request that OMB renew approval for this information collection. In that notice, we solicited comments for 60 days, ending on September 22, 2006. We did not receive any 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

Information Collection Sent to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Approval; OMB Control Number 1018–0012; Declaration for Importation or Exportation of Fish or Wildlife

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We (Fish and Wildlife Service) have sent an Information Collection Request (ICR) to OMB for review and approval. The ICR, which is summarized below, describes the nature of the collection and the estimated burden. This ICR is scheduled to expire on December 31, 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 January 22, 2007.

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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 1018–0012.
Title: Declaration for Importation or Exportation of Fish or Wildlife.
Service Form Number(s): 3–177 and 3–177a.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses or individuals that import or export fish, wildlife, or wildlife products; scientific institutions that import or export fish or wildlife scientific specimens; government agencies that import or export fish or wildlife specimens for various purposes.

Respondent’s Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

Frequency of Collection: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 30,600.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 170,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 15 minutes for hard copy; 10 minutes for electronic completion.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 34,000.

Abstract: The Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) makes it unlawful to import or export fish, wildlife, or plants without filing a declaration or report deemed necessary for enforcing the Act or upholding the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) (see 16 U.S.C. 1538(e)). With a few exceptions, businesses or individuals importing into or exporting from the United States any fish, wildlife, or wildlife product must complete and submit to the Service an FWS Form 3–177 (Declaration for Importation or Exportation of Fish or Wildlife). This form as well as FWS Form 3–177a (Continuation Sheet) and instructions for completion are available for electronic submission at https://edecs.fws.gov. These forms are also available in hard copy at http://www.fws.gov/forms/.

The information that we collect is unique to each wildlife shipment and enables us to (1) Accurately inspect the contents of the shipment; (2) enforce any regulations that pertain to the fish, wildlife, or wildlife products contained in the shipment; and (3) maintain records of the importation and exportation of these commodities. Additionally, since the United States is a member of CITES, we compile much of the collected information in an annual report that we provide to the CITES Secretariat in Geneva, Switzerland. This annual report on the number and types of imports and exports of fish, wildlife, and wildlife products is one of our treaty obligations under CITES. We also use the information obtained from FWS Form 3–177 as an enforcement tool and management aid to monitor the international wildlife market and detect trends and changes in the commercial trade of fish, wildlife, and wildlife products. Our Division of Scientific Authority and Division of Management Authority use this information to assess the need for additional protection for native species.

Businesses or individuals must file FWS Forms 3–177/3–177a with us at the time and port where they request clearance of the import or export of wildlife or wildlife products. In certain instances, they may file the forms with U.S. Customs and Border Protection. The information we collect includes:

1. Name of the importer or exporter and broker.
2. Scientific and common name of the fish or wildlife.
3. Permit numbers (if permits are required).
4. Description, quantity, and value of the fish or wildlife.
5. Natural country of origin of the fish or wildlife.

In addition, certain information, such as the airway bill or bill of lading number, the location of the fish or wildlife for inspection, and the number of cartons containing fish or wildlife, assists our wildlife inspectors if a physical examination of the shipment is necessary. This information collection is part of a system of records covered by the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a)).

Comments: On June 20, 2006, we published in the Federal Register (71 FR 35444) a notice that we planned to ask OMB to renew approval for this information collection. In that notice, we solicited public comments for 60 days, ending August 21, 2006. We received one comment, which did not address the information collection requirements. We did not make any changes as a result of this comment.

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;
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service

Information Collection Sent to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Approval; OMB Control Number 1018–0067; Approval Procedures for Nontoxic Shot and Shot Coatings (50 CFR 20.134)

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We (Fish and Wildlife Service) have sent an Information Collection Request (ICR) to OMB for review and approval. The ICR, which is summarized below, describes the nature of the collection and the estimated burden and cost. This ICR is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2006. We may not conduct or sponsor 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 January 22, 2007.

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 225–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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 1018–0067.

Title: Approval Procedures for Nontoxic Shot and Shot Coatings (50 CFR 20.134).

Service Form Number: None.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses that produce and/or market shot or shot coatings.

Respondent’s Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

Frequency of Collection: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2 per year.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 2.

Estimated Time per Response: 3,200 hours.

Estimated Total Nonhour Cost Burden: $34,000 per year.

Abstract: This information collection is associated with regulations implementing the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) (16 U.S.C. 703 et seq.). The MBTA prohibits the unauthorized take of migratory birds and authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to regulate take of migratory birds in the United States. Under this authority, we control the hunting of migratory game birds through regulations in 50 CFR part 20. On January 1, 1991, we banned lead shot for hunting waterfowl and coots in the United States. At that time, only steel shot was available as a nontoxic alternative to lead shot. Over the years, we have encouraged manufacturers to develop types of shot for waterfowl hunting that are not toxic to migratory birds or other wildlife when ingested and are not harmful to the environment.

The regulations at 50 CFR 20.134 outline the application and approval process for new types of nontoxic shot. When considering approval of a candidate material as nontoxic, we must ensure that it is not hazardous in the environment and that secondary exposure (ingestion of spent shot or its components) is not a hazard to migratory birds. To make that decision, we require each applicant to collect information about the solubility and toxicity of the candidate material. Additionally, for law enforcement purposes, a noninvasive field detection device must be available to distinguish candidate shot from lead shot. This information constitutes the bulk of an application for approval of nontoxic shot.

Comments: On June 23, 2006, we published in the Federal Register (71 FR 36131) 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 August 22, 2006. We received one comment expressing the opinion that all shot material is harmful to the environment and that hunting is unethical. We have not made any changes to our information collection 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.

Dated: November 16, 2006.

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

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service

Issuance of Permits

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of permits for endangered species and marine mammals.

SUMMARY: The following permits were issued.

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 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: Notice is hereby given that on the dates below, as authorized by the provisions of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), and/or the Marine Mammal Protection Act of