summarized below, describes the nature of the collection and the estimated burden and cost. This ICR is scheduled to expire on September 30, 2006. We 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. However, under OMB regulations, we may continue to conduct or sponsor this information collection while it is pending at OMB.

DATES: You must submit comments on or before October 27, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments and suggestions on this ICR to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior at OMB–OIRA at (202) 395–6566 (fax) or OIRA_DOCKET@OMB.eop.gov (e-mail). Please provide a copy of your comments to Hope Grey, Information Collection Clearance Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 222–ARLSQ, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203 (mail); (703) 358–2269 (fax); or hope_grey@fws.gov (e-mail).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this ICR, contact Hope Grey at one of the addresses above or by telephone at (703) 358–2482.

Abstract: We collect information from individuals or organizations that apply for a special use permit required to conduct economic or other privileged or specialized uses on National Wildlife Refuge System lands in Alaska. We use the information to:

(1) Determine if the applicant is qualified or eligible for a permit.
(2) Evaluate the impacts of the proposed activity on refuge resources and other users.
(3) Determine if the proposed activity is compatible with refuge purposes and the mission of the refuge system.

Comments: On May 26, 2006, we published in the Federal Register (71 FR 30439) a notice of our intent to request that OMB renew approval for this information collection. In that notice, we solicited comments for 60 days, ending on July 25, 2006. We received two comments from the same individual. The comments did not address issues surrounding the proposed collection of information or the cost and hour burden estimates, but instead objected to our issuing permits for guided hunting. The commenter also questioned who verified the information submitted in the application, and suggested requesting additional information for two of the application items. If we include the suggested additional information on our application, we would collect information in excess of the minimum necessary to fulfill our statutory and regulatory requirements and responsibilities. Therefore, we have not made any changes to FWS Form 3–2001 as a result of these comments.

We again invite comments concerning this information collection on:

(1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;
(2) the accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this 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. Comments submitted in response to this notice are a matter of public record.


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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service

Cedar Island National Wildlife Refuge

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.


SUMMARY: The Fish and Wildlife Service announces that a Final Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Finding of No Significant Impact for Cedar Island National Wildlife Refuge are available for distribution. The plan was prepared pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 and in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. The compatibility determinations for hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, wildlife photography, environmental education and interpretation, trapping of selected furbearers, forest management, and resource research studies are also available within the plan.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the plan may be obtained by writing to: Mattamuskeet National Wildlife Refuge, 38 Mattamuskeet Road, Swan Quarter, North Carolina 27885. The plan may also be accessed and downloaded from the Service’s Web site: http://southeast.fws.gov/planning/.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The availability of the Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment for a 30-day public review and comment period was announced in the Federal Register on February 14, 2006 (71 FR 7794). The draft plan and environmental assessment identified and evaluated three alternatives for managing the refuge over the next 15 years. Based on the environmental
assessments and the comments received, the Service adopted alternative 2 as its preferred alternative. Alternative 2 emphasizes management of the refuge’s priority wildlife species. The staff will survey waterfowl from the air on a routine basis. The refuge will continue to allow the six priority public use activities, but will have the capacity to increase the number of opportunities. The staff will conduct environmental education programs and establish an interpretive and observation trail with a brochure and a photo blind. The staff will control dominant pest plants and animals. There will be four staff members stationed at Cedar Island National Wildlife Refuge.

Cedar Island National Wildlife Refuge covers a total of 14,480 acres within a 16,887-acre acquisition boundary on Cedar Island in Pamlico Sound. The refuge is comprised of 11,000 acres of brackish marsh, 1,500 acres of longleaf pine savanna, 150 acres of brackish shrub, 125 acres of pond pine woodland, 100 acres of bay forest, 100 acres of low pocosin, and 50 acres of cypress-gum swamp. These habitats support a variety of wildlife species, including waterfowl, shorebirds, wading birds, marsh birds, and neotropical migratory songbirds.

Authority: This action is published under the authority of the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, Public Law 105–57.


Cynthia K. Dohner, Acting Regional Director.

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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 and marine mammals.

DATES: Written data, comments or requests must be received by October 27, 2006.

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 (address above).

Applicant: Charlotte M. Peyerl, Shelby Township, MI, PRT–129016.

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.

Applicant: Daniel A. Peyerl, Shelby Township, MI, PRT–129017.

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.

Applicant: Rodney W. Brandenburg, Longmont, CO, PRT–128485.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (Ursus maritimus) sport hunted from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population in Canada for personal, noncommercial use.

Applicant: James R. Martell, Glenns Ferry, ID, PRT–130729.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (Ursus maritimus) sport hunted from the Northern Beaufort Sea polar bear population in Canada for personal, noncommercial use.

Dated: September 8, 2006.

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

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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.