

facilities for certain exotic bird species will be developed based on information received by the Service from foreign breeding facilities that are breeding certain exotic bird species in accordance with the requirements contained in 50 CFR 15.41 and 15.42. This collection of information will establish whether or not the Service can include certain exotic bird species from a particular foreign breeding facility in the approved list of such facilities for certain exotic bird species.

Description of respondents:

Individuals or households; business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; state, local, or tribal government; federal and foreign governments.

Number of respondents: 600.

Estimated completion time: 2 hours.

Total annual burden: 1,300 hours (includes 1,260 hours plus 40 hours for the annual reporting requirements for foreign breeding facility applicants).

33. Title: Reissuance of CITES Permit/Certificate of Renewal of Fish and Wildlife Permits or Registrations.

Service form number: 3-200-52.

Description and use: Necessary for applicants to apply for reissuance or renewal of previously issued permits, certificates or registrations.

Description of respondents:

Individuals or households; business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; state, local, or tribal government; federal government.

Number of respondents: 200.

Estimated completion time: .25 hours (15 minutes).

Total annual burden: 50 hours.

34. Title: Export or Re-export of Marine Mammals under CITES.

Service form number: 3-200-53.

Description and use: To evaluate whether a CITES export permit or re-export certificate can be issued to allow the export or re-export of marine mammals protected under the MMPA, and addresses the specific requirements in 50 CFR 13.21 and 13.22.

Description of respondents:

Individuals or households; business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; state, local or tribal government; federal government.

Number of respondents: 400.

Estimated completion time: .25 hours (15 minutes).

Total annual burden: 100 hours.

Total number of respondents—management authority: 9,832.

Total number of burden hours requested: 9,030.5.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Information Collections Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Reinstatement Approval

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The collection of information listed below is submitted to the OMB for reinstatement under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Copies of specific information collection requirements, related forms and explanatory material may be obtained by contacting the Service Information Collection Clearance officer at the address and/or phone number listed below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before November 10, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments and suggestions on specific requirements should be sent directly to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for the Interior Department (1018-0022), Washington, D.C. 20503, and a copy to the Service Information Collection Clearance Officer, US Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 224-ARLSQ; 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, D.C. 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Phyllis H. Cook, Service Information Collection Clearance Officer, 703/358-1943; 703/358-2269 (fax).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Service submitted the following information collection requirements to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of a burden, including whether the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (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 those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other

technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The information collection requirements in this submission implement the following regulatory requirements: the Lacey Act (18 U.S.C. 42) Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 (16 U.S.C. 3371-3378), Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703-712) Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668-668d), the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543), the Tariff Classification Act of 1962 (19 U.S.C. 1202), Fish and Wildlife Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 742a-742j-l), and the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1361-1384, 1401-1407).

Previously, all permit requirements were contained in one submission and they were assigned OMB Approval Number 1018-0022, the Federal Fish and Wildlife License/Permit Application and Related Reports, Service form number 3-200. In an attempt to make the comment and application process more "user friendly," the Service has redesigned the standard license/permit form 3-200, and similar types of permits have been grouped together and numbered. The application to apply for Service permits issued under subchapter B of Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), will still require completion of the standard 3-200 form. In addition to the permit application, attachments are often necessary to provide additional information required for each specific type of permit and have been assigned numbers, e.g., 3-200-2.

The information on the application form will be used by the Service to review permit applications and allow the Service to make decisions, according to criteria established in various Federal wildlife conservation statutes and regulations, on the issuance, suspension, revocation or denial of permits. The frequency of response for the following types of permit applications/licenses is on occasion, and all have been currently assigned OMB Approval Number 1018-0022, unless otherwise noted.

A notice was published in the **Federal Register** on June 3, 1997 (62 FR 30333) soliciting public comment on the information collection requirements prior to submission to OMB. One comment was received and that commenter recommended that the hourly burden estimated contained in the **Federal Register** notice cited above was too low, considering the time required for applicants to respond to requests for additional information from the Service. The Service has considered this comment and agrees with the commenter's assessment. The Service

has increased the hourly burden estimates accordingly.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB approval number and the agency informs the potential persons who are to respond to such collections that they are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB approval number. The following requirements are included in this submission:

1. Title: Federal Fish and Wildlife Permit Application.

Service form number: 3-200-1.

Description and use: The application will be used by any person intending to engage in an activity for which a permit is required by subchapter B of 50 CFR. Persons desiring permit privileges authorized by subchapter B must complete an application for such a permit as required by 50 CFR 13, as well as other regulations which may require additional information for the specific permit desired.

Description of respondents: Individuals and households; business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; farms; state, local, tribal government; and federal government.

Number of respondents: 27,109.

Estimated completion time: 10 minutes (.166 hours).

Total annual burden: 4,337 hours.

2. Title: Designated Port Exception Permits (requirements in 50 CFR 14.31-14.33).

Service form number: 3-200-2.

Description and use: The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA), as amended, requires that fish or wildlife be imported into or exported from the United States only at a designated port or at a nondesignated port under certain limited circumstances. To date, thirteen (13) customs ports of entry are designed for the import and export of wildlife and wildlife products. Exceptions to the designated port requirement are permitted by the Secretary of the Interior under specific terms and conditions. Permits are available to import or export wildlife at nondesignated ports for any one of the three reasons: (1) Scientific purposes; (2) to minimize deterioration or loss; and (3) to alleviate undue economic hardship.

Description of respondents: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit; and not-for-profit institutions.

Number of respondents: 524.

Estimated completion time: 1 hour.

Total annual burden: 524.

3. Title: Import/Export License (requirements in 50 CFR 14.91-14.93).

Service form number: 3-200-3.

Description and use: This license will allow any person to engage in business as an importer or exporter of fish or wildlife under the Endangered Species Act, unless that person imports or exports certain excepted wildlife or falls within one of the categories of persons accepted from the requirement by the rules in 50 CFR 14.91-14.93. Currently, licensees must (1) pay \$50 for a license plus import/export inspection fees; (2) keep certain specified records and retain them for five years; (3) allow the Service to inspect these records and any inventories of imported wildlife; and, (4) file any requested reports.

Description of respondents: Business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; and individuals and households, or any other entities conducting "commercial" imports or exports of fish or wildlife.

Number of respondents: 7,000.

Estimated completion time: 1 hour.

Total annual burden: 7,000.

4. Title: Federal Fish and Wildlife Permit Application for Export or Re-export Permits (requirements in 50 CFR 23.12 and 23.15).

Service form number: 3-200-26.

Description and use: This permit will allow the re-export of specimens of Appendix II and II species regulated by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered species (CITES), and the export of specimens of American alligator (*Alligator mississippiensis*); Alaskan brown bear (*Ursus arctos*); Alaskan gray wolf (*Canis lupus*); Bobcat (*Lynx rufus*); Lynx (*Lynx canadensis*); and River otter (*Lutra canadensis*) which are species also CITES regulated.

Description of respondents: Individuals or households; businesses or other for-profit; and not-for-profit institutions.

Number of respondents: 2,360.

Estimated completion time: 1 hour.

Total annual burden: 2,360 hours.

Dated: September 29, 1997.

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Acting Assistant Director—Refuges and Wildlife.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Intent To Prepare a Comprehensive Management Plan and Associated Environmental Document

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

(Service) intends to gather information necessary to prepare a Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP) and an environmental document (environmental assessment or environmental impact statement) for Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge, Thurston and Pierce Counties, Washington. The Service is furnishing this notice in compliance with Service CMP policy and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and implementing regulations: (1) To advise other agencies and the public of our intentions, (2) to obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues to include in the environmental document, and (3) to announce a public open house to occur near the end of October. Information about the time and location of the open house will be published in local media or is available by contacting the refuge.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before November 10, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Address comments and requests for more information to: Refuge Manager, Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge, 100 Brown Farm Road, Olympia, Washington, 98516 (360/753-9467).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bill Hesselbart at the above address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Service started the comprehensive management planning process for Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge (Nisqually NWR) IN 1996. Several meetings were held with a variety of public and private interest groups, including a preliminary public scoping meeting in July 1996. Two planning updates soliciting additional comments were mailed on August 20, 1996, and November 10, 1996, to more than 200 addresses. Comments received are being used to develop goals, key issues, and habitat management strategies to be presented at a public scoping meeting in the fall of 1997. Additional opportunities for public participation will occur throughout the process, which is expected to be completed in late 1998, or early 1999. Data collection has been initiated to create computerized mapping, including vegetation, topography, habitat types and existing land uses. Data collection and mapping will continue through 1997.

It is Service policy to have all lands within the National Wildlife Refuge System managed in accordance with an approved CMP. The CMP guides management decisions and identifies