DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Proposed Information Collection; OMB Control Number 1018-0022; Federal Fish and Wildlife License/Permit Applications and Reports, Migratory Birds

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

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, which is scheduled to expire on July 31, 2007. We may not conduct or sponsor, nor are we 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 May 22, 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

Our Regional Migratory Bird Permit Offices use 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 and international treaties, including:

(1) Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703 et seq.).
(2) 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 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 revised IC includes migratory bird permit applications and the reports associated with the permits. We have:

(1) Modified the format and content of the currently approved application forms so that they (a) are easier to understand and complete and (b) accommodate future electronic permitting.
(2) Added six new forms:
   (a) FWS Form 3-200-15b (Eagle Parts for Native American Religious Purposes - Order Request) will enable Native Americans to send orders directly to the National Eagle Repository, which distributes the parts, instead of to the Regional permit office.
   (b) FWS Form 3-200-77 (Native American Religious Use - Eagle Take), FWS Form 3-200-78 (Native American Religious Use - Live Eagles), and FWS Form 3-200-79 (Special Purpose - Abatement Activities Using Raptors) will provide the public with applications specifically designed to address information necessary to issue permits for these activities.
   (c) FWS Form 3-202-13 (Eagle Exhibition Annual Report) will facilitate reporting under Eagle Exhibition permits by clarifying that we need information about eagles only. Currently, permittees use FWS Form 3-202-5 (Special Purpose Possession Live/Dead (Education) Annual Report), which requests information on other migratory birds.

(3) FWS Form 3-202-14 (Native American Religious Use – Live Eagles Annual Report) will facilitate reporting under the permits for Native American religious use.

We are proposing to transfer FWS Forms 3-200-69 (CITES Import/Export – Eagle Transport for Scientific or Exhibition Purposes) and 3-200-70 (CITES Import/Export – Eagle Transportation for Indian Religious Purposes), which are currently approved under this IC, to OMB Control Number 1018-0093.

II. Data

OMB Control Number: 1018-0022.
Title: Federal Fish and Wildlife License/Permit Applications and Reports, Migratory Birds.

Service Form Number(s): 3-200-6 through 3-200-18, 3-200-67, 3-200-68, 3-200-77, 3-200-78, 3-200-79, 3-202-1 through 3-202-14, 3-186, and 3-186A.

Type of Request: Revision of currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals; zoological parks; museums; universities; scientists; taxidermists; businesses; and Federal, State, tribal, and local governments.

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

Frequency of Collection: On occasion.

Estimated Nonhour Cost Burden: $849,275 for fees associated with permit applications.

The following table lists the migratory bird permit application and report forms and burden estimates for each. We have rounded the annual burden hours to the nearest hour. An asterisk (*) denotes new forms.

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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 submitted 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.

Dated: March 1, 2007

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

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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/or marine mammals.

DATES: Written data, comments or requests must be received by April 23, 2007.

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 application(s) 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: Dallas World Aquarium, Dallas, TX, PRT–146843.

The applicant requests a permit to import two male and two female captive-hatched resplendent quetzals (Pharomachrus mocinno) from Vida Silvestre, Ixtapaluca, Mexico for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Dallas World Aquarium, Dallas, TX, PRT–146842.