Abstract: Our Endangered Species Program uses information that we collect on permit applications to determine the eligibility of applicants for permits requested in accordance with the criteria in various Federal wildlife conservation laws, including:

(1) Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).
(2) Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703 et seq.).
(3) Lacey Act (16 U.S.C. 3371 et seq.).

Service regulations implementing these statutes and treaties are in Chapter I, Subchapter B of Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). These regulations stipulate general and specific requirements that when met allow us to issue permits to authorize activities that are otherwise prohibited. This IC includes the following permit application forms and the reporting requirements for each permit:

(1) FWS Form 3–200–54 - Enhancement of Survival Permits Associated with Safe Harbor Agreements and Candidate Conservation Agreements with Assurances.
(2) FWS Form 3–200–55 - Permits for Scientific Purposes, Enhancement of Propagation or Survival (i.e. Recovery) and Interstate Commerce.
(3) FWS Form 3–200–56 - Incidental Take Permits Associated with a Habitat Conservation Plan.

On March 16, 2007, we published in the Federal Register (72 FR 12629) a notice of our intent to request that OMB approve this ICR. In that notice, we solicited comments for 60 days, ending on May 15, 2007. We received one comment. The comment did not address issues surrounding the proposed collection of information or the cost and hour burden estimates. The commenter objected to hunting permits, which are not a part of this information collection. We have not made any changes to this collection 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;
(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. 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 OMB in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that it will be done.

Dated: August 22, 2007
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 1018–0092; Federal Fish and Wildlife Permit Applications and Reports—Law Enforcement

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 September 30, 2007. 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 29, 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 IC, contact Hope Grey by mail, fax, or e-mail (see ADDRESSES) or by telephone at (703) 358-2482.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
OMB Control Number: 1018–0092.
Title: Federal Fish and Wildlife Permit Applications and Reports—Law Enforcement, 50 CFR 13 and 14.

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Abstract: The Endangered Species Act (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) makes it unlawful to import or export fish, wildlife, or plants without obtaining prior permission as deemed necessary for enforcing the ESA or upholding the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) (see 16 U.S.C. 1538(e)). This information collection includes the following permit/license application forms:

(1) FWS Form 3–200–2 (Designated Port Exception Permit). Under 50 CFR 14.11, it is unlawful to import or export wildlife or wildlife products at ports other than those designated in 50 CFR 14.12 unless you qualify for an exception. These exceptions allow qualified individuals, businesses, or scientific organizations to import or export wildlife or wildlife products at a non-designated port:
(a) When the wildlife or wildlife products will be used as scientific specimens.
(b) To minimize deterioration or loss.
(c) To relieve economic hardship.
To request an import or export of wildlife or wildlife products at non-designated ports, applicants must complete FWS Form 3–200–2. Designated port exception permits are valid for 2 years.

Once a designated port exception permit is issued, we may require the permittee to file a report on activities conducted under authority of the permit.

(2) FWS Form 3–200–3 (Import/Export License). It is unlawful to import or export wildlife or wildlife products for commercial purposes without first obtaining an import/export license (50 CFR 14.91). Applicants must complete FWS Form 3–200–3 to request this license. We use the information that we collect on the application as an enforcement tool and management aid to: (a) monitor the international wildlife market and (b) detect trends and changes in the commercial trade of wildlife and wildlife products. Import/export licenses are valid for 1 year.
We require import/export licensees to maintain records that accurately describe each importation or exportation of wildlife or wildlife products made under the license, and any additional sale or transfer of the wildlife or wildlife products. In addition, licensees must make these records and the corresponding inventory of wildlife or wildlife products available for our inspection at reasonable times, subject to applicable limitations of law. We believe the burden associated with these recordkeeping requirements is minimal because the records already exist. Importers and exporters must complete FWS Form 3–177 (Declaration for Importation or Exportation of Fish or Wildlife) for all imports or exports of wildlife or wildlife products. This form provides an accurate description of the imports and exports, OMB has approved the information collection for FWS Form 3–177 and assigned OMB Control Number 1018–0012, which expires January 31, 2010. Normal business practices should produce records (e.g., invoices or bills of sale) needed to document additional sales or transfers of the wildlife or wildlife products.

Comments: On April 23, 2007, we published in the Federal Register (72 FR 20131) a notice of our intent to request that OMB approve this ICR. In that notice, we solicited comments for 60 days, ending on June 22, 2007. We received one comment. The comment did not address issues surrounding the proposed collection of information or the cost and hour burden estimates. We have not made any changes to this collection as a result of the comment.

We again invite comments concerning this information collection on:
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information from public review, we cannot guarantee that it will be done.

Dated: August 22, 2007

Hope Grey,
Information Collection Clearance Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service

Togiak National Wildlife Refuge, Dillingham, AK


SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service, we) announce that the Draft Revised Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and Environmental Assessment (EA) and Draft Revised Public Use Management Plan (PUMP) and EA for Togiak National Wildlife Refuge is available for public comment. This Draft CCP/PUMP/EA describes how the Service intends to manage the Togiak Refuge for the next 15 years.

DATES: We must receive written comments on the draft CCP/PUMP/EA by January 18, 2008.

ADDRESSES: To provide written comments or to request a paper copy or a compact disk of the Draft CCP/PUMP/EA, contact Maggi Arend, Planning Team Leader, Division of Comprehensive Planning and Policy, MS 231, 1011 East Tudor Road, Anchorage, AK 99503–6199, phone 907–786–3393, fax 907–786–3965 or electronically at fw7_togiak_planning@fws.gov. You may also view or download the plan at: http://alaska.fws.gov/nwr/planning/togpol.htm. Copies of the Draft plan may be viewed at the Togiak Refuge Office in Dillingham, Alaska; local area libraries, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Regional Office in Anchorage, Alaska.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maggi Arend at the above address or phone number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) (16 U.S.C. 410(h) et seq., 43 U.S.C. 1602 et seq.) requires development of a CCP for all national wildlife refuges in Alaska. The Draft CCP for Togiak Refuge was developed consistent with Section 304(g) of ANILCA and the Refuge Administration Act as amended by the Refuge Improvement Act (16 U.S.C. 668dd et seq.). The purpose of developing CCPs is to provide refuge managers with a 15-year strategy for achieving refuge purposes and contributing toward the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System, consistent with sound principles of fish, wildlife, and habitat management and conservation; legal mandates; and Service policies. Plans define long-term goals and objectives toward which refuge management activities are directed and identify which uses may be compatible with the purposes of the refuge. They identify wildlife-dependent recreation opportunities available to the public, including hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, and environmental education and interpretation. Comprehensive conservation plans are updated in accordance with planning direction in Section 304(g) of ANILCA and with NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).

Togiak Refuge was established as Cape Newenham National Wildlife Refuge in 1969 to protect and preserve the outstanding wildlife values including bird colonies and important habitat for other terrestrial and marine wildlife. The refuge was expanded to 4,156,522 acres and established as Togiak National Wildlife Refuge in 1980 by ANILCA. The Togiak Refuge CCP was approved in 1987. The PUMP was approved in 1991 and incorporated the State of Alaska Special Land Use Designation for the management of State lands within the boundary of the refuge and including the lower Goodnews River drainage. The current document includes revisions of each of these three plans. The core planning team, which developed the range of alternatives for the CCP/PUMP, included representatives of the State of Alaska and five recognized Native Alaskan tribes from the vicinity of the refuge.

Comprehensive Plan

This Draft CCP describes and evaluates two alternatives for managing Togiak Refuge for the next 15 years.

Alternative 1: This alternative encompasses policy development, changes, and clarifications made in the years since the implementation of the original Comprehensive Plan in 1987. It also includes a refuge vision statement, goals, objectives, and certain strategies which will guide refuge management into the future. Restrictions on helicopter use for recreational purposes would be maintained.

Alternative 2 (Current Management): Under this alternative, the Refuge would continue to implement current management as outlined in the 1987 Comprehensive Plan. The Refuge would continue to be managed much as it is today, but without goals and objectives.

Public Use Plan

The Draft Public Use Management Plan describes and evaluates five alternatives for managing public use on Togiak Refuge. These alternatives address four issues: public use at Cape Peirce Wildlife Viewing Area; unguided recreational opportunities in the Kanektok and Goodnews river watersheds; human waste management; and commercial sport fishing guide opportunities.

Alternative A: This alternative would carry forward existing management into the future. At Cape Peirce, management would emphasize wildlife viewing that complements the research and study of fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitats and would continue current limits on visitors to the area. There would be no limits on unguided recreational users on the Kanektok and Goodnews rivers and no additional management of human waste disposal. Commercial sport fishing guide opportunities would remain at current levels.

Alternative B: This alternative makes limited adjustments to current management. At Cape Peirce, management would remain the same except that 50% of permits would be allocated to the general public. Unguided use of the Kanektok River watershed would be limited to the same levels currently allowed for guided use. On the Goodnews River, unguided use would be limited to the current level of use. Commercial sport fishing guide opportunities would be expanded on the middle fork of the Goodnews River.

Alternative C (the preferred alternative): Under this alternative, adjustments would be made to management in each of the issue areas. At Cape Peirce, management would facilitate wildlife viewing that complements the protection and preservation of the area’s natural and cultural resource values and opportunities for visitation would be doubled. The allocation of permits would be the same as Alternative B, but at low use levels the refuge manager may waive the requirement for permits. Minimal facilities could be constructed for public health and safety. Limits on the unguided recreational use of the Kanektok and Goodnews rivers would be established for the peak use periods.