

*Completion Time and Annual
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Form name	Completion time per form	Annual response	Annual burden
Summary Information for Ranking National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program Proposals.	½ hour	35 Forms	17½ Hours.

While the summary form is five pages long, the ½ hour estimated burden is accurate. Agencies applying for grants will have all of the information readily available in the proposals they have prepared.

Dated: June 15, 2000.

Rebecca Mullin,

Service Information Collection Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Extension of Approved Information Collection, OMB Number 1018-0093, on Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is announcing its intention to request renewal of its existing approval to collect certain information from applicants who wish to obtain a permit to conduct activities under a number of wildlife conservation laws, treaties and regulations. We will submit the collection of information listed below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. If you wish to obtain copies of the proposed information collection requirement, related forms, and explanatory material, contact the Collection Clearance Officer at the address listed below.

DATES: You must submit comments on or before September 5, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments and suggestions on specific requirements to the Collection Clearance Officer, U.S.

Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 222-ARLSQ; 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request a copy of the information collection request, explanatory information and related forms, contact Rebecca A. Mullin, Collection Clearance Officer at 703-358-2287, or electronically to rmullin@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 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)]. We plan to submit a request to OMB to renew its approval of the collection of information for the Service's license/permit application form number 3-200-19 through 3-200-25 and 3-200-27 through 3-200-53. We are requesting a 3-year term of approval for this information collection activity.

We modified the format of the first page of the application form so that the information fields on the form correspond to the data fields in our Service-wide permits issuance and tracking computer system. We also modified the format and content of the supplemental page(s) of the application forms for clarity and to be less burdensome to complete.

We invite comments concerning this renewal 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 burden, (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. The information collections in this program are part of a system of record covered by the Privacy Act [5 U.S.C. 552 (a)].

The information on the application and the attachments will be used by the Service to review permit applications and allow the Service to make an assessment according to criteria established in various Federal wildlife conservation laws, treaties and regulations, on the issuance, suspension, revocation or denial of permits.

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 1018-0093.

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 as described in the table.

Permit No.	Activity	Total number of respondents	Estimated time (in hours)	Total annual burden hours	Regulation
3-200-19	Import of Sport-Hunted Trophies of Southern African Leopard, African Elephant, and Namibian Southern White Rhinoceros.	1,000	1.333	333	50 CFR 17.40(e), 17.40(f), 23.11, 23.12 and 23.15.
3-200-20	Import of Sport-Hunted Trophies (Appendix I of CITES and/or ESA).	30	1	30	50 CFR 17.21, 17.22, 17.31, 17.32, 23.11, 23.12 and 23.15.
3-200-21	Import of Sport-Hunted Trophies of Argali	50	4.750	37.5	50 CFR 17.31, 17.32 and 17.40(j).
3-200-22	Import of Sport-Hunted Bontebok Trophies ..	60	.333	20	50 CFR 17.21 and 17.22.

Permit No.	Activity	Total number of respondents	Estimated time (in hours)	Total annual burden hours	Regulation
3-200-23	Export of Pre-Convention Specimens (Pre-Act or Antiques).	800	³ .666	533	50 CFR 14.22, 17.4, 18.14, 23.11, 23.13(c) and 23.15.
3-200-24	Export of Live Captive-Born Animals (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species).	800	.666	533	50 CFR 23.11, 23.12 and 23.15.
3-200-25	Export of Raptors	100	2	200	50 CFR 21.21, 21.29, 23.11, 23.12 and 23.15.
3-200-27	Export/Re-export of Wildlife (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species).	800	.666	533	50 CFR 23.11, 23.12 and 23.15.
3-200-28	Export/Re-export of Trophies by Taxidermist (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species).	150	² .5	75	50 CFR 23.11, 23.12 and 23.15.
3-200-29	Export/Re-Export of Wildlife Samples (CITES and/or ESA).	300	1	300	50 CFR 17.21, 17.22, 17.31, 17.32, 23.11, 23.12, 23.13 and 23.15.
3-200-30	Circuses and Traveling Animal Exhibitions ...	120	1	120	50 CFR 17.21, 17.22, 17.31, 17.32, 23.11, 23.12, 23.13 and 23.15.
3-200-31	Introduction from the Sea (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species).	40	1	40	50 CFR 23.11, 23.12, and 23.15.
3-200-32	Export/Re-export of Plants	40	1	40	50 CFR 23.11, 23.12, 23.13 and 23.15.
3-200-33	Certificate for Artificially Propagated Plants ..	48	2	96	50 CFR 17.61, 17.62, 17.71, 17.72, 23.11, 23.12, 23.13 and 23.15.
3-200-34	Export of American Ginseng	80	.333	27	50 CFR 23.11, 23.12, 23.13, 23.15 and 23.51.
3-200-35	Import of Appendix-I Plants (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species).	2	1	2	50 CFR 23.11, 23.12, 23.13 and 23.15.
3-200-36	Export/Import/Interstate and Foreign Commerce of Plants (ESA and/or CITES).	2	1	2	50 CFR 17.61, 17.62, 17.71, 17.72, 23.11, 23.12 and 23.15.
3-200-37	Export/Import/Interstate and Foreign Commerce of Animals (ESA and/or CITES).	60	2	120	50 CFR 17.21, 17.22, 17.31, 17.32, 23.11, 23.12 and 23.15.
3-200-38	Import of Wildlife Samples (Appendix I of CITES and/or ESA).	30	1	30	50 CFR 17.21, 17.22, 17.31, 17.32, 23.11, 23.12 and 23.15.
3-200-39	Certificate of Scientific Exchange (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species).	30	1	30	50 CFR 23.11, 23.13(g) and 23.15.
3-200-40	Export and Re-import of Museum Specimens (U.S. Endangered Species Act).	10	1	10	50 CFR 17.21, 17.22, 17.31, 17.32, 17.61, 17.62, 17.71 and 17.72.
3-200-41	Captive-Bred Wildlife Registration (U.S. Endangered Species Act).	50	5	1,250	50 CFR 17.21(g) and 17.31.
*Note: There is an annual reporting requirement of this registration (3-200-41 50 applicants—3 hours+2hours reporting; and 3-200-41a 500 reporters—2 hours)					
3-200-42	Import/Transport of Injurious Wildlife	20	2	40	50 CFR 16.22.
3-200-43	Take/Import/Transport/Export of Marine Mammals.	20	4	120	50 CFR 18.11, 18.22, 18.31, 17.21, 17.22, 17.31, 17.32, 23.11, 23.12, 23.13 and 23.15.
*Note: There is an annual reporting requirement. There is not a specific required form. Required information to be submitted is outlined on the permit (20 reporters/year at 2 hours per report).					
3-200-44	Registration of an Agent/Tannery (Marine Mammal Protection Act).	10	.500	35	50 CFR 18.11, 18.12 and 8.23(d).
*Note: There is an annual reporting requirement of this registration (3-200-44—.500 hours; 3-200-44a 30 reporters—1 hours).					
3-200-45	Import of Sport-Hunted Polar Bear Trophies	100	.500	50	50 CFR 18.11, 18.12 and 18.30.
3-200-46	Import/Export of Personal Pets (CITES and/or Wild Bird Conservation Act).	700	.500	350	50 CFR 15.11, 15.12, 15.21, 15.25, 23.11, 23.12, and 23.15.
3-200-47	Import or Birds for Scientific Research or Zoological Breeding and Display (Wild Bird Conservation Act).	25	2	50	50 CFR 15.11, 15.12, 15.21, 15.22 and 15.23.

Permit No.	Activity	Total number of respondents	Estimated time (in hours)	Total annual burden hours	Regulation
3-200-48	Import of Birds Under an Approved Cooperative Breeding Program (Wild Bird Conservation Act).	25	1	50	50 CFR 15.11, 15.12, 15.21 and 15.24.
3-200-49	Approval of a Cooperative Breeding Program (Wild Bird Conservation Act).	25	3	75	50 CFR 15.11, 15.12, 15.21 and 15.26.
3-200-50	Approval of Scientifically Based Sustainable Use Management Plans (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species).	10	10	100	50 CFR 15.11, 15.12, 15.21 and 15.32.
3-200-51	Approval of Foreign Breeding Facilities Under the Wild Bird Conservation Act.	20	12	240	50 CFR 15.11, 15.12, 15.21 and 15.41.
3-200-52	Reissuance or Renewal of a Permit or Certificate.	400	.250	100	50 CFR 13.21 and 13.22.
3-200-53	Export/Re-export of Captive-Held Marine Mammals (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species).	30	2	60	50 CFR Part 18, 23.11, 23.12, 23.13 and 23.15.

¹ 20 minutes.² 30 minutes.³ 40 minutes.⁴ 45 minutes.

Approval Number: 1018-0093.

Service Form Number: 3-200-19 through 3-200-53.

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: 5606.5.

Total Annual Responses: 5987.

Dated: June 23, 2000.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has published a Revised Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment for the Edwin B. Forsythe and Cape May National Wildlife Refuges in New Jersey. This plan describes how the Service intends to manage the Forsythe and Cape May Refuges for the next 15 years.

DATES: A formal public hearing will be held at 7 PM on July 19, 2000. The hearing will provide an opportunity for all interested parties to present oral or written testimony on the revised draft document before a hearing officer and court reporter. Those wishing to do so will be able to sign up to speak when they enter the hearing room. This formal public hearing will be held at: Absegami High School, 201 South Wrangleboro Road, Galloway Township, Atlantic County, New Jersey.

All other comments should be sent by either traditional or electronic mail, no later than August 4, 2000, to: The Jersey Coast Refuges Planning Team, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 300 Westgate Center Drive, Hadley, MA 01035-9589, or FW5RW_CCP@fws.gov.

ADDRESSES: Additional information or copies of an executive summary of the plan or the complete document may be obtained by contacting Steve Atzert, Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 72, Great Creek Road, Oceanville, New Jersey 08231-0072, telephone 609/652-1665.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Service's Proposed Action and two other alternatives are described, along with the process used to develop them and the environmental consequences of implementing each one. The three alternatives are:

Alternative A. This is the No Action Alternative required by the Council of Environmental Quality's regulations on the implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Selection of this Alternative would mean that there would be no change from our current management programs and emphasis at both Refuges. Seasonal

travel and parking of motor vehicles would continue to be allowed in the Holgate Unit of the Brigantine Wilderness Area, on lands above mean high tide, in violation of the Wilderness Act of 1964.

Alternative B. Alternative B is the Service's Proposed Action. This Alternative would initiate new wildlife population and habitat management programs; provide new wildlife-dependent recreation opportunities; increase our land protection efforts; and provide new office and visitor facilities at both Refuges. All lands above mean high tide in the Holgate Unit of the Brigantine Wilderness Area would be closed to motor vehicle use by the public year-round in compliance with the provisions of the Wilderness Act. We would initiate efforts to establish a seasonal boat concession to ferry anglers and other Refuge visitors to the southern tip of the Holgate Peninsula.

Alternative C. This Alternative would initiate new wildlife population and habitat management programs; provide new wildlife-dependent recreation opportunities Refuge-wide; increase our land protection efforts; and provide new or remodeled office and visitor facilities at both Refuges. All lands above mean high tide in the Holgate Unit of the Brigantine Wilderness Area would be closed to motor vehicle use by the public year-round in compliance with the provisions of the Wilderness Act. We would also seek to further restrict motor vehicle access at the Holgate Unit by obtaining a license from the New Jersey Tidelands Council to close State-owned riparian lands below the mean high tide line. Efforts would be initiated to establish a seasonal boat concession to ferry anglers and other Refuge visitors