

status prior to being granted TPS and did not obtain any other status during the TPS period, he or she will revert to unlawful status upon the termination of the TPS designation. Once the Secretary determines that a TPS designation should be terminated, aliens who had TPS under that designation are expected to plan for their departure from the United States and may apply for other immigration benefits for which they may be eligible.

How does my TPS affect my eligibility to apply for other benefits?

TPS does not prevent an alien from applying for another immigration benefit, such as non-immigrant status, adjustment of status based on an immigrant or employment-based petition, or asylum. Likewise, the grant of another immigration status has no bearing on your TPS. 8 U.S.C. 1254a(a)(5). For the purposes of change of status and adjustment of status, an alien is considered as being in, and maintaining, lawful status as a nonimmigrant during the period in which the alien is granted TPS. 8 U.S.C. 1254a(f)(4). The grounds for denying one immigration benefit, however, may also be grounds for denying or withdrawing TPS. For example, a person who has been convicted of a particularly serious crime is not eligible for asylum or TPS. 8 U.S.C. 1158(b)(2)(A)(ii), 1254a(c)(2)(B)(ii).

Are nationals of Liberia (or aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in Liberia) who entered the United States after October 1, 2002, eligible for TPS?

No. This Notice terminating the TPS designation for Liberia does not change the required dates of continuous residence and continuous physical presence in the United States for Liberians (or aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in Liberia) wishing to extend their TPS benefits until the effective date of the termination (October 1, 2007). This Notice does not expand TPS eligibility beyond the current TPS requirements for the Liberia designation. To be eligible for continued benefits until the effective date of the termination of the TPS designation of Liberia, nationals of Liberia (or aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in Liberia) must have been continuously physically present in the United States since August 25, 2004, and continuously resided in the United States since October 1, 2002.

May I register under the late initial registration provisions at this time?

No. Certain nationals of Liberia (or aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in Liberia) who have not previously applied for TPS cannot establish eligibility for TPS under the "late initial registration" provisions. Late initial filings are only permitted during an extension of a TPS designation, pursuant to 8 CFR 244.2(f)(2), whereas the TPS designation of Liberia is being terminated. Thus, Liberians (or aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in Liberia) who have not previously filed for TPS and been granted, or who do not already have a pending application for TPS under the designation for Liberia, may not file under late initial filing provisions. Late initial registration applications submitted to USCIS under the Liberia designation will be denied.

How does the termination of TPS affect nationals of Liberia (or aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in Liberia) who currently receive TPS benefits?

Once the termination of Liberia's TPS designation becomes effective on October 1, 2007, these TPS beneficiaries will maintain the same immigration status they held prior to TPS (unless that status has since expired or been terminated), if any, or any other status they may have acquired while registered for TPS. Accordingly, if an alien held no lawful immigration status prior to being granted TPS and did not obtain any other status during the TPS period, he or she will revert to unlawful status upon the effective date of termination of the TPS designation (October 1, 2007).

At that time, former TPS beneficiaries will no longer be eligible for a stay of removal or employment authorization based on TPS. TPS-related EADs issued under the Liberia designation will not be renewed or extended.

Termination of the TPS designation for Liberia does not necessarily affect pending applications for other forms of immigration relief or protection. Former TPS beneficiaries, however, will begin to accrue unlawful presence as of October 1, 2007, if they have not been granted any other immigration status or protection or if they have no pending application for certain benefits. An alien is deemed to be unlawfully present in the United States if the alien is present in the United States after the expiration of the period of stay authorized or is present in the United States without being admitted or paroled. See 8 U.S.C.

1182(a)(9)(B), (C) (aliens unlawfully present).

Notice of Termination of the Designation of Liberia for TPS

By the authority vested in the Secretary of Homeland Security under section 244(b)(3) of the Act, the Secretary determined on August 2, 2006, after consulting with the appropriate Government agencies, that the conditions that prompted designation of Liberia for TPS no longer support the TPS designation. Accordingly, the Secretary orders as follows:

(1) The designation of Liberia under section 244(b)(1)(C) of the Immigration and Nationality Act is terminated effective 12:01 a.m., local time, October 1, 2007. 8 U.S.C. 1254a(b)(3)(B), (d)(3).

(2) There are approximately 3,600 nationals of Liberia (or aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in Liberia) who have been granted TPS and who may be eligible to re-register, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Notice, for continued TPS benefits until the effective date of the termination (October 1, 2007).

(3) To maintain TPS and related benefits until the effective date of the termination (October 1, 2007), a national of Liberia (or an alien having no nationality who last habitually resided in Liberia) who was granted TPS and who has not had TPS withdrawn must re-register during the 60-day re-registration period from September 20, 2006 until November 20, 2006.

(4) To re-register, aliens must follow the aforementioned filing procedures set forth in this Notice.

Information concerning the termination of the designation of Liberia for TPS will be available at local USCIS offices upon publication of this Notice and on the USCIS Web site at <http://www.uscis.gov>.

Dated: September 6, 2006.

Michael Chertoff,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Proposed Information Collection; Export of Caviar or Meat of Paddlefish or Sturgeon Removed From the Wild

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We (Fish and Wildlife Service) will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the information collection 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 information collection.

DATES: You must submit comments on or before November 20, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments on the information collection 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); or (703) 358-2269 (fax).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this information collection request, contact Hope Grey at one of the addresses above or by telephone at (703) 358-2482.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. 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. OMB has approved our current applications for CITES permits and assigned OMB Control Number 1018-0093, which expires June 30, 2007.

We have identified the need to develop 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 information to allow us to assess such permit requests. However, when using that general form, applicants have had considerable difficulty in understanding what and how to supply the information required. We have developed a new form, FWS Form 3-200-76, to clarify our information collection needs for evaluation of these permit requests.

II. Data

OMB Control Number: None.

Title: Export of Caviar or Meat of Paddlefish or Sturgeon Removed from the Wild, 50 CFR parts 13 and 23.

Service Form Number(s): 3-200-76.

Type of Request: New collection.

Affected Public: Individuals; fishers; commercial dealers/distributors/suppliers and importers/exporters of paddlefish and sturgeon caviar and meat; freight forwarders/brokers; and local, State, tribal, and Federal Governments.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

Frequency of Collection: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 12.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 120.

Estimated Time Per Response: 1.5 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 180.

Estimated Cost to the Public: \$17,400. Based on an average rate of \$30 per hour, we estimate the dollar value of the annual burden hours to be \$5,400. There is a \$100 processing fee for each application, for an estimated \$12,000 annually.

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.

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

Dated: August 29, 2006.

Hope Grey,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Initiation of a 5-Year Review of Kendall Warm Springs dace, Dudley Bluffs bladderpod, and Dudley Bluffs twinpod

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces a 5-year review of Kendall Warm Springs dace (*Rhinichthys osculus thermalis*), Dudley Bluffs bladderpod (*Lesquerella congesta*), and Dudley Bluffs twinpod (*Physaria obcordata*) under section 4(c)(2) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The purpose of reviews conducted under section 4(c)(2) of the Act is to ensure that the classification of species as threatened or endangered on the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants is accurate. The 5-year review is an assessment of the best scientific and commercial data available at the time of the review.

DATES: To allow us adequate time to conduct this review, we must receive your information no later than November 20, 2006. However, we will continue to accept new information about any listed species at any time.

ADDRESSES: For Kendall Warm Springs dace—submit information to the Wyoming Field Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Attention: 5-year Review, 5353 Yellowstone Road, Suite 308A, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82009. For Dudley Bluffs bladderpod and Dudley Bluffs twinpod—submit information to the Western Colorado Field Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Attention: 5-year Review, 764 Horizon Drive, Building B, Grand Junction, Colorado 81506-3946. Information received in response to this notice and review, as well as other documentation in our files, will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours, at the above addresses.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For Kendall Warm Springs dace—contact Brian Kelly, Wyoming Field Supervisor, at the above address, or telephone 307-772-2374. For Dudley Bluffs bladderpod and Dudley Bluffs twinpod—contact Al Pfister, Western Colorado Project Leader, at the above address, or telephone 970-243-2778.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: