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Dated: August 6, 2009
Hope Grey,
Information Collection Clearance Officer,
Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service
[FWS-R9-LE-2009-N168] [99011-1224-0000-9B]

Proposed Information Collection; 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) 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. This IC is scheduled to expire on January 31, 2010. 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: To ensure that we are able to consider your comments on this IC, we must receive them by October 13, 2009.

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); or hope.grey@fws.gov (e-mail).

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. 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 products 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:

• Accurately inspect the contents of the shipment;

• Enforce any regulations that pertain to the fish, wildlife, or wildlife products contained in the shipment; and

• Maintain records of the importation and exportation of these commodities.

Additionally, we use information from FWS Forms 3-177 and 3-177a to compile 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. The report does not contain any personally identifying information.

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.

The information we collect is part of a system of records covered by the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552(a)).

Businesses or individuals must file FWS Forms 3-177 and 3-177a with us at the time and port where they request clearance of the import or export of wildlife or wildlife products. Our regulations allow for certain species of wildlife to be imported or exported between the United States and Canada or Mexico at U.S. Customs and Border Protection ports, even though our wildlife inspectors may not be present. In these instances, importers and exporters may file the forms with U.S. Customs and Border Protection. We collect the following information:

(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.

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Dated: August 6, 2009

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

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS–R7–R–2009–N0105; 70133–1265–0000–S3]

Koyukuk/Nowitna National Wildlife Refuges, Galena, AK

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the revised comprehensive conservation plan and finding of no significant impact for environmental assessment.

SUMMARY: We, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service, USFWS), announce the availability of our revised comprehensive conservation plan (CCP) and finding of no significant impact (FONSI) for the Koyukuk, Northern Unit Innoko, and Nowitna National Wildlife Refuges (Refuges). In this revised CCP, we describe how we will manage the Refuges for the next 15 years.

ADDITIONAL FONSI:
- To fulfill international treaty obligations of the United States with respect to fish and wildlife and their habitats;
- To provide the opportunity for continued subsistence use by local residents;
- To ensure water quality and necessary water quantity within the Refuge.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Mikel Haase, (907) 786–3965 (fax); or fw7.Koyukuk/Nowitna_refuges@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
With this notice, we finalize the revised CCP for Koyukuk, Northern Unit Innoko, and Nowitna National Wildlife Refuges. We started this process through a notice of intent in the Federal Register (72 FR 57343; October 9, 2007). We made available our draft CCP and Environmental Assessment (EA) and requested comments in a notice of availability in the Federal Register (73 FR 58259; October 6, 2008). The draft CCP and EA evaluated two alternatives for managing the Refuges for the next 15 years.

Established in 1980 by the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA: 16 U.S.C. 410hh et seq., 43 U.S.C. 1602 et seq.), Koyukuk, Northern Unit Innoko, and Nowitna Refuges encompass approximately 6 million acres under Service jurisdiction. The purposes for which the Refuges were established include: (i) To conserve fish and wildlife populations and habitats in their natural diversity; (ii) to fulfill international treaty obligations of the United States with respect to fish and wildlife and their habitats; (iii) to provide the opportunity for continued subsistence use by local residents; and (iv) to ensure water quality and necessary water quantity within the Refuge. The Draft CCP and EA for the Refuges 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.).

CCPs were originally prepared for the Refuges in 1987. The revised plan includes management direction updated by changes to policy since completion of the 1987 plans. It also includes a vision statement, goals, and objectives for management of the Refuge. Management of the Refuges would generally continue to follow management direction described in the 1987 CCPs and records of decisions as modified by subsequent program-specific plans (e.g., fisheries, cultural resources, and fire management plans). As required by ANILCA, areas of the Refuges were designated in the 1987 CCPs according to their respective resources. Under the original CCPs and the revised CCP, 91 percent of the Refuge is Minimal management, 7