

the larger local partner target population, or for the development of broad, evidenced-based conclusions.

The partners' survey addresses both of these shortcomings. By administering the web-based survey to a random sample of 500 partners, we will be able to identify important patterns (findings) across the population of partners and to develop conclusions to the key questions being examined by the evaluation. We plan to conduct the survey for a 2-week period during the first half of 2007. The partners' survey will collect data in three broad categories:

- (1) Basic demographic data at the institutional level, including:
 - (a) Size of the partner organization.
 - (b) Length/duration of the partnership with the refuge.

- (c) Type of organization (e.g., wildlife conservation, educational, etc.).
- (2) Quality and characteristics of the relationship and interaction between partner organizations and the NWRS, including:
 - (a) Type of activities that the partner group conducts.
 - (b) Frequency and nature of interaction between the partner group and the refuge.
 - (c) Quality of the partnership between the partner organization and the refuge.
- (3) Partners' perspective regarding the effectiveness and quality of NWRS programs and the progress being made towards the long-term goals of the NWRS.

The survey data will help us identify important patterns and characteristics. However, the survey will not, in most cases, provide the depth of information

necessary to explain the observed patterns. In-depth interviews will provide an opportunity to explore in detail the main factors that cause or contribute to the patterns observed from the survey.

II. Data

- OMB Control Number:* None.
- Title:* National Wildlife Refuge System Evaluation.
- Service Form Number(s):* None.
- Type of Request:* New collection.
- Affected Public:* Organizations that collaborate with national wildlife refuges, including, but not limited to, State fish and wildlife agencies, volunteer groups, local and national conservation organizations, hunting and fishing groups, and other civic organizations.
- Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.
- Frequency of Collection:* One time.

Activity	Number of annual respondents	Number of annual responses	Completion time per response	Annual burden hours
Partners' Survey	500	500	20 minutes	167
Personal Interviews	150	150	1 hour	150
Total	650	650	317

III. Request for Comments

We 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 submitted in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include and/or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this information collection.

Dated: January 17, 2007

Hope Grey,

Information Collection Clearance Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Information Collection Sent to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Approval; Export of Caviar or Meat of Paddlefish or Sturgeon from the Wild

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. 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: You must submit comments on or before March 26, 2007.

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); (703) 358-2269 (fax); or hope_grey@fws.gov (e-mail).

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- OMB Control Number:* None.
- Title:* Export of Caviar or Meat of Paddlefish or Sturgeon from the Wild.
- Service Form Number(s):* 3-200-76.
- Type of Request:* New collection.
- Affected Public:* Fishers; commercial dealers/distributors/suppliers and importers/exporters of paddlefish and sturgeon caviar and meat; and freight forwarders/brokers.
- Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain a benefit.
- Frequency of Collection:* On occasion.
- Estimated Annual Number of Respondents:* 12.
- Estimated Total Annual Responses:* 120.
- Estimated Time Per Response:* 3 hours.
- Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 360 hours.
- Abstract:* This information collection is associated with regulations implementing the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). CITES regulates international trade in listed species through a system of permits and certificates. The Service assesses permit requests according to

criteria in CITES and Federal regulations for the issuance, suspension, revocation, or denial of permits.

We have developed a new permit application form specific to permit requests for the export of caviar and/or meat of wild-origin paddlefish and/or U.S. native sturgeon species. In the past, we have used FWS Form 3-200-27 (Export of Wildlife Removed from the Wild) to collect the information necessary for us to evaluate these permit requests. When using that general form, applicants have had considerable difficulty understanding what information is necessary and how to supply it. The new form, FWS Form 3-200-76, clarifies these issues.

Comments: On September 20, 2006, we published in the **Federal Register** (71 FR 55004) a notice of our intent to request that OMB approve this information collection. In that notice, we solicited comments for 60 days, ending on November 20, 2006. In addition, we conducted public outreach by sending a copy of the notice to members of the caviar community and asked for their comments. We received two comments.

One commenter was a State fisheries coordinator who supported the new form. The second commenter stated that the proposed form has more focused information and would assist applicants in preparing applications. The second commenter also had two suggestions:

(1) That we increase the estimated time to complete the application. After considering this comment, we increased the estimated average time to complete an application to 3 hours and revised the estimated annual burden on the public.

(2) That we revise the wording in the application to more accurately reflect how caviar exporters work. Wholesalers and suppliers typically do not provide the fishermen information directly to the applicant because it may be considered proprietary information. Due to the concern, we are not requiring that the intermediary provide the information to the applicant who is responsible for submitting the application. Instead, the supplier may submit it directly to the Service provided that it is clear which application is being referenced. In such cases, if the supplier believes the information is proprietary, the supplier should identify it as proprietary and/or business confidential, as appropriate. The applicant is still responsible for providing a complete application to the Service.

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 submitted in response to this notice are a matter of public record.

Dated: January 22, 2007

Hope Grey,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Receipt of Applications for Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

SUMMARY: The public is invited to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species and marine mammals.

DATES: Written data, comments or requests must be received by March 26, 2007.

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 within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203; fax 703/358-2281.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Endangered Species

The public is invited to comment on the following applications for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Written data, comments, or requests for copies of these complete applications should be submitted to the Director (address above).

Applicant: Denver Zoological Gardens, Denver, CO, PRT-144259.

The applicant requests a permit to import one male bred-in-captivity Malayan tapir (*Tapirus indicus*) from the Belfast Zoo, Belfast, Ireland, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Lincoln Park Zoo, Chicago, IL, PRT-144119.

The applicant requests a permit to export hair from one male Bactrian camel (*Camelus bactrianus*) to the United Kingdom for the purpose of scientific research.

Applicant: Zoological Society of San Diego, San Diego, CA, PRT-144258.

The applicant requests a permit to export one male captive bred giant panda (*Ailuropoda melanoleuca*) born at the zoo in 2003 and owned by the Government of China, to the Wolong Nature Reserve, China under the terms of their loan agreement with the China Wildlife Conservation Association. This export is part of the approved loan program for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through scientific research as outlined in the Zoological Society of San Diego's original permit.

Applicant: Detroit Zoological Institute, Royal Oak, MI, PRT-135623.

The applicant requests a permit to export one male captive bred Central American river turtle (*Dermatemys mawii*) to the Prague Zoo, Czech Republic, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through captive breeding.

Applicant: Dort S. Bigg, Turner, ME, PRT-144848.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: John C. Knight, Howey in the Hills, FL, PRT-140177.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*) culled from a captive herd in the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Marine Mammals

The public is invited to comment on the following application for a permit to