SUMMARY: We (Fish and Wildlife Service) will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the information collection (IC) described below. As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and as part of our continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, we invite the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on this IC. 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.

DATES: You must submit comments on or before August 13, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments on the IC to Hope Grey, Information Collection Clearance Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 222–ARLSQ, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203 (mail); hope.grey@fws.gov (e-mail); or (703) 358–2269 (fax).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this IC, contact Hope Grey by mail, fax, or e-mail (see ADDRESSES) or by telephone at (703) 358–2482.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Electronic Duck Stamp Act of 2005 (Act) (Pub.L. 109-266), passed in August 2006, requires that the Secretary of the Interior conduct a 3-year pilot program under which up to 15 States authorized by the Secretary may issue electronic Federal Duck Stamps. Eligible applicants are State fish and wildlife agencies that have an automated licensing system authorized under State law. There are currently 40 States that offer Internet, point of sale, or telephonic sales for their hunting and fishing licenses.

Under the Act, a State may not participate in the pilot program unless it submits an application and the Secretary approves it. OMB has granted emergency approval for the application for this program (FWS Form 3-2341) and assigned OMB Control No. 1018-0135, which expires October 31, 2007. To participate in the pilot program, eligible State fish and wildlife agencies must have submitted an application by June 8, 2007. The application process will lead to the selection of up to 15 participants for this pilot program.

The Act requires reports from States that participate in the pilot program. We plan to ask OMB to approve the following reporting requirements for a 3-year term:

(1) Pilot Evaluation Report. Each participating State must collect the following information and submit it to the fulfillment contractor on a weekly basis. We will use this information to issue an actual stamp to each purchaser.

(a) First and last name and complete mailing address for each individual who purchases an electronic stamp from the State.

(b) Face value amount of each electronic stamp sold by the State.

(c) Amount of the Federal portion of any fee required by the agreement for each stamp sold.

(2) At the end of the pilot program, the Act requires that we submit a report to Congress. We will evaluate the program to determine if it has provided a cost effective and convenient means for issuing Federal Duck Stamps. We will ask each State to provide information on whether or not the program:

(a) Increased the availability of the stamps.

(b) Assisted States in meeting customer service objectives.

(c) Maintained actual stamps as an effective and viable conservation tool.

(d) Maintained adequate retail availability of the actual stamp.

II. Data

OMB Control Number: 1018-0135.

Title: Electronic Duck Stamp Pilot Program.

Service Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Revision of currently approved collection.

Affected Public: State fish and wildlife agencies.

Respondent’s Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

Frequency of Collection: Weekly for fulfillment reports; one time for evaluation report.

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III. Request for Comments

We invite comments concerning this IC 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 that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include and/or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this IC. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: April 30, 2007

Hope Grey,

Information Collection Clearance Officer,

Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Proposed Low Effect Habitat Conservation Plan for the Crown Enterprise Site, City of Rialto, County of San Bernardino, CA

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: Crown Enterprises (applicant) has applied to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for a 3-year incidental take permit for one covered species pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The application addresses the potential for “take” of the endangered Delhi Sands flower-loving...
fly (Rhaphiomidas terminatus abdominalis) associated with the proposed commercial development on a 3.2-acre site in the City of Rialto, San Bernardino County, California. A conservation program to mitigate for the project activities would be implemented as described in the proposed 3.2-acre Crown Enterprise Site, City of Rialto, San Bernardino County, California Low Effect Habitat Conservation Plan (proposed HCP), which would be implemented by the applicant. We are requesting comments on the permit application and on the preliminary determination that the proposed HCP qualifies as a “Low-effect” Habitat Conservation Plan, eligible for a categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended. The basis for this determination is discussed in the Environmental Action Statement (EAS) and the associated Low Effect Screening Form, which are also available for public review.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before July 12, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to the Field Supervisor, Fish and Wildlife Service, Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office, 6010 Hidden Valley Road, Carlsbad, California 92011. Written comments may be sent by facsimile to (760) 918–0638.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Karen Goebel, Assistant Field Supervisor, Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office (see ADDRESSES); telephone: (760) 431–9440.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Availability of Documents

Individuals wishing copies of the application, proposed HCP, and EAS should immediately contact the Service by telephone at (760) 431–9440 or by letter to the Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office. Copies of the proposed HCP and EAS also are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office (see ADDRESSES).

Background

Section 9 of the Act and its implementing Federal regulations prohibit the take of animal species listed as endangered or threatened. Take is defined under the Act as to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture or collect listed animal species, or attempt to engage in such conduct (16 U.S.C. 1538). However, under section 10(a) of the Act, the Service may issue permits to authorize incidental take of listed species. “Incidental take” is defined by the Act as take that is incidental to, and not the purpose of, carrying out an otherwise lawful activity. Regulations governing incidental take permits for threatened and endangered species, respectively, are found in the Code of Federal Regulations at 50 CFR 17.22 and 50 CFR 17.32.

The applicant is seeking a permit for take of the Delhi Sands flower-loving fly during the life of the permit. This species is referred to as the “DSF” in the proposed HCP. The applicant proposes to construct a commercial development on 3.2 acres of land located along the west side of Riverside Avenue between Santa Ana and Jurupa avenues in the City of Rialto, San Bernardino County, California. We anticipate that all DSF would be lost within the project site. The project site does not contain any other rare, threatened or endangered species or habitat. No critical habitat for any listed species occurs on the project site.

The applicant proposes to mitigate the effects to the DSF associated with the covered activities by fully implementing the HCP. The purpose of the proposed HCP’s conservation program is to promote the biological conservation of the DSF. The applicant proposes to mitigate impacts to the DSF through purchase of 1 acre of credit within the Colton Dunes Conservation Bank in the City of Colton, San Bernardino County, California.

The Proposed Action consists of the issuance of an incidental take permit and implementation of the proposed HCP, which includes measures to mitigate impacts of the project on the DSF. One alternative to the taking of the listed species under the Proposed Action is considered in the proposed HCP. Under the No Action Alternative, no permit would be issued, and no construction would occur.

The Service has made a preliminary determination that approval of the proposed HCP qualifies as a categorical exclusion under NEPA, as provided by the Department of the Interior Manual (516 DM 2 Appendix 1 and 516 DM 6 Appendix 1) and as a “low-effect” plan as defined by the Habitat Conservation Planning Handbook (November 1996). Determination of Low-effect Habitat Conservation Plans is based on the following three criteria: (1) Implementation of the proposed HCP would result in minor or negligible effects on federally listed, proposed, and candidate species and their habitats; (2) Implementation of the proposed HCP would result in minor or negligible effects on other environmental values or resources; and (3) Impacts of the proposed HCP, considered together with the impacts of other past, present and reasonably foreseeable similarly situated projects, would not result, over time, in cumulative effects to environmental values or resources which would be considered significant.

Based upon this preliminary determination, we do not intend to prepare further NEPA documentation. We will consider public comments in making the final determination on whether to prepare such additional documentation.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Act. We will evaluate the permit application, the proposed HCP, and comments submitted thereon to determine whether the application meets the requirements of section 10(a) of the Act. If the requirements are met, we will issue a permit to the Crown Enterprises for the incidental take of the Delhi Sands flower-loving fly from the commercial development in the City of Rialto, San Bernardino County, California.


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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge, Buffalo and Trempealeau Counties, WI

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of a draft comprehensive conservation plan and environmental impact statement; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announces that a Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and associated Environmental Impact Statement are available for the Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge (NWR). This notice is furnished in compliance with our CCP policy to