

quality control/quality assurance protocol that is part of the research design. Therefore, this Code does not attempt to provide universal guidelines for making such case-by-case determinations.

(2) Requirements related to use, security and release of proprietary data are sometimes covered by law, regulation or policy and may be established through an agreement with the originator of the data. These agreements are usually established on a case by case basis. Employees will adhere to these agreements to the extent permitted by law, or policy. The Code prohibits denying other scientists reasonable access to published scientific information for the purpose of enhancing one's interests.

(3) Falsification and fabrication of data and results by Departmental employees are not tolerated by the Department and would be a violation of the Code by employees subject to it.

#### *E. Participating in Review Processes and Offering Fair and Objective Opinions.*

(1) Peer review is an important element in the creation and use of scientific information. In all cases, external (to the Department) scientific review of scientific activities, information, inventory or monitoring data to be published or used in decision-making is beneficial and, in some cases, it is essential. All employees subject to the Code must know, understand and adhere to Departmental and bureau specific guidelines related to peer review of scientific activities. Open and honest debate is essential for the advancement of science, and peer review is an important part of that debate. The peer-review process should be free of personal and professional jealousies, competitions, non-scientific disagreements, and conflicts of interest.

(2) Reviewers should focus on the logical and scientific validity of the research findings, rather than personal feelings, or interactions (past or current) between the reviewer and the author/investigator. Authors/investigators should address reviewers' comments in a thorough manner, and should document appropriately how they responded to those comments. It is the responsibility of prospective reviewers to disqualify themselves, if the review cannot be done in an objective manner (5 CFR 2635.502). Reviewers should not instigate changes to any scientific study by its authors through intimidation, either implied or stated. Reviewers should document in writing all changes made to the manuscripts or proposals to conduct scientific studies in writing.

#### *F. Integrity in the Collection and Preservation of Data.*

(1) Quality control and assurance, including protocols, standards, and methodologies, should be routinely established for activities pertaining to the conduct of scientific inquiry and the collection of data. Persons engaged in scientific activities and their managers must know and follow established programs, protocols, standards, and methodologies for the activities they conduct to inform Departmental decisions. Preservation of collections and records created during the conduct of scientific activities is controlled

by Federal law (44 U.S.C. chaps. 21, 29, 31, and 33) and Departmental regulations and policies (36 CFR 1228.1–1228.282; 381 DM 11, 12; 384 DM 2, 3, and 4) and bureau regulations and policies. This is important for substantiating scientific activities and supporting subsequent decisions that are influenced by the results. Employees subject to this Code must follow these laws, regulations and policies. Collections made for retention include, but are not limited to, cultural objects in archeological collections and non-cultural biological, geological, and paleontological samples.

(2) Documents that should be retained for the scientific record vary according to the nature of the study and include: study plans; methodology; primary data, such as laboratory notebooks, original data, metadata, and quality assurance/quality control information; and formal data sets, analyses and products. These items may be in any medium, including printed and electronic media. Failure to retain data in accordance with law, regulations and policy is not tolerated by the Department.

#### *G. Responsible Authorship and Dissemination of Information.*

(1) Authorship of a scientific product must be based on a major intellectual contribution (as part of conception, design, data collection, data analysis, or interpretation) and a significant contribution to its preparation (writing, reviewing, or editing). Authorship includes the responsibility for ensuring that the work reported meets scientific criteria and ethical standards. Conferring authorship to individuals engaged in scientific activities without their knowledge or consent is strictly prohibited by the Code.

(2) Scientific knowledge is cumulative and is built on the contributions of numerous scientists over many years. Recognition of other contributors often takes the form of credits in a publication through an acknowledgment or citation. However, only authors whose substantive comments have been received and incorporated prior to submission should be listed in acknowledgments. Authors will cite or acknowledge any scientific work or the source of any idea that is not regarded as common knowledge among specialists in the particular field and that substantially contributes to a scientific activity and its interpretation and result. The Code prohibits plagiarism or theft of ideas, data or unpublished findings. Departmental employees subject to this Code will acknowledge and, to the extent permitted by law, protect the intellectual efforts of others and the confidentiality of information provided by human subjects. However, when Departmental employees are preparing documents required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the considerations in this paragraph are in conflict with the regulations and guidance of the Council on Environmental Quality regarding the publication of information under NEPA, the regulations and guidance of the Council shall govern.

(3) Duplicative publication is not tolerated by the Department. This does not suggest that it is inappropriate to publish more than one

manuscript based on a single scientific activity. In some cases, the same scientific activity may be of interest to separate audiences having different technical specialties or to journals having different readerships. Prior publication of portions of an original idea should always be referenced in later publications. Publishing parts of another paper, or publishing another paper with only minor changes, should only be done to reach different or larger audiences and with the knowledge and consent of the publisher. Employees subject to the Code will accept professional responsibility associated with authorship and know that the interpretation and results of their work are used to inform important decisions in the public interest. Repetitive publication of findings in popular literature does not constitute duplicative publication.

(4) In order to ensure that the Department's decision making is based on the best available science, the Code requires a scientific product to be subject to the required level of review. Public release of a scientific product without the required level of review or without the inclusion of appropriate disclaimers could be considered misconduct.

(5) Additionally, in support of the Department's interest in protecting its decision making, the Code prohibits changing conclusions, deletion of data, or knowingly omitting data from reports and testimony for purposes of misrepresentation or manipulation. At the same time, the Code prohibits suppressing data collection, scientific studies, or publication of results by scientists or their supervisors for the purpose of manipulating Departmental decisions. These actions are not tolerated by the Department. They are violations of the Federal Policy on Research Misconduct because they wrongly characterize results and manipulate results so that research is not accurately represented. Scientific conclusions may only be changed in light of new data or new analyses. Scientists should not succumb to coercion to change data. If an employee subject to the Code believes that he or she has been subjected to coercion, it should be reported immediately to the respective supervisor, bureau, or Departmental ethics program.

**Laura Davis,**

*Associate Deputy Secretary of the Interior.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

### **Fish and Wildlife Service**

**[FWS-R9-IA-2010-N188; 96300-1671-0000-P5]**

### **Proposed Information Collection; OMB Control Number 1018-0093; Federal Fish and Wildlife License/Permit Applications, Management Authority**

**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 (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 November 30, 2010. 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:** To ensure that we are able to consider your comments on this IC, we must receive them by November 1, 2010.

**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); or *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**

This IC covers permit applications that our Division of Management Authority uses to determine the eligibility of applicants for permits requested in accordance with the criteria in various Federal wildlife conservation laws and international treaties, including:

- (1) Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).
- (2) Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703 et seq.).
- (3) Lacey Act (16 U.S.C. 3371 et seq.).
- (4) Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668).
- (5) Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) (27 U.S.T. 1087).
- (6) Marine Mammal Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 1361-1407).
- (7) Wild Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4901-4916).

Service regulations implementing these statutes and treaties are in Chapter I, Subchapter B of Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). These regulations stipulate general and specific requirements that when met allow us to issue permits to authorize activities that are otherwise prohibited.

This revised IC includes FWS Forms 3-200-74 (Single-Use Export Permits Under a Master File or Annual Program File) and 3-200-75 (Registration of a Production Facility for Export of Certain Native Species). These forms are currently approved under OMB Control Number 1018-0137. After OMB takes action on this information collection request, we will discontinue 1018-0137.

In addition, we are proposing 10 new forms. We believe these forms will reduce burden on applicants, improve customer service, and allow us to process applications and issue CITES documents quickly.

(1) FWS Form 3-200-21a (Report on the Import of Sport-Hunted Trophies of Argali). Applicants currently submit this report in a nonform format.

(2) FWS Form 3-200-80 (Export of Fertilized Live Eggs, Caviar, or Meat from Aquacultured Paddlefish or Sturgeon CITES). Applicants currently use FWS Forms 3-200-24 or 3-200-76 for this activity.

(3) FWS Form 3-200-83 (Approval of a CITES Export Program (American ginseng, CITES furbearers, American Alligator)). Applicants currently submit this information in a nonform format.

(4) FWS Form 3-200-83a (Report for Furbearer CITES Export Programs). Applicants currently submit this report in a nonform format.

(5) FWS Form 3-200-83b (Report for American Alligator CITES Export Programs). Applicants currently submit this report in a nonform format.

(6) FWS Form 3-200-84 (Participation in the Plant Rescue Center Program). Applicants currently submit the necessary information in a nonform format.

(7) FWS Form 3-200-84a (Plant Rescue Program - Report on Receipt and Condition of Specimens). Applicants currently submit this report in a nonform format.

(8) FWS Form 3-200-85 (Establishment of a Master File for the Export of Live Captive-Bred Animals (CITES)). Applicants currently use FWS Form 3-200-24 for this activity.

(9) FWS Form 3-200-86 (Photography of Marine Mammals for Educational or Commercial Purposes (MMPA)). Applicants currently use FWS Form 3-200-43 for this activity.

(10) FWS Form 3-200-87 (Transfer of Live Captive-held Marine Mammals (MMPA)). Applicants currently submit letters for notification or authorization.

**II. Data**

*OMB Control Number:* 1018-0093.

*Title:* Federal Fish and Wildlife License/Permit Applications, Management Authority, 50 CFR 13, 15, 17, 18, 21, and 23.

*Service Form Number(s):* 3-200-19 through 3-200-37, 3-200-39 through 3-200-44, 3-200-46 through 3-200-53, 3-200-58, 3-200-61, 3-200-64 through 3-200-66, 3-200-69 to 3-200-70, 3-200-73 through 3-200-76, 3-200-80, 3-200-83 through 3-200-87.

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

*Affected Public:* Individuals; biomedical companies; circuses; zoological parks; botanical gardens; nurseries; museums; universities; antique dealers; exotic pet industry; hunters; taxidermists; commercial importers/exporters of wildlife and plants; freight forwarders/brokers; and State, tribal, local, and Federal governments.

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

*Frequency of Collection:* On occasion.

*Estimated Nonhour Cost Burden:* \$942,000, primarily associated with application fees.

The following table lists the various applications and reports with burden estimates. We have rounded the annual burden hours for each form to the nearest hour. Those applications with an asterisk (\*) have a reporting requirement for the associated permit. Each permit specifies the required report information.

Application Forms/Reports	Number of annual respondents	Number of annual responses	Completion time per response	Annual burden hours
3-200-19/Import of Sport-hunted Trophies of Southern African Leopard, African Elephant, and Namibian Southern White Rhinoceros.	1,031	1,083	20 minutes .....	361
3-200-20/Import of Sport-Hunted Trophies (Appendix I of CITES and/or ESA).	15	21	1 hour .....	21
3-200-21/Import of Sport-Hunted Trophies of Argali .....	134	201	45 minutes .....	151
3-200-21a/Report on the Import of Sport-Hunted Trophies of Argali.	100	135	15 minutes .....	34

Application Forms/Reports	Number of annual respondents	Number of annual responses	Completion time per response	Annual burden hours
3-200-22/Import of Sport-Hunted Bontebok Trophies* .....	70	95	20 minutes .....	32
3-200-23/Export of Pre-Convention, Pre-Act, or Antique Specimens (CITES and/or ESA).	127	241	45 minutes .....	181
3-200-24/Export of Live Captive-Born Animals (CITES) .....	170	485	45 minutes .....	364
3-200-25/Export of Raptors .....	46	64	1 hour .....	64
3-200-26/Export of skins/products of 7 native species: bobcat, lynx, river otter, American alligator, Alaskan brown bear, black bear, and gray wolf.	618	865	20 minutes .....	288
3-200-27/Export of Wildlife Removed from the Wild (CITES)	68	113	45 minutes .....	85
3-200-28/Export/Reexport of Trophies by Hunters or Taxidermists (CITES).	57	95	30 minutes .....	48
3-200-29/Import/Export/Reexport of Wildlife Samples and/or Biomedical Samples (CITES)*.	108	270	1 hour, 10 minutes.	316
3-200-30/Export/Reexport/Reimport of Circuses and Traveling Animal Exhibitions*.	73	81	1 hour .....	81
3-200-30a/Export/Reexport of Circuses and Traveling Animal Exhibitions Report.	64	69	30 minutes .....	35
3-200-31/Introduction from the Sea (CITES) .....	3	3	2 hours .....	6
3-200-32/Export/Reexport of Plants (CITES) .....	105	614	1 hour .....	614
3-200-33/Export of Artificially Propagated Plants (Multiple Commercial Shipments).	20	303	2 hours .....	606
3-200-34/Export of American Ginseng (Commercial only)* ....	41	107	20 minutes .....	36
3-200-35/Import of Appendix-I Plants (CITES) .....	3	3	1 hour .....	3
3-200-36/Export/Import/InterState and Foreign Commerce of Plants*.	3	3	1 hour .....	3
3-200-37/ Export/Import/Interstate and Foreign Commerce/ Take of Animals*.	110	165	2 hours .....	330
3-200-39/Certificate of Scientific Exchange (COSE)* .....	3	7	1 hour .....	7
3-200-39a/ Certificate of Scientific Exchange (COSE) - Special Reporting Conditions Report.	4	7	30 minutes .....	4
3-200-40/Export and Reimport of Museum Specimens* .....	2	2	1 hour .....	2
3-200-40a/ESA Museum Permit Report .....	2	2	1 hour .....	2
3-200-41/Captive-Bred Wildlife Registration* .....	87	87	2 hours .....	174
3-200-41a/Captive-Bred Wildlife Registration Annual Report	83	83	30 minutes .....	42
3-200-42/Import/Acquisition/Transport of Injurious Wildlife .....	21	21	1 hour .....	21
3-200-43/ Take/Import/Transport/Export of Marine Mammals or Amendment of Existing Permit*.	16	19	2 hours, 20 minutes.	44
3-200-44/Registration of An Agent/Tannery* .....	1	1	1 hour .....	1
3-200-44a/Registered Agent/Tannery Inventory Report .....	1	1	1 hour .....	1
3-200-46/Import/Export/Reexport of Personal Pets (WBCA and or CITES).	335	369	30 minutes .....	185
3-200-47/Import of Birds for Scientific Research or Zoological Breeding and Display (WBCA).	7	16	2 hours .....	32
3-200-48/Import of Birds Under an Approved Cooperative Breeding Program (WBCA)*.	3	4	1 hours .....	4
3-200-49/Approval, Amendment or Renewal of a Cooperative Breeding Program (WBCA).	3	4	3 hours .....	12
3-200-50/Approval of Sustainable Use Management Plan Under the Wild Bird Conservation Act.	2	2	10 hours .....	20
3-200-51/Approval of a Foreign Breeding Facility Under the Wild Bird Conservation Act.	2	2	8 hours .....	16
3-200-52/Reissuance or Renewal of a Permit .....	145	198	15 minutes .....	50
3-200-53/Export/Reexport of Live Captive-Held Marine Mammals (CITES).	4	4	2 hours .....	8
3-200-58/Supplemental Application for a Retrospective Document (CITES).	50	50	1 hour .....	50
3-200-61/CITES Export Programs* .....	25	25	43 hours, 30 minutes.	1,088
3-200-64/Certificate of Ownership for Personally Owned Wildlife "Pet passport" (CITES).	115	137	30 minutes .....	69
3-200-65/Registration of Appendix-I Commercial Breeding Operations (CITES).	2	2	40 hours .....	80
3-200-66/Replacement Document (CITES) .....	50	50	30 minutes .....	26
3-200-69/CITES Import/Export- Eagle Transport for Scientific or Exhibition Purposes.	3	3	30 minutes .....	3
3-200-70/CITES Import/Export- Eagle Transport for Indian Religious Purposes.	16	16	30 minutes .....	8
3-200-73/Reexport of Wildlife (CITES) .....	3,975	5,565	30 minutes .....	2,784
3-200-74/Single-Use Export Permits Under a Master File or Annual Program File.	350	1,000	6 minutes .....	100
3-200-75/ Registration of a Production Facility for Export of Certain Native Species.	25	25	30 minutes .....	13

Application Forms/Reports	Number of annual respondents	Number of annual responses	Completion time per response	Annual burden hours
3-200-76/Export of Caviar or Meat of Paddlefish or Sturgeon Removed from the Wild (CITES)*.	12	120	3 hours .....	360
3-200-80/Export of Fertilized Live Eggs, Caviar, or Meat from Aquacultured Paddlefish or Sturgeon CITES).	5	15	3 hours .....	45
3-200-83/Approval of a CITES Export Program (American ginseng, CITES furbearers, American Alligator).	2	2	12 hours .....	24
3-200-83a/Report for Furbearer CITES Export Programs .....	52	52	1 hour .....	52
3-200-83b/Report for American Alligator CITES Export Program.	10	10	1 hour .....	10
3-200-84/Participation in the Plant Rescue Center Program - Application.	3	3	1 hour .....	3
3-200-84a/Plant Rescue Program - Report on Receipt and Condition of Specimens.	70	140	30 minutes .....	70
3-200-85/Master File for the Export of Live Captive-bred Animals (CITES)*.	45	90	1 hour .....	90
3-200-86/Photography of Marine Mammals for Educational or Commercial Purposes (MMPA).	10	15	1.5 hours .....	23
3-200-87/Transfer of Live Captive-held Marine Mammals (MMPA).	2	25	1 hour .....	25
Totals .....	8,509	13,190	.....	9,207

### III. Request for Comments

We invite comments concerning this IC on:

- Whether or not the collection of information is necessary, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;
- The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information;
- Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- 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: August 25, 2010

#### Hope Grey,

Information Collection Clearance Officer,  
Fish and Wildlife Service.

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### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

#### Bureau of Land Management

[F-40300, F-40313; LLAk965000-L14100000-KC0000-P]

#### Alaska Native Claims Selection

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of decision approving lands for conveyance.

**SUMMARY:** As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will issue an appealable decision approving the conveyance of surface and subsurface estates for certain lands to Bering Straits Native Corporation, pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. The lands are in the vicinity of Mary's Igloo, Alaska, and are located in:

#### Kateel River Meridian, Alaska

T. 6 S., R. 30 W.,  
Secs. 13 and 22.

Containing approximately 294 acres.

Notice of the decision will also be published four times in the Nome Nugget.

**DATES:** Any party claiming a property interest in the lands affected by the decision may appeal the decision within the following time limits:

1. Unknown parties, parties unable to be located after reasonable efforts have been expended to locate, parties who fail or refuse to sign their return receipt, and parties who receive a copy of the decision by regular mail which is not certified, return receipt requested, shall

have until September 30, 2010 to file an appeal.

2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4, subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the decision may be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7504.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The BLM by phone at 907-271-5960, or by e-mail at [ak.blm.conveyance@blm.gov](mailto:ak.blm.conveyance@blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunication device (TDD) may contact the BLM by calling the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

**Jennifer L. Noe,**

Land Law Examiner, Land Transfer  
Adjudication II Branch.

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### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

#### Bureau of Land Management

[F-14867-B; LLAk964000-L14100000-HY0000-P]

#### Alaska Native Claims Selection

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of decision approving lands for conveyance.