below. The Preliminary FIRM, and where applicable, FIS report for each community are available for inspection at both the online location and the respective Community Map Repository address listed in the tables. For communities with multiple ongoing Preliminary studies, the studies can be identified by the unique project number and Preliminary FIRM date listed in the tables. Additionally, the current effective FIRM and FIS report for each community are accessible online through the FEMA Map Service Center at www.msc.fema.gov for comparison.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 97.022, "Flood Insurance.")

Dated: August 2, 2016.

Roy E. Wright,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Insurance and Mitigation, Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

I. Watershed-based studies:

Community	Community map repository address
Lower Sabine Watershed	
Maps Available for Inspection Online at: http://www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata	
Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana and Incorporated Areas	
Unincorporated Areas of Calcasieu Parish	Planning and Development Department, 901 Lakeshore Drive, Lake Charles, LA 70601.

II. Non-watershed-based studies:

Community	Community map repository address
Camden County, Georgia and Incorporated Areas	
Maps Available for Inspection Online at: http://www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata	
Project: 12-04-0913S Preliminary Date: December 15, 2015	
City of Kingsland	City Hall, 107 South Lee Street, Kingsland, GA 31548.
City of St. Marys	Community Development Department, 418 Osborne Street, St. Marys, GA 31558.
City of Woodbine	City Hall, 310 Bedell Avenue, Woodbine, GA 31569.
Unincorporated Areas of Camden County	Camden County Planning and Development Department, 107 Gross Road, Suite 3, Kingsland, GA 31548.

Community	Community map repository address
Effingham County, Georgia and Incorporated Areas	
Maps Available for Inspection Online at: http://www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata	
Project: 12-04-0917S Preliminary Date: November 16, 2015	
City of Rincon	City Hall, Building and Zoning Department, 302 South Columbia Avenue, Rincon, GA 31326.
Unincorporated Areas of Effingham County	Effingham County Courthouse, GIS Department, 901 North Pine Street, Suite 206, Springfield, GA 31329.
Glynn County, Georgia and Incorporated Areas	
Maps Available for Inspection Online at: http://www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata	
Project: 12-04-0916S Preliminary Date: December 11, 2015	
City of Brunswick	City Hall, 601 Gloucester Street, Brunswick, GA 31520.
Jekyll Island State Park Authority	Fire and EMS Department, 200 Stable Road, Jekyll Island, GA 31527.
Unincorporated Areas of Glynn County	Glynn County Offices, Harold Pate Building, 1725 Reynolds Street, 2nd Floor, Brunswick, GA 31520.
Long County, Georgia and Incorporated Areas	
Maps Available for Inspection Online at: http://www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata	
Project: 12-04-0919S Preliminary Date: November 16, 2015	
Unincorporated Areas of Long County	Long County Code Enforcement Office, 285 South McDonald Street, Ludowici, GA 31316.
Washington County, Maine (All Jurisdictions)	
Maps Available for Inspection Online at: http://www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata	
Project: 13-01-1510S Preliminary Date: March 4, 2016	
Baring Plantation	Land Use Planning Commission, 106 Hogan Road, Suite 8, Bangor, ME 04401.
City of Calais	City Building, 11 Church Street, Calais, ME 04619.
City of Eastport	City Hall, 78 High Street, Eastport, ME 04631.
Grand Lake Stream Plantation	Land Use Planning Commission, 106 Hogan Road, Suite 8, Bangor, ME 04401.
Passamaquoddy Tribe At Pleasant Point	Passamaquoddy Tribal Office, 136 County Road, Perry, ME 04667.
Town of Addison	Town Hall, 334 Water Street, Addison, ME 04606.
Town of Alexander	Town Hall, 50 Cooper Road, Alexander, ME 04694.
Town of Baileyville	Town Office, 63 Broadway Street, Baileyville, ME 04694.
Town of Beals	Town Office, 11 Big Pond Road, Beals, ME 04611.
Town of Charlotte	Town Office, 1098 Ayers Junction Road, Charlotte, ME 04666.
Town of Cherryfield	Town Office, 12 Municipal Way, Cherryfield, ME 04622.
Town of Columbia	Town Hall, 106 Epping Road, Columbia, ME 04623.
Town of Columbia Falls	Town Office, 8 Point Street, Columbia Falls, ME 04623.
Town of Crawford	First Selectman's Office, 359 Crawford Arm Road, Crawford, ME 04694.
Town of Cutler	Town Office, 2655 Cutler Road, Cutler, ME 04626.
Town of Danforth	Town Office, 18 Central Street, Danforth, ME 04424.
Town of Dennysville	Town Office, 2 Main Street, Dennysville, ME 04628.
Town of East Machias	Town Office, 32 Cutler Road, East Machias, ME 04630.
Town of Harrington	Town Office, 114 East Main Street, Harrington, ME 04643.
Town of Jonesboro	Town Office, 23 Station Road, Jonesboro, ME 04648.
Town of Jonesport	Town Office, 70 Snare Creek Lane, Jonesport, ME 04649.
Town of Lubec	Town Office, 40 School Street, Lubec, ME 04652.
Town of Machias	Town Office, 7 Court Street, Suite 1, Machias, ME 04654.
Town of Machiasport	Town Office, 8 Unity Square, Machiasport, ME 04655.
Town of Marshfield	Town Office, 187 Northfield Road, Marshfield, ME 04654.
Town of Milbridge	Town Office, 22 School Street, Milbridge, ME 04658.
Town of Northfield	Town Hall, 1940 Northfield Road, Northfield, ME 04654.
Town of Pembroke	Town Office, 48 Old County Road, Pembroke, ME 04666.
Town of Perry	Town Office, 898 U.S. Route 1, Perry, ME 04667.
Town of Princeton	Town Office, 15 Depot Street, Princeton, ME 04668.
Town of Robbinston	Town Office, 904 U.S. Route 1, Robbinston, ME 04671.
Town of Roque Bluffs	Town Hall, 3 Roque Bluffs Road, Roque Bluffs, ME 04654.
Town of Steuben	Town Office, 294 U.S. Route 1, Steuben, ME 04680.
Town of Talmadge	Chairperson's Office, 47 Talmadge Road, Talmadge, ME 04492.
Town of Topsfield	Town Office, 48 North Road, Topsfield, ME 04490.

Community	Community map repository address
Town of Vanceboro	Town Office, 101 High Street, Vanceboro, ME 04491.
Town of Wesley	Town Office, 2 Whining Pines Drive, Wesley, ME 04686.
Town of Whiting	Town Office, 169 U.S. Route 1, Whiting, ME 04691.
Town of Whitneyville	Town Office, 42 South Main Street, Whitneyville, ME 04654.
Township of Brookton	Land Use Planning Commission, 106 Hogan Road, Suite 8, Bangor, ME 04401.
Township of Edmunds	Land Use Planning Commission, 106 Hogan Road, Suite 8, Bangor, ME 04401.
Township of Lambert Lake	Land Use Planning Commission, 106 Hogan Road, Suite 8, Bangor, ME 04401.
Township of Trescott	Land Use Planning Commission, 106 Hogan Road, Suite 8, Bangor, ME 04401.

Dunn County, North Dakota Unincorporated Areas

Maps Available for Inspection Online at: <http://www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata>

Project: 16-08-0347S Preliminary Date: March 10, 2016

Unincorporated Areas of Dunn County Dunn County Courthouse, 205 Owens Street, Manning, ND 58642.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

[G15AC00486]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Request for Comments on the Assessment of Effects of Climate on Waterfowl

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of a new information collection, Assessment of Effects of Climate on Waterfowl.

SUMMARY: We (the U.S. Geological Survey) are notifying the public that we have submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the information collection request (ICR) described below. To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) and as part of our continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, we invite the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on this ICR.

DATES: To ensure that your comments on this ICR are considered, OMB must receive them on or before September 9, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Please submit written comments on this information collection directly to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior, via email: (OIRA_SUBMISSION@omb.eop.gov); or by fax (202) 395-5806; and identify your submission with 'OMB Control Number 1028-NEW ASSESSMENT OF

EFFECTS OF CLIMATE ON WATERFOWL'. Please also forward a copy of your comments and suggestions on this information collection to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive MS 807, Reston, VA 20192 (mail); (703) 648-7195 (fax); or gs-info_collections@usgs.gov (email). Please reference 'OMB Information Collection 1028-NEW: ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS OF CLIMATE ON WATERFOWL' in all correspondence. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brad Griffith, Leader, USGS, Alaska Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit at (907) 474-5067 or ffdbg@usgs.gov.

You may also find information about this ICR at www.reginfo.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The USGS National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center coordinates the research activities of 8 Regional Climate Science Centers. To increase efficiency of investigations, the relevance of research topics and the effectiveness of research it is critical to identify the types of information that are most critical for the development of a focused and integrated multi-regional research program. This is particularly true for wildlife species that migrate (e.g., waterfowl) among regions in which the direction and strength of climate effects on wildlife populations and their habitats are expected to be quite variable. This collection seeks to identify (1) the most important habitat and harvest factors that affect waterfowl population size on breeding, migratory and winter ranges, (2) the demographic traits (fecundity or survival) that are affected by these factors, (3) the likely direction and magnitude of climate

effects on the most important waterfowl habitat and harvest factors that affect waterfowl population size and (4) the highest priority research needs on breeding, migratory and wintering ranges. We are collecting this information with a questionnaire survey of a sample of professional waterfowl researchers and managers because scientific papers that present this information are not available. The information we collect will identify the most important research topics within and among Regional Climate Science Centers in regard to climate effects on migratory waterfowl. We will (1) summarize the results, (2) present them at a workshop at a national scientific meeting, (3) use this presentation to facilitate further discussion among professional waterfowl researchers and managers who attend the workshop regarding research priorities and (4) publish the results of the survey and the workshop discussion in a refereed scientific publication.

II. Data

OMB Control Number: 1028-NEW.
Title: ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS OF CLIMATE ON WATERFOWL.

Type of Request: Approval of new information collection.

Respondent Obligation: Voluntary.

Frequency of Collection: One time.

Description of Respondents:

Professional waterfowl researchers and managers that are employed by State or Federal government agencies or Private organizations such as Ducks Unlimited.

Estimated Total Number of Annual Responses: 250; Private 125, State and Local Govt. 125.

Estimated Time per Response: We estimate that it will take 20 minutes per person to complete the questionnaire for a single waterfowl species and that approximately half of the respondents