

processing cycles and the need to evaluate allocation at the beginning of a calendar year. Section E of each application collects information specific to the activity the applicant wishes to conduct, as well as information concerning:

(1) A brief description of the State's or Tribe's double-crested cormorant conflicts, including physical location(s) and type of conflict;

(2) A detailed description of the nonlethal methods (*i.e.*, active hazing, passive hazing, habitat management, and changes in management practices) that the applicant has and/or will implement, and how activities will address one or more of the issues;

(3) The requested annual take of double-crested cormorants by life-stage, including eggs and nests;

(4) A description of long-term plans to eliminate or significantly reduce continued need to take double-crested cormorants;

(5) A statement indicating that the State or Tribe will inform and brief all employees and subpermittees of the requirements of these regulations and permit conditions;

(6) A list of all subpermittees who may conduct activities under the special double-crested cormorant permit, including their names, addresses, and telephone numbers; and

(7) The name and telephone number of the individual in your agency who will oversee the double-crested cormorant management activities authorized under the permit.

• *FWS Form 3–202–56, Annual Report—Special Double-Crested Cormorant*—In conjunction with issuance of the special double-crested cormorant permit, the Service requires that the permittee submit Form 3–202–56 detailing activities, including the date, numbers, and locations and life stages of birds, eggs, and nests taken and nonlethal techniques utilized, by January 31 for activities conducted during the preceding calendar year. We collect the following information via Form 3–202–56 to ensure that the applicant remains in compliance with the terms of their permit:

(1) Permittee contact information, permit number, permit calendar year, and permit report due date;

(2) Description of non-lethal techniques utilized;

(3) Month and location of activity;

(4) Purpose;

(5) Numbers of birds killed, nests oiled, and/or nests destroyed;

(6) Final Disposition (what they did with the birds, eggs, carcasses [*e.g.*, buried; incinerated; euthanized and donated]); and

(7) Take of non-target bird species, including numbers of birds.

• *Recordkeeping*—Any State or Tribal agency, when exercising the privileges of this permit, must keep records of all activities, including those of subpermittees, carried out under the authority of the special permit.

• *Landowner Notifications*—If a State or Tribe must enter private property to access State and Tribal lands or waters

where take is approved in their permit, the State or Tribe must obtain authorization from the private property owner.

The public may request copies of any form or document contained in this information collection by sending a request to the Service Information Collection Clearance Officer in **ADDRESSES**, above.

Title of Collection: Federal Fish and Wildlife Permit Applications and Reports—Migratory Birds; 50 CFR 10, 13, 20, and 21.

OMB Control Number: 1018–0022.

Form Numbers: FWS Forms 3–186, 3–186A, 3–200–6 through 3–200–9, 3–200–10a through 3–200–10c, 3–200–10e, 3–200–10f, 3–200–12 through 3–200–13, 3–200–67, 3–200–79, 3–200–81, 3–202–1 through 3–202–10, 3–202–12, 3–202–17, 3–200–90, and 3–202–56.

Type of Review: Revision of an existing information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Individuals; private sector (including zoological parks, museums, universities, scientists, taxidermists, businesses, and utilities); and State, local, Tribal, and Federal governments.

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

Frequency of Collection: On occasion for applications; annually or on occasion for reports.

Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost: \$491,050 (primarily associated with application processing fees in OMB Control No. 1018–0022).

OMB control No.	Average number of annual respondents	Average number of annual responses	Average completion time per response	Estimated annual burden hours
1018–0022	27,980	53,510	Varies from 15 minutes to 260 hours	394,967
1018–0175	711	711	Varies from 1 minute to 17 hours	4,598
Totals	28,691	54,221		399,565

An agency 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 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

[Docket No. FWS–HQ–IA–2022–0054; FXIA1671090000–223–FF09A30000]

Marine Mammal Protection Act; Receipt of Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of permit applications; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), invite the public to comment on applications to conduct certain activities with foreign

species that the Service has jurisdiction under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA). With some exceptions, the MMPA prohibits activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is issued that allows such activities. The MMPA also requires that we invite public comment before issuing permits for any activity otherwise prohibited by the MMPA with respect to any endangered species or marine mammals.

DATES: We must receive comments by November 28, 2022.

ADDRESSES:

Obtaining Documents: The application, application supporting materials, and any comments and other

materials that we receive will be available for public inspection at <https://www.regulations.gov> in Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2022-0054.

Submitting Comments: When submitting comments, please specify the name of the applicant and the permit number at the beginning of your comment. You may submit comments by one of the following methods:

- **Internet:** <https://www.regulations.gov>. Search for and submit comments on Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2022-0054.
- **U.S. Mail:** Public Comments Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2022-0054; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Headquarters, MS: PRB/3W; 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.

For more information, see Public Comment Procedures under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brenda Tapia, by phone at 703-358-2185, or via email at DMAFR@fws.gov. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Comment Procedures

A. How do I comment on submitted applications?

We invite the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies to comment on applications. Before issuing any requested permits, we take into consideration any information that we receive during the public comment period.

You may submit your comments and materials by one of the methods in **ADDRESSES**. We will not consider comments sent by email or fax, or to an address not in **ADDRESSES**. We will not consider or include in our administrative record comments we receive after the close of the comment period (see **DATES**).

When submitting comments, please specify the name of the applicant and the permit number at the beginning of your comment. Provide sufficient information to allow us to authenticate any scientific or commercial data you include. The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are: (1) Those supported by quantitative information or studies; and

(2) those that include citations to, and analyses of, the applicable laws and regulations.

B. May I review comments submitted by others?

You may view and comment on others' public comments at <https://www.regulations.gov> unless our allowing so would violate the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) or Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

C. Who will see my comments?

If you submit a comment at <https://www.regulations.gov>, your entire comment, including any personal identifying information, will be posted on the website. If you submit a hardcopy comment that includes personal identifying information, such as your address, phone number, or email address, you may request at the top of your document that we withhold this information from public review. However, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Moreover, all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety.

II. Background

To help us carry out our conservation responsibilities for affected species, and in consideration of section 104(c) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), we invite public comments on permit applications before final action is taken. With some exceptions, MMPA prohibits certain activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is issued that allows such activities. Service regulations regarding prohibited activities with endangered species, captive-bred wildlife registrations, and permits for any activity otherwise prohibited by the ESA with respect to any endangered species are available in title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations in part 17. Service regulations regarding permits for any activity otherwise prohibited by the MMPA with respect to any marine mammals are available in title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations in part 18. Concurrent with publishing this notice in the **Federal Register**, we are forwarding copies of the marine mammal applications to the Marine Mammal Commission and the Committee of Scientific Advisors for their review.

III. Permit Applications

We invite comments on the following applications.

Applicant: USGS Alaska Science Center, Anchorage, AK; Permit No. 067925

The applicant requests a permit to capture/recapture, transport, immobilize, hold, administer drugs to, flipper tag, surgically implant transmitters inside, measure, collect biological samples from, and release northern sea otter (*Enhydra lutris kenyoni*) in the wild for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: BBC Studios Productions Ltd, Bristol, UK; Permit No. PER0036892

The applicant requests a permit to photograph (video and photos) Pacific walrus (*Odobenus rosmarus*) in the wild at Round Island, AK, for the purpose of commercial photography. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

IV. Next Steps

After the comment period closes, we will make decisions regarding permit issuance. If we issue permits to the applicants listed in this notice, we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register**. You may locate the notice announcing the permit issuance by searching <https://www.regulations.gov> for the permit number listed above in this document. For example, to find information about the potential issuance of Permit No. 12345A, you would go to [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) and search for "12345A".

V. Authority

We issue this notice under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and its implementing regulations.

Brenda Tapia,

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