

Program	CDFA No.	Authority	Implementing Regulations
Wildlife Restoration	15.611	16 U.S.C. 669–669k	50 CFR 80

To compete for financial assistance funds, you must submit an application that describes in substantial detail project locations, benefits, funding, and other characteristics. Materials to assist applicants in formulating project proposals are available on Grants.gov. We use the application to determine:

- (1) Eligibility for the grant.
- (2) The scale of resource values or relative worth of the project.
- (3) The effect of the project on environmental and cultural resources.
- (4) How well the proposed project will meet the purposes of the program's establishing legislation.

Persons or entities receiving grants must submit periodic performance

reports that contain information necessary for us to track costs and accomplishments.

II. Data

OMB Control Number: 1018–0109.
Title: Wildlife and Sport Fish Grants and Cooperative Agreements, 50 CFR 80, 81, 84, 85, and 86.
Service Form Number(s): None.
Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.
Affected Public: States; the Commonwealths of Puerto Rico and the Northern Mariana Islands; the District of Columbia; the territories of Guam, U.S. Virgin Islands, and American Samoa; federally-recognized tribal governments;

institutions of higher education; and nongovernmental organizations.

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

Frequency of Collection: We require project narrative statements annually for new or extended projects. We require amendments on occasion when key elements of a project change. We require quarterly and final performance reports in the National Outreach and Communication Program and annual and final performance reports in the other 17 programs. We may require more frequent reports in the other 17 programs under the conditions stated at 43 CFR 12.52 and 43 CFR 12.914.

Activity	Number of annual respondents	Number of annual responses	Completion time per response	Annual burden hours
Initial Application (project narrative)	215	2,000	52 hours	104,000
Amendment	150	1,500	28 hours	42,000
Performance Reports	215	6,000	11 hours	66,000
Totals	580	9,500	212,000

III. Request for Comments

We invite comments concerning this IC 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 that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this IC. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: March 3, 2009

Hope Grey,
Information Collection Clearance Officer,
Fish and Wildlife Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R9-MB-2009-N0062] [91200-1232-0000-P2]

Proposed Information Collection; OMB Control Number 1018-0133; Control and Management of Resident Canada Geese

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We (Fish and Wildlife Service, Service) will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the information collection (IC) 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 general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on this IC. This IC is scheduled to expire on August 31, 2009. 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.

DATES: Your comments must be received by May 18, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments on the IC to Hope Grey, Information Collection Clearance Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 222–ARLSQ, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203 (mail); hope_grey@fws.gov (e-mail).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this IC, contact Hope Grey by mail or e-mail (see ADDRESSES) or by telephone at (703) 358–2482.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Migratory Bird Treaty Act prohibits the take, possession, import, export, transport, sale, purchase, or bartering of migratory birds or their parts except as permitted under the terms of a valid permit or as permitted by regulations. In 2006, we issued regulations establishing two depredation orders and three control orders that allow State and tribal wildlife agencies, private landowners, and airports to conduct resident Canada goose population management, including the take of birds. The Service monitors the data collected for activities

under these orders and may rescind an order if monitoring indicates that activities are inconsistent with conservation of Canada geese.

Control order for airports. In the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), 50 CFR 21.49 allows managers at commercial, public, and private airports and military airfields and their employees or agents to implement management of resident Canada geese to resolve or prevent threats to public safety. An airport must be part of the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems and have received Federal grant-in-aid assistance or be a military airfield under the jurisdiction, custody, or control of the Secretary of a military department. Each facility exercising the privileges of the order must submit an annual report with the date, numbers, and locations of birds, nests, and eggs taken.

Depredation order for nests and eggs. 50 CFR 21.50 allows private landowners and managers of public lands to destroy resident Canada goose nests and eggs on property under their jurisdiction provided they register annually on our website at <https://epermits.fws.gov/eRCGR>. Registrants must provide basic information, such as name, address, phone number and email, and identify where the control work will occur and who will conduct it. Registrants must return to the website at the end of the nesting season to report the number of nests with eggs they destroyed.

Depredation order for agricultural facilities. 50 CFR 21.51 allows States

and tribes, via their wildlife agency, to implement a program to allow landowners, operators, and tenants actively engaged in commercial agriculture to conduct damage management control when geese are committing depredations or to resolve or prevent other injury to agricultural interests. State and tribal wildlife agencies in the Atlantic, Central, and Mississippi Flyway portions of 41 States can implement the provisions of the order. Agricultural producers must maintain a log of the date and number of birds taken under this authorization. States and tribes exercising the privileges the order grants must submit an annual report of the numbers of birds, nests, and eggs taken and the county where take occurred.

Public health control order. 50 CFR 21.52 authorizes States and tribes of the lower 48 States to conduct (via the State or tribal wildlife agency) resident Canada goose control and management activities when the geese pose a direct threat to human health. States and tribes operating under this order must submit an annual report summarizing activities, including the numbers of birds taken and the county where take occurred.

Population control. 50 CFR 21.61 establishes a managed take program to reduce and stabilize resident Canada goose populations when traditional and otherwise authorized management measures are not successful or feasible. A State or tribal wildlife agency in the Atlantic, Mississippi, or Central Flyway may request approval for this

population control program. If approved, the State or tribe may use hunters to harvest resident Canada geese during the month of August. Requests for approval must include a discussion of the State's or tribe's efforts to address its injurious situations using other methods or a discussion of the reasons why the methods are not feasible. If the Service Director approves a request, the State or tribe must (1) keep annual records of activities carried out under the authority of the program, and (2) provide an annual summary, including number of individuals participating in the program and the number of resident Canada geese shot. Additionally, participating States and tribes must monitor the spring breeding population by providing an annual estimate of the breeding population and distribution of resident Canada geese in their State.

II. Data

OMB Control Number: 1018-0133.

Title: Control and Management of Resident Canada Geese, 50 CFR 20.21, 21.46, 21.50, 21.51, 21.52, and 21.61.

Service Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: State fish and wildlife agencies, tribes, and local governments; airports, and landowners.

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

Frequency of Collection: On occasion.

Activity	Number of annual respondents	Number of annual responses	Completion time per response	Annual burden hours
21.49 – Airport Control Order – Annual Report	110	110	1.5 hours	165
21.50 – Nest and Egg Depredation Order – Registration	1,600	1,600	.5 hours	800
21.50 – Nest and Egg Depredation Order – Annual Report	1,600	1,600	.5 hours	800
21.51 – Agricultural Depredation Order – Recordkeeping	460	460	.5 hours	230
21.51 – Agricultural Depredation Order – Annual Report	20	20	8 hours	160
21.52 – Public Health Control Order – Annual Report	20	20	1 hour	20
21.61 – Population Control Approval Request – Record-keeping and Annual Report.	15	15	24 hours	360
21.61 – Population Control Approval Request – Monitoring ...	10	10	160 hours	1,600
Totals	3,835	3,835	4,135

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personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: March 9, 2009

Hope Grey,

Information Collection Clearance Officer,
Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R3-ES-2009-N0055; 30120-1113-0000-F6]

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

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

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (Act) prohibits activities with endangered and threatened species unless a Federal permit allows such activity. The Act requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

DATES: We must receive any written comments on or before April 17, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to the Regional Director, Attn: Peter Fasbender, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, MN 55111-4056; electronic mail, permitsR3ES@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Peter Fasbender, (612) 713-5343.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

We invite public comment on the following permit applications for certain activities with endangered species authorized by section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and our regulations governing the taking of endangered species in the Code of Federal Regulations at 50 CFR part 17. Submit your written data, comments, or request for a copy of the complete application to the address shown in **ADDRESSES**. When submitting comments, please refer to the appropriate permit application number.

Permit Applications

Permit Application Number TE206783

Applicant: Marlo Perdicas,
Marshallville, Ohio.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and release) Indiana bats

(*Myotis sodalis*) and gray bats (*Myotis grisescens*) across the range of the species for the purpose of population monitoring and conservation, habitat management, and data collection for monitoring of white nose syndrome. Proposed activities are for the purpose of enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Application Number TE206781

Applicant: Ecological Specialists, Inc.,
O'Fallon, Missouri.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (capture and release) clubshell (*Pleurobema clava*), fanshell (*Cyprogenia stegaria*), fat pocketbook (*Potamilus capax*), Higgins' eye pearlymussel (*Lampsilis higginsii*), northern riffleshell (*Epioblasma torulosa rangiana*), orange-foot pimpleback pearlymussel (*Plethobasus cooperianus*), pink mucket pearlymussel (*Lampsilis abrupta*), and scaleshell (*Leptodea leptodon*); to take (capture and relocate) Higgins' eye pearlymussel; and to take (collect dead specimens, capture and release) winged mapleleaf mussel (*Quadrula fragosa*) to determine presence or absence of the species and to relocate individuals that may be in danger of injury or stranding. Proposed activities are aimed at enhancement of the survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Application Number TE206778

Applicant: Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Twin Cities, Minnesota.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (capture and release, capture and relocate) Higgins' eye pearlymussel and winged mapleleaf mussel throughout the States of Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin for scientific study in the interest of recovery of the species. Activities include population monitoring and assessment, relocation, and mussel propagation activities at the Genoa National Fish Hatchery and in conjunction with State partners. Activities are for the enhancement of propagation and survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Application Number TE207149

Applicant: Sarah Bradley, Salem, Missouri.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and release) Indiana bats and gray bats throughout the Mark Twain National Forest and adjoining properties. Studies include presence or absence surveys, studies to document habitat use, and population monitoring

for enhancement of recovery and survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Application Number TE207150

Applicant: Bradley Steffen, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and release) Indiana bats and gray bats throughout the range of the species. The activities proposed under this permit application include presence or absence surveys, studies to document habitat use, population monitoring, and evaluation of potential impacts of proposed projects. Activities are proposed for enhancement of the survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Application Number TE207154

Applicant: Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Lansing, Michigan.

The applicant requests a permit to take Karner blue butterflies within the State of Michigan on State-owned lands. Take will occur during the implementation of land management practices designed to maximize the suitability of habitat for the species that may incidentally take a limited number of individual eggs, larvae, or adult butterflies, but will result in an increase in population numbers overall. Activities are proposed to enhance the recovery and survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Application Number TE207178

Applicant: Amy Halsall, Woodridge, Illinois.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and release) Indiana bats within Illinois and Indiana. Proposed activities include presence or absence surveys, studies to document habitat use, population monitoring, and evaluation of project impacts in the interest of recovery and enhancement of the survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Application Number TE207180

Applicant: Division of Wildlife, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Columbus, Ohio.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture, breed, and release) Karner blue butterflies within the States of Ohio and Michigan. Activities include captive rearing at the Toledo Zoo and reintroduction of reared stock into the Oak Openings of Lucas County, Ohio. Activities are aimed at recovery and enhancement of the survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Application Number TE207191

Applicant: Natural Resources Research Institute, University of Minnesota, Duluth, Minnesota.