DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service

Information Collection Being Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Approval Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA)

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: New Information Collection—State Certification of Expenditures.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has submitted the information collection requirement described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). The Service is soliciting comment and suggestions on the requirement as described below.

DATES: Interested parties must submit comments on or before January 30, 2002. OMB has 60 days to approve or disapprove an information collection, but may respond after 30 days. Therefore to ensure maximum consideration, OMB should receive public comments by the above date.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties should send comments and suggestions on the requirement to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attn: Interior Desk Officer, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, Washington, DC 20503, and they should send a copy of the comment to: Rebecca A. Mullin, Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 222, Arlington, VA 22203 or Rebecca Mullin@fws.gov e-mail.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tim Hess, (703) 358–1849, fax (703) 358–1837, or Tim Hess@fws.gov e-mail.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Forms: Certification of Spending.

Service Form Number: 3–2197a. This form currently has no OMB Control Number. The Service 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.

Description and Use: The Service administers grant programs authorized by the Federal Aid in Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Acts. The Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs Improvement Act of 2000 requires that States certify annually in writing that their expenditure of these Federal grant funds was in accordance with the appropriate Act. The Service must forward these certifications to Congress annually by December 31st each year.

The Service invited comments over a 60 day period in the Federal Register (Volume 66, Number 184, Page 48700–48703) starting September 21, 2001. No comments were received.

The Service submitted the following information collection requirements to OMB for review and approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13. Comments are again invited on (1) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency’s estimates of 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 collection of information on respondents, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Frequency: Annually.

Description of Respondents: States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and American Samoa.
STATE CERTIFICATION OF SPENDING
for the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs
for the Period _____________ through _____________

(State)

(Agency)

Pursuant to the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs Improvement Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-408), subsection 133(d)(1),

I CERTIFY that:

Amounts apportioned under the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669 et seq.) and the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 777 et seq.) were expended by the State in accordance with each of those Acts.

(Certifying Official’s Signature) (Date)

(Typed Name and Title)

Instructions
1. Fill in your State and Agency names at the top of the form.
2. Complete the Certification Period if it is blank or incorrect as it appears on the form.
3. Type the name and title of the Certifying Official on the designated line.
4. Sign and date the form.
5. Mail the completed form no later than November 29 each year to your U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Regional Office.

Notes:
1. The Certifying Official is the Director of the State agency receiving the apportioned funds, or the person to whom the Director reports.
2. A State, as defined in 50 CFR 80.1(b), is any state of the United States; the territorial areas of Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and American Samoa; the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; the District of Columbia; and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.
Paperwork Reduction Act and the Privacy Act – Notices

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501, et seq.) and the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), please be advised that:

1. The gathering of information on fish and wildlife restoration expenditures is authorized by:
   – Pub. L. 106-408, Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs Improvement Act of 2000 (Section 133(d)(1)).

2. Submission of requested information is required and authorized under the above authority. Response is not required unless a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number is displayed.

3. There will be no routine annual publication of certification forms in the Federal Register under this program. However, the Fish and Wildlife Service may make the form available on its Federal Aid Web site.

4. Routine use disclosures may also be made:
   (a) to the U.S. Department of Justice when related to litigation or anticipated litigation,
   (b) as information indicating a violation or potential violation of a statute, regulation, rule, policy, or Court order to appropriate Federal, State, or local agency responsible for investigation or prosecuting such violation, or for enforcing or implementing the statute, regulation, rule, policy, or order,
   (c) in response to a request from a congressional office, or
   (d) in conjunction with audit of State records.

5. No personal information such as home address and telephone number, financial data, and personal identifiers (Social Security Number, birth date, etc.) are part of this certification form.

6. The public reporting burden for this information collection is 30 minutes. This burden estimate includes time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of the form to the Service Information Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Mail Stop 222, Arlington Square, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240.

Freedom of Information Act - Notice

There is no confidential information collected on this form. All information on this form may be made available to the public under FOIA [43 CFR 2].

Certification Processing Fee

There is no certification form processing fee.

Completion Time and Annual Response Estimate:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Form name</th>
<th>Completion time per form</th>
<th>Annual response</th>
<th>Annual burden (In hours)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>State Certification of Expenditures</td>
<td>1/2 Hour</td>
<td>60 Forms</td>
<td>30</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>


Rebecca Mullin,
Fish and Wildlife Service, Information Collection Clearance Officer.

[FR Doc. 01–32092 Filed 12–28–01; 8:45 am]
BILLING CODE 4310–55–C

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service

Information Collection for Monitoring Species After Delisting Under the Endangered Species Act

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The collection of information described below has been submitted to OMB for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Copies of specific information collection requirements, related forms and explanatory material may be obtained by contacting the Information Collection Clearance Officer of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at the address and/or phone numbers listed below (see ADDRESSES).

DATES: OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove information collection but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, to ensure maximum consideration, you must submit comments on or before January 30, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments on specific requirements to the Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Department of the Interior Desk Officer, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503, and to Rebecca A. Mullin, Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Mail Stop 222-ARLSQ; 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203, 703/358–2287.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To receive a copy of the information collection approval request, explanatory