DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The contract proposals and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the contract proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: March 9, 2000.

Time: 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM.

Agenda: To review and evaluate contract proposals.

Place: Executive Plaza South, Room 400C, 6120 Executive Blvd., Rockville, MD 20852, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Melissa Stick, Ph.D., Phone: (301) 443-6014.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Information Collection To Be Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Approval Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We will submit the collection of information listed below to OMB for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act. We have included a copy of the information collection requirement in this notice. If you wish to obtain copies of the proposed information collection requirement, related forms, and
explanatory material, contact the Service Information Collection Clearance Officer at the address listed below.

DATES: You must submit comments on or before April 10, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments on the requirement to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Room 222 ARLSQ, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request a copy of the information collection request, explanatory information, and related forms, contact Rebecca A. Mullin at (703) 358-2287 or electronically to rmullin@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR part 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). We plan to submit a request to OMB to renew approval of the collection of information for special use permit applications on national wildlife refuges in Alaska. We are requesting a 3-year term of approval for this information collection activity. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Title: Special Use Permit Applications on National Wildlife Refuges in Alaska.
Approval Number: 1018-0014.

Service Form Number: 3-2001.

Description and use: The National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 that amends the National Wildlife Refuge Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668 dd–ee) requires that we authorize economic privileges on any national wildlife refuge by permit only when the activity will not be incompatible with the purposes for which the refuge was established. The Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) provides for the disposition and use of a variety of federally owned lands in Alaska. Section 1307 of ANILCA contains two provisions concerning persons and entities who are to give special rights and preferences with respect to providing “visitor services” on certain lands under the administration of the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary), in this context, units of the National Wildlife Refuge System. The term, “visitor services,” is defined in section 1307 as “* * * any service made available for a fee or charge to persons who visit a conservation system unit, including such services as providing food, accommodations, transportation, tours and guides, excepting the guiding of sport hunting and fishing.” Other sections of ANILCA allow the Secretary to permit uses on national wildlife refuges in Alaska under certain conditions. Specifically, section 1303 of ANILCA states that we will issue no special use permits unless the permit applicant provides certain items of information.

We will provide the permit applications as requested by interested Alaska citizens. We will use information provided on the required written forms and/or verbal applications to ensure that the applicant is eligible for non-competitively awarded permits, or in the case of competitively awarded permits, the most qualified applicant to receive benefits of a refuge permit. In the case of “1307” permits, we will use the information to determine whether the applicant is: a member of a Native Corporation; a local resident; engaged in adequately providing visitors services on or before January 1, 1979; or eligible to receive Cook Inlet Region rights.

We make provision in our general refuge regulations for public entry for specialized purposes, including economic activities such as the operation of guiding and other visitor services on refuges by concessionaires or cooperators under appropriate contracts or legal agreements (found in 50 CFR 25.61) or special use permits (found in 50 CFR parts 26.22(b) and 26.25). These rules provide the authorities and procedures for selecting permitees on Alaska refuges, the vast majority of which are providers of services and facilities to the public. We will issue permits for a specific period as determined by the type and location of the use or visitor service provided.

Frequency of Collection: On occasion.

Description of Respondents: Individuals and households; Business and other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Farms; and State, local or Tribal governments.

Total Annual Burden Hours: (see table below).

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We invite comments concerning this renewal on (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of our migratory bird management functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) The accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents. The information collections in this program are part of a system of record covered by the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552(a)).
The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR part 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104–13), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). We will submit a request to OMB to renew its approval of the collection of information for the Federal Subsistence Hunt Application and Permit, Designated Hunter Permit Application and Report, and Federal Subsistence Fish/Shellfish Harvest/Designated Harvester Application. We are requesting a 3-year term of approval of this new information collection activity. Pursuant to our request for OMB approval of this new information collection, we invite comments on (1) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of our functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of our estimate of burden, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used, and (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before April 10, 2000.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charles Miller, Alaska Subsistence Office, 907/786–3888 or Rebecca Mullin, Service Information Collection Clearance Officer 703/358–2287.

Title: Federal Subsistence Hunt Application and Permit and Designated Harvester Permit Application and Permit.

OMB Approval Number: 1018–0075.

Service Form Number(s): 7–FW 1 and 7–FW 2.

Abstract: The Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) allows the taking of fish and wildlife on public lands in Alaska for subsistence use. In order to take fish and wildlife in public lands for subsistence uses, users must possess and comply with the provisions of any pertinent permit, harvest tickets, or tags required by the State, or Federal permits, harvest tickets or tags as required by the Federal subsistence board (Board). All Alaskans who are residents of rural areas or communities are eligible to participate in subsistence taking of that stock or population under the regulations in 50 CFR 100. Information on the fisherman, qualified subsistence users fished for, the fish/shellfish harvested, and the location of harvest is needed by the board in making recommendations on subsistence use. Once harvest success information is evaluated, the Federal Subsistence Board utilizes this information, along with other information, to set future seasons and harvest limits for Federal subsistence resource users. These seasons and harvest limits are set in order to meet the needs of subsistence hunters without adversely impacting the health of existing wildlife populations. The Federal Subsistence Hunt Application and Permit also provides a mechanism to allow Federal subsistence users the opportunity to participate in special hunts that are not available to the general public but are provided for by Title VIII of ANILCA. Both reports provide for the collection of the necessary information; however, the Designated Hunter Report is unique in that it allows the reporting of the harvest of multiple animals by a single hunter who is acting for others. The Designated Hunter Application and Permit also serves as a special permit allowing qualified subsistence users to harvest fish or wildlife for others. The collection of information is needed prior to the expiration of time periods established under 5 CFR 1320, and is essential to the missions of the Fish and Wildlife Service and the Federal Subsistence Board. Without this information public harm would occur as a result of the Service’s inability to set subsistence seasons and harvest limits to meet users’ needs without adversely impacting the health and the animal population.

Frequency: On occasion.

Title: Federal Subsistence Fish/Shellfish Harvest/Designated Harvester Application.

OMB Approval Number: (not yet assigned).

Service Form Number(s): 7–FW3.

Abstract: Under the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) allows the taking of fish and wildlife on public lands in Alaska for subsistence use. In order to take fish and wildlife in public lands for subsistence uses, users must possess and comply with the provisions of any pertinent permit, harvest tickets, or tags required by the State, or Federal permits, harvest tickets or tags as required by the Federal subsistence board (Board). All Alaskans who are residents of rural areas or communities are eligible to participate in subsistence taking of that stock or population under the regulations in 50 CFR 100. Information on the fisherman, qualified subsistence users fished for, the fish/shellfish harvested, and the location of harvest is needed by the board in making recommendations on subsistence use. Once harvest success information is evaluated, the Federal Subsistence Board utilizes this information, along with other information, to set future seasons and harvest limits for Federal subsistence resource users. These seasons and harvest limits are set in order to meet the needs of subsistence fishermen without adversely impacting the health of existing fish/shellfish populations. The Federal Subsistence Hunt Application and Permit also provides a mechanism to allow Federal subsistence users the opportunity to participate in special fishing opportunities that are not available to the general public but are provided for by Title VIII of ANILCA.

Description of Respondents:

Individuals and households.

Estimated Completion Time: The reporting burden is estimated to be 0.25 hours or 15 minutes each.

Annual Responses: 5,200 (Federal Subsistence Hunt Application and Permit); 700 (Designated Hunter Permit Application and Report); 1,000 (Federal Subsistence Fish/Shellfish Harvest/Designated Harvester Application).

Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,725 hours.


Thomas H. Boyd,

Acting Chairman, Federal Subsistence Board.