SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OMB Control Number: 1018–0093.
Title: Federal Fish and Wildlife Permit Applications and Reports—Management Authority, 50 CFR 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, and 23.
Type of Request: Revision of currently approved collection.
Description of Respondents: Individuals; biomedicai companies; circuses; zoological parks; botanical gardens; nurseries; museums; universities; antique dealers; exotic pet industry; hunters; taxidermists; commercial importers/exporters of wildlife and plants; freight forwarders/brokers; and State, Tribal, local, and Federal governments.
Respondent’s Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit.
Frequency of Collection: On occasion.
Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 10,314.
Estimated Annual Number of Responses: 13,055.
Estimated Completion Time per Response: Varies from 6 minutes to 85 hours depending on activity.
Estimated Annual Number of Burden Hours: 9,525.
Estimated Nonhour Cost Burden: $982,751 associated with application fees.

Abstract: This information collection covers permit applications and reports that our Division of Management Authority uses to determine the eligibility of applicants for permits requested in accordance with the criteria in various Federal wildlife conservation laws and international treaties, including:

- Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).
- 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.

In addition to the forms and reports currently approved under OMB Control No. 1018–0093, this revised ICR includes:

- FWS Forms 3–200–74 (Single-Use Export Permits Under a Master File or Annual Program File) and 3–200–75 (Registration of a Production Facility for Export of Certain Native Species). These forms are currently approved under OMB Control Number 1018–0137. If OMB approves this ICR, we will discontinue 1018–0137.
- Four new forms that we believe will reduce burden on applicants, improve customer service, and allow us to process applications and issue CITES documents quickly:
  1. FWS Form 3–200–80 (Export of Fertilized Live Eggs, Caviar, or Meat from Aquacultured Paddlefish or Sturgeon (CITES)). Applicants currently use FWS Form 3–200–24 or 3–200–76 for this activity.
  2. FWS Form 3–200–85 (Master File for the Export of Live Captive-bred Animals (CITES)). Applicants currently use FWS Form 3–200–24 for this activity.
  3. FWS Form 3–200–86 (Photography of Marine Mammals for Educational or Commercial Purposes (MPMA)). Applicants currently use FWS Form 3–200–43 for this activity.
  4. FWS Form 3–200–87 (Transfer of Live Captive-held Marine Mammals (MPMA)). Applicants currently submit letters for notification or authorization.

Comments: On August 31, 2010, we published in the Federal Register (75 FR 53328) a notice of our intent to request that OMB approve this information collection. In that notice, we solicited comments for 60 days, ending on November 1, 2010. We received one comment. The comment did not address issues surrounding the proposed collection of information or the cost and hour burden estimates, but did object to other aspects of our permitting program and the killing of wildlife. We have not made any changes to this collection as a result of the comment. The commenter did question the groups that we included under the heading “Affected Public” in our previous Federal Register notice and stated that the entire U.S. public and animal protection groups are affected by this information collection. The groups listed under this heading were potential respondents. To ensure clarity, we have changed the heading title to “Description of Respondents.”

We again invite comments concerning this information collection on:

- Whether or not the collection of information is necessary, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;
- The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information;
- Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- 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 submission—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: November 22, 2010.
Hope Grey,
Information Collection Clearance Officer,
Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service

Proposed Information Collection; OMB Control Number 1018–0102; Applications for Special Use Permits on National Wildlife Refuges

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We (U.S. 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 April 30, 2011. 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 January 28, 2011.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this IC, contact Kevin Kilcullen by e-mail at Kevin.Kilcullen@fws.gov or by telephone at (703) 358–2382.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd–668ee) (Administration Act) and the Refuge Recreation Act of 1962 (16 U.S.C. 460k–460k–4) (Recreation Act) govern the administration and uses of national wildlife refuges and wetland management districts. The Administration Act consolidated all of the different refuge areas into a single National Wildlife Refuge System (System). It also authorizes us to permit public accommodations, including commercial visitor services, on lands of the System when we find that the activity is compatible and appropriate with the purpose for which the refuge was established. The Recreation Act allows the use of refuges for public recreation when it is not inconsistent or does not interfere with the primary purposes(s) of the refuge.

In our general refuge regulations, we provide for public entry for specialized purposes, including economic activities such as the operation of guiding and other visitor services on refuges by concessionaires or cooperators under the appropriate legal instrument or special use permits (50 CFR 25.41, 25.61, 26.36, 27.71, 27.91, 29.2, 30.11, 31.2, 31.13, 31.14, 31.16, 32.2(1), 36.31, 36.32, 36.33, 36.37, 36.39, and 43 CFR 5). These regulations provide the authorities and procedures for allowing permits on refuges.

Previously, we used FWS Form 3–1383 (Special Use Application and Permit) for all activities. However, experience has indicated that some types of activities, such as commercial use or research, require that we collect detailed information on the specific activity so that we can more effectively manage the numerous uses being conducted on System lands.

We are proposing to use three forms as applications for Special Use Permits:

(1) FWS Form 3–1383. We will use this form for the majority of activities including, but not limited to:

- Special events, such as fishing tournaments.
- Personal events, such as weddings.
- Beneficial management activities, such as wood cutting or rotational grazing, that we use to provide the best habitat possible on some refuges.
- Group visits and other one-time events.

(2) FWS Form 3–XXXX (Commercial Special Use Application and Permit). We will use this form for commercial activities including, but not limited to:

- Recreational visitor service operations.
- Commercial filming.
- Agricultural activities.
- Guiding for fishing, hunting, wildlife education, and interpretation.
- Building and using cabins to support subsistence or commercial activities (in Alaska).

(3) FWS Form 3–YYYY (Research Special Use Application and Permit). We will use this form to authorize research and monitoring activities on a refuge.

We plan to collect the following information. However, not all information will have to be provided, depending on the permit and specific activity:

- Type of activity/project.
- Identifying data (such as, name, business, or principal investigator, title, organization or affiliation, address, telephone number, and e-mail address).
- Whether the request is for a new permit or renewal or modification of an existing permit.
- Description, frequency and time line of the activity/project.
- Location/map.
- Assistants/subpermittees.
- Description of how the activity/project will help the refuge fulfill its purpose (FWS Form 3–YYYY).
- Insurance coverage.
- Licenses/permits required.
- Support/subcontractors used to support the activity.
- Equipment/gear and materials.
- Whether or not the activity requires overnight stay.
- Transportation logistics and requirements.
- Descriptions of work and living accommodations.
- Number of clients and/or participants.
- Certifications.
- Tax ID number or Social Security Number (FWS Form 3–XXXX).
- Whether or not an applicant or subpermittee has been convicted of a felony, or issued a national wildlife refuge notice of violation. If yes, applicant must provide details and court action taken (FWS Form 3–YYYY).
- Trip schedule(s).
- Curriculum Vitae or resume of principal researcher (FWS Form 3–YYYY).
- Relationship of principal researcher to affiliation/organization (such as professor, staff, student, etc) (FWS Form 3–YYYY).
- Full proposal of the planned research (FWS Form 3–YYYY).
- Description of how project will benefit the management of the refuge including how the project may benefit the management of threatened or endangered species (FWS Form 3–YYYY).

Some permits may require submission of:

- Interim and final reports.
- Safety plans.
- Operational plans.
- Minimum Requirements Decision Assessment for activities/projects requested in wilderness areas.
- Assurance of Animal Care Form (or equivalent) for research involving animals.
- Before and after photograph of site.

II. Data

OMB Control Number: 1018–0102.

Title: Applications for Special Use Permits on National Wildlife Refuges.

Number of respondents: 13,500

Number of responses: 13,500

Completion time per response: 1 hour

Total annual burden hours: 13,500
III. Comments

We invite comments concerning this information collection on:

- Whether or not the collection of information is necessary, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;
- The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information;
- Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- 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.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service
[FWS–R1–R–2010–N230; 10137–1265–0000 S3]

Bandon Marsh, Nestucca Bay, and Siletz Bay National Wildlife Refuges, Coos, Tillamook, and Lincoln Counties, OR; Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent; announcement of three public open house meetings; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), intend to prepare a comprehensive conservation plan (CCP) for the Bandon Marsh, Nestucca Bay, and Siletz Bay National Wildlife Refuges (NWRs), in or near the towns of Bandon, Pacific City, Neskojin, and Lincoln City, Oregon. We will also prepare an environmental assessment (EA) to evaluate the potential effects of various CCP alternatives. We provide this notice in compliance with our CCP policy to advise other Federal and State agencies, Tribes, and the public of our intentions and to obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues to consider during the planning process. We are also announcing public meetings and requesting public comments.

DATES: To ensure consideration, please send your written comments by December 31, 2010. We will hold public meetings to begin the CCP planning process; see Public Meetings under SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for dates, times, and locations.

ADDRESS: Send your comments or requests for more information by any of the following methods:

E-mail: oregoncoastCCP@fws.gov. Include “Bandon Marsh, Nestucca Bay, and Siletz Bay CCP” in the subject line of the message.

Fax: Attn: Project Leader, 541–867–4551.

U.S. Mail: Oregon Coast National Wildlife Refuge Complex, 2127 SE Marine Science Drive, Newport, OR 97365.

In-Person Drop-off: You may drop off comments during regular business hours at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roy W. Lowe, Project Leader, Oregon Coast National Wildlife Refuge Complex, 2127 SE Marine Science Drive, Newport, OR 97365; phone (541) 867–4550, and fax (541) 867–4551.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Introduction

With this notice, we initiate our process for developing a CCP for Bandon Marsh, Nestucca Bay, and Siletz Bay National Wildlife Refuges in Coos, Tillamook, and Lincoln Counties, Oregon. This notice complies with our CCP policy to (1) advise other Federal and State agencies, Tribes, and the public of our intention to conduct detailed planning on these refuges, and (2) obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues to consider in the environmental document and during development of the CCP.

Background

The CCP Process

The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd–668ee) (Refuge Administration Act), as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, requires us to develop a CCP for each national wildlife refuge. The purpose for developing a CCP is to provide refuge managers with a 15-year plan for achieving refuge purposes and objectives, and contributing toward the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System, consistent with sound principles of fish and wildlife management, conservation, legal mandates, and our policies. We will review and update the CCP at least every 15 years in accordance with the Refuge Administration Act.

Each unit of the National Wildlife Refuge System was established for specific purposes. These purposes are the foundation for developing and prioritizing the conservation and management goals and objectives for each refuge within the National Wildlife Refuge System, and determining compatible public uses for each refuge. The planning process is a way for us and the public to evaluate management goals and objectives for refuge wildlife, plant, and habitat conservation, while providing for wildlife-dependent recreation opportunities that are compatible with the refuge’s establishing purposes and the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Our CCP process provides participation opportunities for Tribal, State, and local governments; agencies; organizations; and the public. At this time we encourage input in the form of issues, concerns, ideas, and suggestions for the future management of Bandon Marsh, Nestucca Bay, and Siletz Bay Refuges.

We will conduct an environmental review of this project and prepare an EA in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA) (42 U.S.C.