We use nine application and report forms associated with hunting and fishing on refuges. We may not allow all opportunities on all refuges; therefore, we developed different forms to simplify the process and avoid confusion for applicants. The currently approved forms are available online at http://www.fws.gov/forms/. Not all refuges will use each form and some refuges may collect the identical information in a non-form format (meaning there is no designated form associated with the collection of information).

We use the following application forms when we assign areas, dates, and/or types of hunts via a drawing because of limited resources, high demand, or when a permit is needed to hunt. We issue application forms for specific periods, usually seasonally or annually.

- FWS Form 3–2354 (Quota Deer Hunt Application).
- FWS Form 3–2355 (Waterfowl Lottery Application).
- FWS Form 3–2356 (Big/Upland Game Hunt Application).
- FWS Form 3–2357 (Migratory Bird Hunt Application).
- FWS Form 3–2358 (Fishing/Shrimping/Grabbing Application).
- FWS Forms 3–2354 through 3–2358 collect information on:
  - Applicant (name, address, phone number) so that we can notify applicants of their selection.
  - User preferences (dates, areas, method) so that we can distribute users equitably.
  - Whether or not the applicant is applying for a special opportunity for disabled or youth hunters.
  - Age of youth hunter(s) so that we can establish eligibility.
- We ask users to report on their success after their experience so that we can evaluate hunting/fishing quality and resource impacts. We use the following activity reports, which we distribute during appropriate seasons, as determined by State or Federal regulations.
  - FWS Form 3–2359 (Big Game Harvest Report).
  - FWS Form 3–2360 (Fishing Report).
  - FWS Form 3–2362 (Upland/Small Game/Furbearer Report).

- Details of success by species so that we can evaluate quality of experience and resource impacts.

- OMB Control Number: 1018–0140.
- Form Number: FWS Forms 3–2354 through 3–2362.
- Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 805,492 (269,011 for applications and 536,481 for activity reports).

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 805,492.

Estimated Completion Time per Response: 15 minutes for hunting/fishing applications and 10 minutes for activity reports.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 156,667 (67,253 for applications and 89,414 for activity reports).

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

Frequency of Collection: On occasion (for applications, usually once per year at the beginning of the hunting season; for activity reports, once at the conclusion of the hunting/fishing experience).

Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost: We estimate the annual non-hour cost burden to be $65,000 for hunting application fees at approximately 31 of the 408 refuges that are open for hunting and/or fishing.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The authority for this action is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.).


Madonna Baucum,
Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS–HQ–MB–2018–N052; FXMB123109WEBB0–167–FF09M25100; OMB Control Number 1018–0019]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; North American Woodcock Singing Ground Survey

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, are proposing to renew an information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 21, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments on this information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget’s Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior by email at OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov; or via facsimile to (202) 395–5806. Please provide a copy of your comments to the Service Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS: BPHC, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041–3803 (mail); or by email to Info_Coll@fws.gov. Please reference OMB Control Number 1018–0019 in the subject line of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this ICR, contact Madonna L. Baucum, Service Information Collection Clearance Officer, by email at Info_Coll@fws.gov, or by telephone at (703) 358–2503. You may also view the ICR at http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAmain.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public’s reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

A Federal Register notice with a 60–day public comment period soliciting comments on this collection of
information was published on October 13, 2017 (82 FR 47763). We received one comment in response to that notice but it did not address the information collection requirements. No changes to the information collection were made as a result of this comment.

We are again soliciting comments on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is the collection necessary to the proper functions of the Service; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Service enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Service minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. Before including your address, phone number, email 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.

Abstract: The Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703–712) and the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742a–754j–2) designate the Department of the Interior as the primary agency responsible for: • Managing migratory bird populations frequenting the United States, and • Setting hunting regulations that allow for the well-being of migratory bird populations. These responsibilities dictate that we gather accurate data on various characteristics of migratory bird populations. The North American Woodcock Singing Ground Survey is an essential part of the migratory bird management program. State, Federal, Provincial, local, and tribal conservation agencies conduct the survey annually to provide the data necessary to determine the population status of the woodcock. In addition, the information is vital in assessing the relative changes in the geographic distribution of the woodcock. We use the information primarily to develop recommendations for hunting regulations. Without information on the population’s status, we might promulgate hunting regulations that: • Are not sufficiently restrictive, which could cause harm to the woodcock population, or • Are too restrictive, which would unduly restrict recreational opportunities afforded by woodcock hunting.

The Service, State conservation agencies, university associates, and other interested parties use the data for various research and management projects.

Title of Collection: North American Woodcock Singing Ground Survey.

OMB Control Number: 1018–0019. Form Number: FWS Form 3–156.

Type of Review: Renewal of a currently approved collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: State, Provincial, local, and Tribal employees.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 808.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 808.

Estimated Completion Time per Response: Varies from 1.75 hours to 1.88 hours, depending on activity.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 1,515.

Respondent’s Obligation: Voluntary.

Frequency of Collection: Annually.

Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost: None.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The authority for this action is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.).


Madonna Baucum,

Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

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HEARTH Act Approval of the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin’s Regulation

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On January 23, 2018, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) approved the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin (previously listed as Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin) (Nation) leasing regulations under the Helping Expedite and Advance Responsible Tribal Homeownership Act of 2012 (HEARTH Act). With this approval, the Nation is authorized to enter into business, agricultural and residential leases without further BIA approval.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Sharlene Round Face, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Division of Real Estate Services, 1849 C Street, MS–4642–MIB, NW, Washington, DC 20240, at (202) 208–3615.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Summary of the HEARTH Act

The HEARTH Act makes a voluntary, alternative land leasing process available to Tribes, by amending the Indian Long-Term Leasing Act of 1955, 25 U.S.C. 415. The HEARTH Act authorizes Tribes to negotiate and enter into agricultural and business leases of Tribal trust lands with a primary term of 25 years, and up to two renewal terms of 25 years each, without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary). The HEARTH Act also authorizes Tribes to enter into leases for residential, recreational, religious or educational purposes for a primary term of up to 75 years without the approval of the Secretary. Participating Tribes develop Tribal leasing regulations, including an environmental review process, and then must obtain the Secretary’s approval of those regulations prior to entering into leases. The HEARTH Act requires the Secretary to approve Tribal regulations if the Tribal regulations are consistent with the Department of the Interior’s (Department) leasing regulations at 25 CFR part 162 and provide for an environmental review process that meets requirements set forth in the HEARTH Act. This notice announces that the Secretary, through the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, has approved the Tribal regulations for the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin.

II. Federal Preemption of State and Local Taxes

The Department’s regulations governing the surface leasing of trust and restricted Indian lands specify that, subject to applicable Federal law, permanent improvements on leased land, leasehold or possessory interests, and activities under the lease are not subject to State and local taxation and may be subject to taxation by the Indian Tribe with jurisdiction. See 25 CFR 162.017. As explained further in the preamble to the final regulations, the Federal government has a strong interest...