

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Fish and Wildlife Service**

[FWS-R9-MB-2008-N0324] [91200-1231-00AP-M4]

**Information Collection Sent to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Approval; OMB Control Number 1018-0010; Mourning Dove Call Count Survey**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We (Fish and Wildlife Service) have sent an Information Collection Request (ICR) to OMB for review and approval. The ICR, which is summarized below, describes the nature of the collection and the estimated burden and cost. This ICR is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2008. 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. However, under OMB regulations, we may continue to conduct or sponsor this information collection while it is pending at OMB.

**DATES:** You must send comments on or before January 9, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your comments and suggestions on this ICR to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior at OMB-OIRA at (202) 395-6566 (fax) or OIRA\_DOCKET@OMB.eop.gov (e-mail). Please provide a copy of your comments to Hope Grey, Information Collection Clearance Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 222-ARLSQ, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203 (mail) or hope\_grey@fws.gov (e-mail).

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*OMB Control Number:* 1018-0010.  
*Title:* Mourning Dove Call Count Survey.

*Service Form Number(s):* 3-159.

*Type of Request:* Extension of currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* State, local, and tribal employees.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Frequency of Collection:* Annually.

*Estimated Annual Number of Responses:* 912.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 3,314 hours. We believe 80 percent of the respondents will enter data electronically, with an average

reporting burden of 3 hours and 40 minutes per respondent. For all others, we estimate the reporting burden to be 3.5 hours per respondent.

*Abstract:* The Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703-712) and Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742a - 754j-2) designate the Department of the Interior as the primary agency responsible for:

(1) Wise management of migratory bird populations frequenting the United States, and

(2) Setting hunting regulations that allow for the well-being of migratory bird populations.

These responsibilities dictate that we gather accurate data on various characteristics of migratory bird populations.

The Mourning Dove Call Count Survey is an essential part of the migratory bird management program. The survey is a cooperative effort between the Service and State wildlife agencies and local and tribal biologists. Each spring, State, Service, local, and tribal biologists conduct the survey to provide the necessary data to determine the population status of the mourning dove. If this survey were not conducted, we would not be able to properly determine the population status of mourning doves prior to setting regulations. The Service and the States use the survey results to:

(1) Develop annual regulations for hunting mourning doves,

(2) Plan and evaluate dove management programs, and

(3) Provide specific information necessary for dove research.

*Comments:* On July 24, 2008, we published in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 43254) a notice of our intent to request that OMB renew this ICR. In that notice, we solicited comments for 60 days, ending on September 22, 2008. We received one comment. The commenter expressed opposition to hunting and to the Government, but did not address the information collection requirements. We did not make any changes to our information collection requirements.

We again invite comments concerning this information collection 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. 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 OMB in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that it will be done.

Dated: November 26, 2008

**Hope Grey,**

*Information Collection Clearance Officer,  
Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Fish and Wildlife Service**

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**Issuance of Permits**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of issuance of permits for endangered species and marine mammals.

**SUMMARY:** The following permits were issued.

**ADDRESSES:** Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 212, Arlington, Virginia 22203; fax 703/358-2281.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Division of Management Authority, telephone 703/358-2104.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that on the dates below, as authorized by the provisions of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and/or the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Fish and Wildlife Service issued the requested permits subject to certain conditions set forth therein. For each permit for an endangered species, the Service found that (1) the application was filed in good faith, (2) the granted permit would not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species, and (3) the granted permit