Description of Respondents: State, local, tribal, provincial, or Federal employees.

Total Annual Responses: 750.
Total Annual Burden Hours: 571 hours. We believe 70 percent of the respondents (525 persons) will enter data electronically, with an average reporting burden of 0.8 hours per respondent. For all other respondents, we estimate the reporting burden to be 0.67 hours per respondent.

We invite your comments concerning this information collection on: (1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of our migratory bird management functions, including whether or not the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of burden, (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 those who are to respond. The information collections in this program are part of a system of records covered by the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a).

Dated: October 4, 2005.

Hope Grey,
Information Collection Clearance Officer,
Fish and Wildlife Service.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Division of Management Authority, telephone 703–358–2104.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Endangered Species

The public is invited to comment on the following applications for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of these complete applications should be submitted to the Director (ADDRESSES above).

PRT–107356
Applicant: Animal Genetics d.b.a. Avian Biotech, Tallahassee, FL.
The applicant requests a permit to import samples from all birds (avian species, taxonomic class Aves), live and dead, in order to conduct diagnostic testing for disease, genetic analysis, or sex determination for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

PRT–079368
Applicant: Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa.
The applicant requests a permit to import samples and non-viable eggs obtained from wild yellow-headed side-necked turtle (Podocnemis unifilis) for the purpose of scientific research. The applicant is seeking to import additional samples obtained from viable eggs. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

PRT–111449
Applicant: Jerry K. Davis, Casper, WY.
The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (Damaliscus pygargus pygargus) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

PRT–064209, 107740, 107741, and 107742
Applicant: Hollywood Animals, Inc., Los Angeles, CA.
The applicant requests permits to export, re-export, re-import four captive-bom tigers (Panthera tigris) to worldwide locations for the purpose of enhancement of the species through conservation education. The permit numbers and animals are: PRT–064209, Katrina/Katie; PRT–107740, Kipling; PRT–107741, Kismet; PRT–107742, Shickha. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a three-year period and the import of any potential progeny born while overseas.

Dated: October 14, 2005.

Monica Farris,
Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Receipt of Applications for Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

SUMMARY: The public is invited to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species.

DATES: Written data, comments or requests must be received by November 30, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203; fax 703/358–2281.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Division of Management Authority, telephone 703/358–2104.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Endangered Species

The public is invited to comment on the following applications for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of these complete applications should be submitted to the Director (ADDRESSES above).

PRT–107396
Applicant: Texas Tech University, Dept. of Biological Sciences, Lubbock, TX.
The applicant requests a permit to import blood samples taken from wild...
chuckwallas (Sauromalus varius) on San Esteban Island, Mexico, for the purpose of scientific research/enhancement of the survival of the species.

PRT–107930
Applicant: Texas Tech University, Dept. of Biological Sciences, Lubbock, TX.

The applicant requests a permit to import blood samples collected from live wild animals of the following species: Chinese alligator (Alligator sinensis), spectacled caiman (Caiman crocodilus), broad-snouted caiman (Caiman latirostris), black caiman (Melanosuchus niger), American crocodile (Crocodylus acutus), slender-snouted crocodile (C. cataphractus), Orinoco crocodile (C. intermedius), Philippine crocodile (C. mindorensis), Morelet’s crocodile (C. moreletii), mugger (P. palustris), estuarine crocodile (C. porosus), Cuban crocodile (C. rhombifer), Siamese crocodile (C. siamensis), African dwarf crocodile (Osteolaemus tetraspis), false gharial (Tomistoma schlegelii), and Indian gharial (Gavialis gangeticus) from areas around the world for the purpose of scientific research/enhancement of the survival of the species.

PRT–111397
Applicant: Donald S. Priest, San Francisco, CA.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (Damaliscus pygargus pygargus) called from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Dated: October 7, 2005.

Monica Farris,
Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Availability of the Final Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for Roanoke River National Wildlife Refuge in Bertie County, NC

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Fish and Wildlife Service announces that the Final Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for Roanoke River National Wildlife Refuge are available for distribution. The plan and environmental impact statement were prepared pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, and in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and describe how the refuge will be managed over the next 15 years. The compatibility determinations for hunting, fishing, environmental education and interpretation, trapping of selected furbearers for management, forest management, and resource research studies are also available within the plan.

DATES: A Record of Decision may be signed on or after November 30, 2005.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the plan and environmental impact statement is available for review at the Roanoke River National Wildlife Refuge, 114 West Water Street, Windsor, North Carolina 27983; Telephone: 252/794–3808; Fax: 252/794–3780; or by e-mail at harvey.hill@fws.gov. The plan and environmental impact statement may also be accessed and downloaded from the Service’s Web site http://southeast.fws.gov/planning.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Roanoke River National Wildlife Refuge, in northeastern North Carolina, consists of 20,978 acres, of which 13,824 acres are bald cypress-water tupelo swamp and 7,154 acres are bottomland hardwood forest. The refuge supports a variety of wildlife species, including neotropical migratory songbirds, waterfowl, colonial nesting birds, deer, turkeys, and squirls.

The refuge hosts 20,000 visitors annually who participate in hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, wildlife photography, and environmental education and interpretation. Implementing the comprehensive conservation plan will enable the refuge to fulfill its critical role in the conservation and management of fish and wildlife resources in the Roanoke River Valley, and to provide quality environmental education and wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities for refuge visitors. The Service analyzed three alternatives for managing the refuge and selected Alternative 3 to guide management direction over the next 15 years.

Alternative 3 advances the refuge program considerably and outlines programs that will meet both the biological needs of refuge resources and needs of the public. The refuge will develop a habitat management plan and manage all habitats and selected easements large enough to warrant consideration. The staff will survey all wildlife on the refuge. The number of public use opportunities will increase. Pending the availability of funds, a shop and equipment storage facility will be constructed.

Two changes were made to the final plan. One change related to the Service’s role in addressing the managed-flow issue on the Roanoke River. The river has managed flows from both flood control dams and hydroelectric power generation. The Service has been involved in negotiations regarding the re-licensing agreement between Dominion Power Company and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The Service is involved in discussions to study the impacts of the flood control projects under section 216 of the Flood Control Act. The Service’s Ecological Services Field Office in Raleigh, North Carolina, is the lead office on the managed-flow issue. The South Atlantic Fisheries Coordination Office also participates in the negotiations and studies. The other change related to the waterfowl hunting season on the refuge. The refuge will now end its waterfowl hunting season on the same date the state waterfowl hunting season ends.

Public comments were requested, considered, and incorporated throughout the planning process. Public outreach has included open houses, public meetings, a biological review, planning update mailings, and Federal Register notices. Five previous notices were published in the Federal Register concerning the comprehensive conservation plan and environmental impact statement (65 FR 66256, November 3, 2000; 66 FR 23042, May 7, 2001; 67 FR 13793, March 26, 2002; 70 FR 16299, March 30, 2005; 70 FR 32610, June 3, 2005). During the comment period on the draft plan, the Service received fifteen public responses. All substantive issues raised have been addressed either through changes incorporated into the final plan or through the responses to the public comments, which are included in Appendix XIII of the plan.

Dated: September 8, 2005.

Cynthia K. Dohner,
Acting Regional Director.

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