

issued LOAs to the following companies in the Chukchi Sea:

CHUKCHI SEA LETTERS OF AUTHORIZATION

Company	Activity	Project	Date issued
Olgoonik Fairweather, LLC	Exploration	Environmental Studies	July 23, 2014.
Shell Exploration and Production Company.	Exploration	Ice observation overflights	January 14, 2015.
Shell Exploration and Production Company.	Exploration	Ice observation overflights (amended)	January 29, 2015.
Shell Exploration and Production Company.	Exploration	Exploration Drilling Program in the Chukchi Sea	June 30, 2015.
Shell Exploration and Production Company.	Exploration	Exploration Drilling Program in the Chukchi Sea (amended).	July 24, 2015.
TGS	Exploration	Seismic Operations	June 28, 2013.
TGS	Exploration	Seismic Operations (amended)	September 11, 2013.

Dated: October 26, 2015.  
**Peter J. Probasco,**  
*Acting Regional Director, Alaska Region.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

[FWS-R7-R-2015-N210; FF07RKDK00-FVRS8081070000-XXX]

**Proposed Information Collection; Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge Bear Viewing Survey**

**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. 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 January 4, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your comments on the IC to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS BPHC, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803 (mail); or *hope\_grey@fws.gov* (email). Please include "1018-Kodiak Bear Viewing" in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this IC, contact Hope Grey at *hope\_grey@fws.gov* (email) or 703-358-2482 (telephone).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

The Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge has partnered with Utah State University to conduct a public survey of visitors to the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge who participate in bear viewing at structured and unstructured sites.

Questions will address logistical aspects of bear viewing (including the amount of money visitors are willing to spend on viewing and amenities), satisfaction with current experiences (based on number of bears, density of other visitors, length of stay, and education received), and reported changes to attitudes and behavior related to bear conservation based on visitors' experiences on the refuge. Survey results are crucial to understanding public demands for and expectations of bear viewing, so that the refuge can better facilitate bear viewing opportunities and better convey educational messages on bear management.

**II. Data**

- OMB Control Number:* 1018-XXXX.
- Title:* Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge Bear Viewing Survey.
- Service Form Number:* None.
- Type of Request:* Request for a new OMB Control Number.
- Description of Respondents:* Visitors to Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge who come for the purpose of viewing bears.
- Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.
- Frequency of Collection:* One time.

Activity	Number of responses	Completion time per response (minutes)	Total annual burden hours
Initial Contact	1,800	2	60
Online Survey	600	15	150
Totals	2,400		210

*Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost:* None

**III. Comments**

We 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. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this IC. 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 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: October 28, 2015.

**Tina A. Campbell,**

Chief, Division of Policy, Performance, and Management Programs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Geological Survey

[GX16CD00B951000]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Request for Comments

**AGENCY:** U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of a revision of a currently approved information collection (1028-0095).

**SUMMARY:** We (the U.S. Geological Survey) will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the information collection (IC) described below. As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) 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 collection is scheduled to expire on March 31, 2016.

**DATES:** To ensure that your comments are considered, we must receive them on or before January 4, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments on this information collection to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive MS 807, Reston, VA 20192 (mail); (703) 648-7197 (fax); or [gs-info\\_collections@usgs.gov](mailto:gs-info_collections@usgs.gov) (email). Please reference 'Information Collection 1028-0095, State Water Resources

Research Institute Program Annual Application and Reporting' in all correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Earl Greene, Chief, Office of External Research, U.S. Geological Survey, 5522 Research Park Drive, Baltimore, MD 21228 (mail); 443-498-5505 (phone); [eargreene@usgs.gov](mailto:eargreene@usgs.gov) (email). You may also find information about this ICR at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The Water Resources Research Act of 1984, as amended (42 U.S.C. 10301 *et seq.*), authorizes a research institute water resources or center in each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa. There are currently 54 such institutes, one in each state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Guam. The institute in Guam is a regional institute serving Guam, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Each of the 54 institutes submits an annual application for an allotment grant and provides an annual report on its activities under the grant. The State Water Resources Research Institute Program issues an annual call for applications from the institutes to support plans to promote research, training, information dissemination, and other activities meeting the needs of the States and Nation. The program also encourages regional cooperation among institutes in research into areas of water management, development, and conservation that have a regional or national character. The U.S. Geological Survey has been designated as the administrator of the provisions of the Act.

##### II. Data

*OMB Control Number:* 1028-0095.

*Form Number:* NA.

*Title:* State Water Resources Research Institute Program Annual Application and Reporting.

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

*Affected Public:* The state water resources research institutes authorized by the Water Resources Research Act of 1983, as amended, and listed at <http://water.usgs.gov/wrri/index.php>.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory (necessary to obtain grants).

*Frequency of Collection:* Annually.

*Estimated Total Number of Annual Responses:* We expect to receive 54

applications and award 54 grants per year.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 160 hours. This includes 80 hours per applicant to prepare and submit the annual application; and 80 hours (total) per grantee to complete the annual reports.

*Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 8,640.

*Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-Hour Cost" Burden:* There are no "non-hour cost" burdens associated with this IC.

*Public Disclosure Statement:* The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor and you are not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number and current expiration date.

#### III. Request for Comments

We are soliciting comments as to: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the agency to perform its duties, including whether the information is useful; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) how to minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that the comments submitted in response to this notice are a matter of public record. Before including your personal mailing address, phone number, email address, or other personally identifiable information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personally identifiable information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personally identifiable information from public view, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Earl A. Greene,**

Chief, Office of External Research.

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