

information we use. In making the nondetriment findings, we also use information from peer-reviewed literature as well as information from federally funded and academic research projects. For the legal acquisition findings, we rely on the fact that States have legislation in place for managing ginseng populations as well as the capacity to enforce that legislation.

With regard to duplication in the information collection, the commenter noted that the States are asked to resubmit information that has not changed from year to year, and she recommended that we require the States only to submit information on those items for which the information has changed from previous years. We agree with this suggestion and have included a clarification statement on FWS Form 3-200-61 noting that information that has not changed from previous years does not need to be provided again. The commenter also stated that the requirement that States track unsold or unexported ginseng was burdensome and did not appear useful. FWS Form 3-200-61 does not require that States keep this information, but rather asks if States track this information as part of their program.

The commenter expressed concern that the information collection would have a significant impact on small businesses or other small entities. The commenter stated that the only way a State agency could obtain the information requested would be to obtain that information from ginseng dealers, which are small businesses. It was the commenter's opinion that the requested information would require a minimum of 725 hours annually for the approximately 15 dealers within the commenter's State. Our programmatic findings reduce the information collection burden on individual businesses and greatly facilitate processing of permits. Through close cooperation with States within the range of American ginseng, we have developed the protocol for making programmatic findings and have established programs with 25 States. This process removes the burden on the individual exporter to provide all of the required information, thus significantly reducing the information collection burden on individual businesses. We disagree with the statement that this information collection would amount to a time burden in excess of 725 hours for approximately 1,800 ginseng purchases by the 15 or so dealers in the commenter's State. Of the 725 hours identified, we believe that only 305 of those hours actually relate to issues of this information collection. In our

opinion, the other 420 hours are for standard business practices and recordkeeping, such as for tax purposes, that the dealers would need to conduct whether or not we carried out this information collection. With an estimated 15 dealers, the annual time burden amounts to about 20 hours each, or 10 minutes per purchase.

The commenter believed that we had underestimated the hour burden of the collection of information, and she provided a revised hour burden estimate based on her experience as a State American ginseng program coordinator. We do not agree with all of the elements included in the commenter's hour burden estimate, but we do agree that we previously underestimated the hour burden. We also believe that the hour burden on respondents is likely to vary from program to program. We have revised the information collection for FWS Form 3-200-61 to show an estimated range of 2 to 85 hours (an average of 43.5 hours) for the annual hour burden. We believe that our estimate of the average hourly wage of a person completing the form, approximately \$20 per hour, is reasonable and we have revised the average total dollar value of annual burden hours as described above. The commenter included an estimated hour burden for costs to her agency resulting from program requirements imposed by the State. We do not believe that it is appropriate to include that estimate in the supporting statement for FWS Form 3-200-61 since it is not a requirement placed on the State by the Service.

The commenter believed that our estimate of the total annual nonhour cost burden to respondents was incorrect. Although we do not agree that law enforcement activities associated with managing American ginseng are part of the annual nonhour cost burden, we have revised the supporting statement for FWS Form 3-200-61 to include \$3,000 for printing and travel costs. We believe this is a reasonable estimate of the total annual nonhour cost burden to respondents.

The commenter also included some general comments related to this information collection. The commenter remarked on the use of the phrase "States and tribes," noting that in her State ginseng harvested on tribal lands is incorporated into the State report. Although there are currently no tribes with approved American ginseng export programs, we have included the reference to tribes in this information collection in the event that a tribe seeks and obtains approval of a program separately from the State in which it is located, particularly as some States no

longer manage or regulate resources on tribal lands. We have approved tribal programs for export of other CITES Appendix-II species (e.g., bobcat [*Lynx rufus*]).

The commenter noted the difficulty in compiling the information and completing this information collection by May 1 of each year. On April 19, 2006, we published a proposed rule in the **Federal Register** (71 FR 20168) to revise the regulations that implement CITES. That proposed rule contains information collections related to those described here. In the proposed rule, we change the annual report due date from May 31 to May 1. The harvest seasons for all of the States with currently approved American ginseng export programs end by December 31 at the latest. We believe that the States should reasonably be able to complete this information collection over a 4-month time period. This proposed change will ensure that we receive information in time for us to make required CITES findings before the beginning of the next harvest season.

We again invite comments concerning this information collection 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.

Dated: June 27, 2006.

Hope Grey,

*Information Collection Clearance Officer,
Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Information Collection Sent to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Approval; OMB Control Number 1018-0075; Federal Subsistence Regulations and Associated Forms, 50 CFR 100

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We (Fish and Wildlife Service) have sent an Information Collection Request (ICR) to OMB for review and approval. The ICR, which is summarized below, describes the nature of the collection and the estimated burden and cost. This ICR is scheduled to expire on August 31, 2006. 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. However, under OMB regulations, we may continue to conduct or sponsor this information collection while it is pending at OMB.

DATES: You must submit comments on or before August 23, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments and suggestions on this ICR to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior at OMB-OIRA at (202) 395-6566 (fax) or OIRA_DOCKET@OMB.eop.gov (e-mail). Please provide a copy of your comments to Hope Grey, Information Collection Clearance Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 222-ARLSQ, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203 (mail); (703) 358-2269 (fax); or hope_grey@fws.gov (e-mail).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about

this ICR, contact Hope Grey at one of the addresses above or by telephone at (703) 358-2482.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 1018-0075.

Title: Federal Subsistence Regulations and Associated Forms, 50 CFR 100.

Service Form Number(s): FWS Forms 3-2326, 3-2327, and 3-2328.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Federally defined rural residents.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

Frequency of Collection: On occasion.

Form No./activity	Number of respondents	Annual number or responses	Average burden hour per response	Total annual burden hours
3-2326—Application	5,000	5,000	10 minutes	833.3
3-2326—Report	*5,000	5,000	5 minutes	416.6
3-2327—Application	450	450	10 minutes	75.0
3-2327—Permit	*450	450	5 minutes	37.5
3-2327—Report	*450	450	5 minutes	37.5
3-2328—Application	250	250	10 minutes	41.6
3-2328—Report	*250	250	20 minutes	83.3
Appeals (nonform)	1	1	4 hours	4.0
Total	5,701	11,851	1,528.8

*These respondents are not included in the total number since they are identical to the respondents for the applications.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$16,816.80.

Abstract: The Alaska Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) and Service regulations at 50 CFR part 100 require that persons engaged in taking fish and wildlife on public lands in Alaska apply for and obtain a permit to do so and comply with reporting provisions of that permit. We use three forms to collect information from qualified rural residents for subsistence harvest: FWS Form 3-2326 (Federal Subsistence Hunt Application, Permit, and Report), FWS Form 3-2327 (Designated Hunter Permit Application, Permit, and Report, and FWS Form 3-2328 (Federal Subsistence Fishing Application, Permit, and Report. We use the information collected to evaluate subsistence harvest success; the effectiveness of season lengths, harvest quotas, and harvest restrictions; hunting patterns and practices; and hunter use. The Federal Subsistence Board uses the harvest data, along with other information, to set future seasons and bag limits for Federal subsistence resource users. These seasons and bag limits are set to meet needs of subsistence hunters without adversely impacting the health of existing animal populations.

We also collect information from persons wishing to appeal Federal Subsistence Board decisions. Our

regulations at 50 CFR 100.20 set forth procedures for appeals, including the documentation that must be submitted. The required documentation will ensure that we have all of the information necessary to adequately reconsider the decision.

Comments: On March 2, 2006, we published in the **Federal Register** (71 FR 10698) a notice of our intent to request that OMB renew approval for this information collection. In that notice, we solicited public comments for 60 days, ending on May 1, 2006. We received one comment. The commenter did not address the necessity, clarity, or accuracy of the information collection, but instead provided general comments on the low levels of law enforcement and the humane treatment of fish and wildlife. We did not make any changes to our information collection based on this comment.

We again invite comments concerning this information collection 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.

Dated: June 27, 2006.

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 1018-0007; Annual Certification of Hunting and Sport Fishing Licenses Issued, 50 CFR 80.10f

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 renew approval for the information collection request (ICR) 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