

App. 2. The Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture certify that the formation of the WFEC is necessary and is in the public interest.

The purpose of the WFEC is to provide advice on coordinated national-level wildland fire policy and to provide leadership, direction, and program oversight in support of the Wildland Fire Leadership Council. Questions related to the WFEC should be directed to Roy Johnson (Designated Federal Officer) at [Roy\\_Johnson@ios.doi.gov](mailto:Roy_Johnson@ios.doi.gov) or (208) 334-1550 or 300 E. Mallard Drive, Suite 170, Boise, Idaho, 83706-6648.

**Meeting Agenda:** The meeting agenda for October 11 through October 13 is summarized below. Please note that the final agenda may be altered. The most current agenda can be obtained at <http://www.forestsandrangelands.gov/strategy/wfec>.

October 11: 8 a.m.—Introductions and Meeting Protocols; 9 a.m.—Western Regional Strategy Committee Presentation; 10 a.m.—Northeast Regional Strategy Committee Presentation; 1 p.m.—Southeast Regional Strategy Committee Presentation; 2 p.m.—Cohesive Strategy Committee Presentation; 3:30 p.m.—National Science and Analysis Team Presentation; 4:30 p.m.—Public Comments; 5:30 p.m.—Adjourn.  
October 12: 8 a.m.—WFEC Deliberation on Phase 2 reports; 4 p.m.—Public Comment; 5 p.m.—Adjourn.  
October 13: 8 a.m.—Summarize recommendations and develop agenda for WFLC meeting; 10 a.m.—Communication Strategy Presentation; 11 a.m.—Develop key messages and recommendations; 1 p.m.—Phase 3 Discussion; 3 p.m.—Public Comments; 4 p.m.—Meeting Closeout; 5 p.m.—Adjourn.

The October 28 meeting agenda will include: (1) Welcome and introduction of Council members; (2) Overview of prior meeting and action tracking; (3) Members' round robin to share information and identify key issues to be addressed; (4) Wildland Fire Management Cohesive Strategy; (5) Wildland Fire Issues; (6) Council Members' review and discussion of sub-committee activities; (7) Future Council activities; (8) Public comments at approximately 11:30 a.m.; (9) and closing remarks.

**Public Input:** All WFEC meetings are open to the public. Members of the public who wish to participate must notify Shari Shetler at [Shari\\_Shetler@ios.doi.gov](mailto:Shari_Shetler@ios.doi.gov) no later than one week preceding the meeting. Those who are not committee members and wish to present oral statements or obtain information should contact Shari Shetler via e-mail no later than one

week preceding the meeting. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited.

Questions about the agenda or written comments may be e-mailed or submitted by U.S. Mail to: Department of the Interior, Office of the Secretary, Office of Wildland Fire, Attention: Shari Shetler, 300 E. Mallard Drive, Suite 170, Boise, Idaho 83706-6648. WFEC requests that written comments be received a minimum of one week preceding the scheduled meeting. Attendance is open to the public, but limited space is available. Persons with a disability requiring special services, such as an interpreter for the hearing impaired, should contact Ms. Shetler at (202) 527-0133 at least seven calendar days prior to the meeting.

Dated: September 21, 2011.

**Roy Johnson,**

*Designated Federal Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

**[FWS-R9-MB-2011-N193; 91200-1231-WEBB-M3]**

#### **Information Collection Request Sent to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Approval; National Mourning Dove Hunter Attitude Survey on Nontoxic Shot**

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

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

**SUMMARY:** We (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) have sent an Information Collection Request (ICR) to OMB for review and approval. We summarize the ICR below and describe 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 October 26, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your comments and suggestions on this information collection to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior at OMB-OIRA at (202) 395-5806 (fax) or [OIRA\\_DOCKET@OMB.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_DOCKET@OMB.eop.gov) (e-mail). Please provide a copy of your comments to the Service Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 2042-PDM, 4401

North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203 (mail), or [INFOCOL@fws.gov](mailto:INFOCOL@fws.gov) (e-mail).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this ICR, contact Hope Grey at [INFOCOL@fws.gov](mailto:INFOCOL@fws.gov) (e-mail) or 703-358-2482 (telephone). You may review the ICR online at <http://www.reginfo.gov>. Follow the instructions to review Department of the Interior collections under review by OMB.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*OMB Control Number:* 1018-NEW.  
*Title:* National Mourning Dove Hunter Attitude Survey on Nontoxic Shot.  
*Service Form Number:* 3-2386.  
*Type of Request:* New.  
*Description of Respondents:* Mourning dove hunters.  
*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.  
*Frequency of Collection:* One-time.  
*Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:* 23,470.  
*Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 23,470.  
*Estimated Completion Time per Response:* 8.5 minutes.  
*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 3,325.

**Abstract:** The Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) (16 U.S.C. 703 *et seq.*) prohibits the unauthorized take of migratory birds and authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to regulate take of migratory birds in the United States. Under this authority, we control the hunting of migratory game birds through regulations in 50 CFR part 20. On January 1, 1991, we banned lead shot for hunting waterfowl and coots in the United States. Wildlife managers and policymakers at all levels are becoming increasingly concerned about the exposure of mourning doves to spent lead shot.

The mourning dove is the most hunted migratory game bird species. We are asking OMB for approval to sponsor a National Mourning Dove Hunter Attitude Survey on Nontoxic Shot. The Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies and all four Flyway Councils are collaborating on this survey. Information from this survey will help us make nontoxic shot policy decisions and develop appropriate informational and educational programs if new regulations are necessary.

Under the Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program (50 CFR 20.20), each State annually provides a list of all migratory bird hunters licensed by the State (OMB Control Number 1018-0023). We will use these lists to randomly select mourning dove hunters to participate in the proposed survey. We plan to collect:

- Demographic information (e.g., age, gender, income, education, and occupation).

- Information on hunting experiences (e.g. hunter type, distance traveled to hunt, type of ammunition, frequency of hunting, and positive and negative aspects).

- Perceived problems with nontoxic shot.

- Indirect influences with nontoxic shot.

*Comments:* On August 18, 2009, we published in the **Federal Register** (74 FR 41739) a notice soliciting public comment on this information collection for 60 days. The comment period ended on October 19, 2009. We received the following comments:

One comment protested the entire migratory bird hunting regulations process, surveys and monitoring programs, and the killing of all migratory birds. *Response:* Our long-term objectives continue to include providing opportunities to harvest portions of certain migratory game bird populations and limit harvest to levels compatible with each population's ability to maintain healthy, viable numbers. Our surveys are integral parts of the Service's monitoring programs that provide the information we need to ensure harvest levels are commensurate with current status of migratory game bird populations and long-term population goals.

Five comments stated that there was no biological basis or scientific evidence to warrant any type of nontoxic shot regulations on mourning doves.

*Response:* This proposed information collection request does not presume anything one way or another about the quality or quantity of the scientific evidence for or against the use of lead shot for dove hunting. We simply express concern about the issue and recognize hunters are an important constituency. The whole purpose of this information collection is to better understand the hunting constituency.

One comment requested that we be objective in any future decision regarding the implementation of any nontoxic shot regulations. *Response:* We have a long history of making informed decisions based on the best available science to ensure protection of migratory birds for future generations. If any future decisions regarding the implementation of nontoxic shot regulations for migratory birds are deemed necessary, they will be objective, based on the best available science, and follow all guidelines under the National Environmental Protection Act.

Two comments requested that we consider banning the use of lead shot for mourning doves and other wildlife species. *Response:* Again, we do not presume anything one way or another about the quality or quantity of the scientific evidence for or against the use of lead shot for dove hunting. Furthermore, we are not assuming that future nontoxic regulations will be necessary or inevitable.

We again invite comments concerning this information collection 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. Before including your address, phone number, email 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: September 21, 2011.

**Tina A. Campbell,**

*Chief, Division of Policy and Directives Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

**[FWS-R7-R-2011-N190; 70138-1263-0000-4A]**

#### **Proposed Information Collection; Alaska Guide Service Evaluation**

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

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

**SUMMARY:** We (U.S. 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 March 31, 2012. 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 25, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your comments on the IC to the Service Information Collection Clearance Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 2042-PDM, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203 (mail); or [INFOCOL@fws.gov](mailto:INFOCOL@fws.gov) (e-mail). Please include "1018-0141" in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this IC, contact Hope Grey at [INFOCOL@fws.gov](mailto:INFOCOL@fws.gov) (e-mail) or 703-358-2482 (telephone).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

I. *Abstract.* We collect information on FWS Form 3-2349 (Alaska Guide Service Evaluation) to help us evaluate commercial guide services on our national wildlife refuges in the State of Alaska (State). The National Wildlife Refuge Administration Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 668dd-ee), authorizes us to permit uses, including commercial visitor services, on national wildlife refuges when we find the activity to be compatible with the purposes for which the refuge was established. With the objective of making available a variety of quality visitor services for wildlife-dependent recreation on National Wildlife Refuge System lands, we issue permits for commercial guide services, including big game hunting, sport fishing, wildlife viewing, river trips, and other guided activities. We use FWS Form 3-2349 as a method to:

- (1) Monitor the quality of services provided by commercial guides.
- (2) Gauge client satisfaction with the services.
- (3) Assess the impacts of the activity on refuge resources.

The client is the best source of information on the quality of commercial guiding services. We collect:

- (1) Client name.
- (2) Guide name(s).
- (3) Type of guided activity.
- (4) Dates and location of guided activity.
- (5) Information on the services received such as the client's expectations, safety, environmental