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Federal agencies 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. The OMB control number for this collection of information is 1018-0092.

The information collection requirements in this submission implement the regulatory requirements of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1539), the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (15 U.S.C. 704), the Lacey Act (18 U.S.C. 42-44), the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668), the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), (27 UST 108), the Marine Mammal Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 1361-1407), and Wild Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4901-4916), and are contained in Service regulations in Chapter I, Subchapter B of Title 50 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). Common permit application and record keeping requirements have been consolidated in 50 CFR 13, and unique requirements of the various statutes in the applicable Part.

OMB Control Number: 1018-0092.

Service Form Numbers: 3-200-1 through 3-200-3 and 3-200-26.

Frequency of Collection: On Occasion.

Description of Respondents: Individuals, biomedical companies, circuses, zoological parks, botanical gardens, nurseries, museums, universities, scientists, antique dealers, exotic pet industry, hunters, taxidermists, commercial importers/exporters of wildlife and plants, freight forwarders/brokers, local, State, tribal and Federal governments.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 8,232.64.

Total Annual Responses: 8,236.

Total Annual Non-Hour Cost Burden: \$308,200 (\$25 application fees and \$50 license fee).

Dated: February 15, 2001.

Rebecca A. Mullin,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Reinstatement Approval Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interiors.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has submitted the collection of information listed below to OMB for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act. A copy of the information collection requirement is included in this notice. Copies of the proposed information collection requirement, related forms, and explanatory material may be obtained by contacting the Service Information Collection Clearance Officer at the address listed below.

DATES: OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disprove information collection but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, to ensure maximum consideration, you must submit comments on or before April 6, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments and suggestions on the requirement should be sent directly to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs; Office of Management and Budget; Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior; 725 17th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20503; and a copy of the comments should be sent to Rebecca A. Mullin, Service Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop 224-ARLSQ; Arlington, Virginia 22203.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rebecca A. Mullin, Service Information Collection Clearance Officer at (703) 358-2287, or electronically at rmullin@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Endangered Species Act (ESA) provides for the protection of listed species through establishment of programs for their recovery and through prohibition of harmful activities. The ESA also provides for a number of exceptions to its prohibitions against "take" of listed species. Under sections 6 and 10 of the ESA, regulations have been promulgated

at 50 CFR 17.22 (endangered wildlife species), 17.32 (threatened wildlife species), 17.62 (endangered plant species), and 17.72 (threatened plant species) to guide implementation of these exceptions to the "take" prohibitions through permitting programs. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's general permit regulations can be found at 50 CFR 13. Take authorized under this permit program would otherwise be prohibited by the ESA. The permit issuance criteria are designed to ensure that the requirements of the ESA are met, i.e., that conduct of the requested actions and issuance of the permit will enhance the survival of the species.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (We) will submit a request to OMB to renew its existing approval of the collection of information for Native Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Applications, which expires on February 28, 2001. We are requesting a 3-year term of approval for this information collection activity.

A previous 60-day notice on this information collection requirement was published in the **Federal Register** on December 21, 2000 (65 FR 80449) inviting public comment. No comments on the previous notice were received as of February 20, 2001. This notice provides an additional 30 days in which to comment on the following information.

Federal agencies 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. The current OMB control number for this collection of information is 1018-0094.

The information collection requirements in this submission implement the regulatory requirements of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1539), the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 704), and the Bald Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668) contained in Service regulations in Chapter I, Subchapter B of Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR).

The information to be supplied on the application form and the attachments will be used to review the application 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 obligation to respond is, "required to obtain a benefit." An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number. We have revised the following requirements, and they are included in this submission:

1. *Title:* Native Endangered and Threatened Species—Enhancement of Survival Permits associated with Safe Harbor Agreements, and Candidate Conservation Agreements with Assurances.

Approval Number: 1018–0094.

Service Form Number: 3–200–54.

Frequency of Collection: Annually.

Description of Respondents:

Individuals, households, businesses, State agencies, private organizations.

Total Annual Burden Hours: The reporting burden is estimated to average 2.5 hours per respondent for the application and 5 hours per respondent for the annual report of permitted activities. The Total Annual Burden hours is 125 hours for the application and 750 hours for the annual report on the permitted activities.

Total Annual Responses: The number of respondents is estimated to average 50 respondents for the application and 150 for the annual report of the permitted activities.

Regulations have been promulgated at 17.22(c) and (d) for endangered wildlife species and 17.32(c) and (d) for threatened wildlife species to guide implementation of these permitting programs for Enhancement of Survival permits associated with Safe Harbor Agreements and with Candidate Conservation Agreements with Assurances under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA. Service form 3–200–54 was developed to facilitate collection of information required by these regulations.

An Enhancement of Survival permit authorizes incidental take that may occur under the Safe Harbor Agreement or Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances. Under the Safe Harbor policy, non-Federal property owners who voluntarily enter into a Safe Harbor Agreement for implementation of conservation measures for listed species will receive assurances from the Service that additional regulatory restrictions will not be imposed beyond those existing at the time of the Agreement. Under the Candidate Conservation Agreements with Assurances policy, non-Federal property owners who voluntarily enter into such an Agreement for implementation of conservation measures for species

proposed for listing, species that are candidates for listing, or species that are likely to become candidates in the near future will receive assurances from the Service that additional conservation measures will not be required and additional regulatory restrictions will not be imposed should the species become listed in the future.

2. *Title:* Native Endangered and Threatened Species—Permits for Scientific Purposes, Enhancement of Propagation or Survival (i.e., Recovery Permits) and Interstate Commerce

Approval Number: 1018–0094.

Service Form Number: 3–200–55.

Frequency of Collection: Annually.

Description of Respondents:

Individuals, scientific and research institutions.

Total Annual Burden Hours: The reporting burden is estimated to average 2 hours per respondent for the application and 2 hours per respondent for the annual report on the permitted activities. The Total Annual Burden hours is 1,050 hours for the application and 200 hours for the annual report on the permitted activities.

Total Annual Responses: The number of respondents is estimated to average 525 respondents for the application and 100 respondents for the annual report of the permitted activities.

Regulations have been promulgated at 17.22(a) for endangered wildlife species, 17.32(a) for threatened wildlife species, 17.62 for endangered plant species, and 17.72 for threatened plant species to guide implementation of these permitting programs for Recovery and Interstate Commerce permits under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA. Service form 3–200–55 was developed to facilitate collection of information required by these regulations. Recovery permits allow "take" of listed species as part of scientific research and management actions, enhancement of propagation or survival, zoological exhibition, educational purposes, or special purposes consistent with the ESA designed to benefit the species involved. Interstate Commerce permits allow transport and sale of listed species across State lines as part of breeding programs enhancing the survival of the species. Detailed descriptions of the proposed taking, its necessities for success of the proposed action, and benefits to the species resulting from the proposed action are required under the implementing regulations cited above.

3. *Title:* Native Endangered and Threatened Species—Incidental Take Permits Associated With a Habitat Conservation Plan

Approval Number: 1018–0094.

Service Form Number: 3–200–56.

Frequency of Collection: Annually.

Description of Respondents:

Individuals, households, businesses, local and State agencies.

Total Annual Burden Hours: The reporting burden is estimated to average 2.5 hours per respondent for the application and 5 hours per respondent for the annual report on the permitted activities. The Total Annual Burden hours is 250 hours for the application and 1,750 hours for the annual report on the permitted activities.

Total Annual Responses: The number of respondents is estimated to be 100 respondents for the application and 350 respondents for the annual report of the permitted activities.

Regulations have been promulgated at 17.22(b) for endangered wildlife species and 17.32(b) for threatened wildlife species to guide implementation of these permitting programs for Incidental Take permits associated with a Habitat Conservation Plan under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA. Form number 3–200–56 was developed to facilitate collection of information required by these regulations. These permits allow "take" of listed species that is incidental to otherwise lawful non-Federal actions. The Service's Incidental Take permit program provides a flexible process for addressing situations in which a property owner's otherwise lawful activities might result in incidental take of a listed species. The Incidental Take permit program's major strength is that it provides a process that readily allows the development of local solutions to wildlife conservation as an alternative to comprehensive federal regulation. Local entities and private landowners are given assurances that they will not be required to make additional commitments of land, water, or money; or be subject to additional restrictions on the use of land, water, or other natural resources for species adequately covered by a properly implemented Habitat Conservation Plan.

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Dated: February 23, 2001

Jack Kraus,

*Chief, Division of Policy and Directives,
Management.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Letters of Authorization To Take Marine Mammals

AGENCY: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service-DOI.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of a Letter of Authorization to take marine mammals

incidental to oil and gas industry activities.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 101(a)(5)(A) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service implementing regulations [50 CFR 18.27(f)(3)], notice is hereby given that a Letter of Authorization to take polar bears incidental to oil and gas industry exploration activities has been issued to the following company:

Company	Activity	Location	Date issued
Phillips Alaska, Inc.	Exploration	Cronus #1	February 8, 2001.

CONTACT: Mr. John W. Bridges at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Marine Mammals Management Office, 1011 East Tudor Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99503, (800) 362-5148 or (907) 786-3810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Letters of Authorization are issued in accordance with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Federal Rules and Regulations "Marine Mammals; Incidental Take During Specified Activities (65 FR 16828; March 30, 2000)."

Dated: February 20, 2001.

David B. Allen,

Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management, Alaska

[AK-962-1410-HY-P]

Notice for Publication; F-14870-A; Alaska Native Claims Selection

In accordance with Departmental regulation 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that the decision to issue conveyance (DIC) to Kaktovik Inupiat Corporation, notice of which was published in the **Federal Register**, Volume 66, Number 11, Pages 4038 and 4039, on January 17, 2001, is hereby modified in part.

Notice of the modified decision will be published once a week, for four (4) consecutive weeks, in the *Arctic Sounder*. Copies of the modified decision may be obtained by contacting the Alaska State Office of the Bureau of Land Management, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599 ((907) 271-5960).

Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision, an agency of the Federal government or regional corporation,

shall have until April 6, 2001 to file an appeal. However, parties receiving service by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal. Appeals must be filed in the Bureau of Land Management at the address identified above, where the requirements for filing an appeal may be obtained. Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

Except as modified, the decision, notice of which was given January 17, 2001, is final.

Ronald E. Royer,

Land Law Examiner, Branch of ANCSA Adjudication.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

Dakotas Advisory Council Meeting; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, North Dakota Field Office, Interior.

SUMMARY: A meeting of the Dakotas Resource Advisory Council will be held March 26 & 27, 2001, at the Spearfish Canyon Resort, Savoy, South Dakota. The session will convene at 8 a.m. on March 26th and resume at 8 a.m. on the 27th. Agenda items will include Off Highway Vehicles, Homestake Exchange, Endangered Species (sage grouse and prairie dogs), Outfitting by FS and BLM, Fire and Fuel Reductions and Native American Consultation.

The meeting is open to the public and a public comment period is set for 8 a.m. on March 27th. The public may make oral statements before the Council or file written statements for the Council to consider. Depending on the number

of persons wishing to make an oral statement, a per-person time limit may be established. Summary minutes of the meeting will be available for public inspection and copying.

The 15-member Council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in the Dakotas.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Patrick Gubbins, Field Office Manager, South Dakota Field Office, 310 Roundup St., Belle Fourche, South Dakota. Telephone (605) 892-7000.

Dated: February 1, 2001.

Patrick Gubbins,

Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA920-1310-FI: CAS 019727B]

California: Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease

Under the provisions of Public Law 97-451, a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease CAS 019272B for lands in Kern County, California, was timely filed and was accompanied by all the required rentals and royalties accruing from November 1, 2000, the date of termination.

No valid lease has been issued affecting the lands. The lessee has agreed to amend lease terms for rentals and royalties at the rate of \$5.00 per acre, or fraction thereof, per year and 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ percent, respectively. The lessee has paid the required \$500 administrative fee and \$125 to reimburse the Department for the cost of this **Federal Register** notice.