mail (see ADDRESSES) or by telephone at (703) 358–2482.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge is developing a Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP), a 15-year planning document, to chart the course of future management options on the refuge. The refuge was established in 1983 for the purpose of protecting the Florida manatee, an endangered species.

Citrus County, where the refuge is located, is heavily dependent on manatee ecotourism as a source of tourist revenue. Local tour operators conduct manatee-human interactions in the form of “swim with” the manatee programs, which have become enormously popular over the years. Citrus County widely advertises and encourages visitors to come from around the world to have this unique experience. We manage ecotourism activities cooperatively with local tour operators through special use permits that impose conditions on activities conducted within the refuge. One condition is that operators must provide educational materials to their customers related to manatee-human interactions.

We have signed a challenge cost-share agreement with the Department of Community Services, Citrus County, to conduct a survey to obtain information to:

1) Evaluate present and future use levels by the public, and
2) Determine the quality and viability of manatee ecotourism experiences.

The county will contract with a private consulting firm to develop and conduct the survey, analyze the data, and provide the results to the Service and the county. The proposed survey will gather information from visitors regarding their experience while visiting Citrus County and the purpose for their visit, including specific questions related to manatee viewing. The report will not include any personal information about the participants and will only include information regarding the present and future public use levels on the refuge, as well as a determination of the quality and viability of manatee ecotourism experiences. The information collected will provide data to:

1) Support future refuge decisions to ensure protection of manatees while providing quality experiences for visitors.
2) Aid local business interests in providing quality ecotourism experiences.

II. Data

OMB Control Number: None. This is a new collection.

Title: Economic Valuation and Visitor Satisfaction Survey, Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge.

Service Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: New.

Affected Public: Visitors to Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge and Citrus County, Florida.

Respondent’s Obligation: Voluntary.

Frequency of Collection: One time.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 500.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 500.

Estimated Time Per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 125.

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 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 15, 2009

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

Fish and Wildlife Service


Endangered Wildlife and Plants; Permits

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of applications for permits; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), invite the public to comment on the following applications for permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), which requires that we invite public comment on these permit applications.

DATES: We must receive your written data or comments by May 22, 2009.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Grant Canterbury, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, at the above address or by telephone (503–231–2071) or fax (503–231–6243).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following applicants have applied for a new scientific research permit or interstate commerce permit, or to amend an existing permit, to conduct certain activities with endangered species under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.). We solicit review and comment from local, State, and Federal agencies and the public.

Permit No. TE–001822

Applicant: Willamette National Forest, Oregon.

The applicant requests an amendment to an existing scientific research permit to take (trap, mark, and release) the Oregon chub (Oncorhynchus crameri) in conjunction with research in the State of Oregon, for the purpose of enhancing its survival. This permit currently covers take (harass by survey, angling, capture, handle, mark, measure, translocate, and release) of the bull trout (Salvelinus confluentus).

Permit No. TE–210255

Applicant: Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks.

The applicant requests a new scientific research permit to take (capture, handle, measure, and release)
the Kootenai River population of the white sturgeon (Acipenser transmontanus) in conjunction with research in the State of Montana, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

**Permit No. TE–096741**

**Applicant:** Pacific Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Hawaii.

The applicant requests an amendment to an existing scientific research permit to take (survey, collect eggs or larvae, rear in captivity, photograph, release, and collect voucher specimens) the Hawaiian picture-wing flies Drosophila aqaulia, D. hemipeza, D. montogomeri, D. obatai, D. substenoptera, D. tarphytrichia, and D. musophil a in conjunction with research on the islands of Oahu and Kauai, Hawaii, for the purpose of enhancing their survival. This permit currently covers removal and reduction to possession of Abutilon menziesii (ko’oloa’ula), Abutilon sandwicense (no common name), Achyranthus splendens var. rotundata (round-leafed chaff flower), Alectryon macrococcus var. micrococcus (mahoe), Bonamia menziesii (no common name), Chamaesyce kuwaleana (akoko), Chamaesyce skottsbergii var. kalaaloana (‘Ewa Plains ‘akoko), Cypers trachysanthos (punka), Flueggea neowawarea (mehamehame), Hedvotis parvula (no common name), Lepidium arbuscula (anaanau), Lipochaeta lobata var. leptophylla (nehe), Lipochaeta tenuifolia (nehe), Lobelia nihiuensis (no common name), Marsilea villosa (ihi’ihi), Melicope pallida (alani), Melicope saint-johnii (alani), Neraudia angulata (no common name), Nototrichium humile (kului), Schiedea hookeri (no common name), Tetramolopium filiforme (no common name), Tetramolopium lepidotum ssp. lepidotum (no common name), and Viola chamissoniana (pamakani), for which we originally published a notice in the Federal Register on January 7, 2005 (70 FR 1456).

**Permit No. TE–068803**

**Applicant:** Jerry Lynn Kinser, Conroe, Texas.

The applicant requests a permit to purchase, in interstate commerce, two male captive bred Hawaiian (= nene) geese (Branta [=Nesochen] sandvicensis) for the purpose of enhancing their propagation and survival. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over the next 5 years.

**Permit No. TE–212061**

**Applicant:** Paul C. Hammond, Philomath, Oregon.

The applicant requests a new scientific research permit to take (capture, handle, and release) the Fender’s blue butterfly (Icaricia icarioides fenderi) in conjunction with research in the State of Oregon, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

**Public Comments**

Please refer to the permit number for the application when submitting comments.

We solicit public review and comment on these recovery and interstate commerce permit applications. 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.

Comments and materials we receive will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.


**David J. Wesley,**
Regional Director, Region 1, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Indian Affairs**

**Indian Gaming**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Tribal-State Class III Gaming Compact taking effect.

**SUMMARY:** This publishes notice of a Tribal-State Class III Gaming Compact taking effect. The Compact is between the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians of Michigan and the State of Michigan and provides for the conduct of Tribal Class III Gaming by the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians of Michigan.

**DATES:** Effective Date: April 22, 2009.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paula L. Hart, Acting Director, Office of Indian Gaming, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary—Policy and Economic Development, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219-4066.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA), Public Law 100–497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish in the Federal Register notice of approved Tribal-State compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands. This Amendment allows for technical changes to the Compact that address the technical advances that have occurred in the market with regard to slot machines and sets in place the technical standards for gaming devices that accept coin, currency or cashless tickets and issue cashless tickets.


**George T. Skibine,**
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Economic Development.