

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:

- Monitor the quality of services provided by commercial guides.
- Gauge client satisfaction with the services.
- 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:

- Client name.
- Guide name(s).
- Type of guided activity.
- Dates and location of guided activity.
- Information on the services received, such as the client's expectations, safety, environmental impacts, and client's overall satisfaction.

We encourage respondents to provide any additional comments that they wish regarding the guide service or refuge experience, and ask whether or not they wish to be contacted for additional information.

The above information, in combination with State-required guide activity reports and contacts with guides and clients in the field, provides a comprehensive method for monitoring permitted commercial guide activities. A regular program of client evaluation helps refuge managers detect potential problems with guide services so that we can take corrective actions promptly. In addition, we use this information during the competitive selection process for big game and sport fishing guide permits to evaluate an applicant's ability to provide a quality guiding service.

*Title of Collection:* Alaska Guide Service Evaluation.

*OMB Control Number:* 1018-0141.

*Form Number:* FWS Form 3-2349.

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

*Respondents/Affected Public:* Clients of permitted commercial guide service providers.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:* 264.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 264.

*Estimated Completion Time per Response:* 15 minutes.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 66.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.  
*Frequency of Collection:* One time, following use of commercial guide services.

*Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost:* None.

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The authority for this action is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

Dated: April 3, 2018.

**Madonna Baucum,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

**[FWS-HQ-MB-2018-N026; FF09M21200-178-FXMB1232090000; OMB Control Number 1018-0133]**

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Control and Management of Resident Canada Geese

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Information Collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), are proposing to renew an information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before June 5, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your comments on the information collection request (ICR) by mail to the Service Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS: BPHC, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803 (mail); or by email to [Info\\_Coll@fws.gov](mailto:Info_Coll@fws.gov). Please reference OMB Control Number 1018-0133 in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this ICR, contact Madonna L. Baucum, Service Information Collection Clearance Officer, by email at [Info\\_Coll@fws.gov](mailto:Info_Coll@fws.gov), or by telephone at (703) 358-2503.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we provide the

general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

We are soliciting comments on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is the collection necessary to the proper functions of the Service; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Service enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Service minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

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 ICR. 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.

**Abstract:** The Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703 *et seq.*) prohibits the take, possession, import, export, transport, sale, purchase, or bartering of migratory birds or their parts, except as permitted under the terms of a valid permit or as permitted by regulations. In 2006, we issued regulations establishing two depredation orders and three control orders that allow State and tribal wildlife agencies, private landowners, and airports to conduct resident Canada goose population management, including the take of birds, nest and eggs. We monitor the data collected for activities under these orders and may rescind an order if monitoring indicates that activities are inconsistent with conservation of Canada geese.

**Control order for airports.** Our regulations at 50 CFR 21.49 allow managers at commercial, public, and private airports and military airfields and their employees or agents to implement management of resident

Canada geese to resolve or prevent threats to public safety. An airport must be part of the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems and have received Federal grant-in-aid assistance or be a military airfield under the jurisdiction, custody, or control of the Secretary of a military department. Each facility exercising the privileges of the order must submit an annual report with the date, numbers, and locations of birds, nests, and eggs taken.

**Depredation order for nests and eggs.** Our regulations at 50 CFR 21.50 allow private landowners and managers of public lands to destroy resident Canada goose nests and eggs on property under their jurisdiction, provided they register annually on our website at <https://epermits.fws.gov/eRCGR>. Registrants must provide basic information, such as name, address, phone number, and email, and identify where the control work will occur and who will conduct it. Registrants must return to the website to report the number of nests with eggs they destroyed.

**Depredation order for agricultural facilities.** Our regulations at 50 CFR 21.51 allow States and tribes, via their wildlife agencies, to implement programs to allow landowners, operators, and tenants actively engaged in commercial agriculture to conduct damage management control when geese are committing depredations, or to resolve or prevent other injury to agricultural interests. State and tribal wildlife agencies in the Atlantic, Central, and Mississippi Flyway portions of 41 States may implement the provisions of the order. Each implementing agricultural producer must maintain a log of the date and

number of birds taken under this authorization. Each State and tribe exercising the privileges of the order must submit an annual report of the numbers of birds, nests, and eggs taken, and the county or counties where take occurred.

**Public health control order.** Our regulations at 50 CFR 21.52 authorize States and tribes of the lower 48 States to conduct (via the State or tribal wildlife agency) resident Canada goose control and management activities when the geese pose a direct threat to human health. States and tribes operating under this order must submit an annual report summarizing activities, including the numbers of birds taken and the county where take occurred.

**Population control.** Our regulations at 50 CFR 21.61 establish a managed take program to reduce and stabilize resident Canada goose populations when traditional and otherwise authorized management measures are not successful or feasible. A State or tribal wildlife agency in the Atlantic, Mississippi, or Central Flyway may request approval for this population control program. If approved, the State or tribe may use hunters to harvest resident Canada geese during the month of August. Requests for approval must include a discussion of the State's or tribe's efforts to address its injurious situations using other methods, or a discussion of the reasons why the methods are not feasible. If the Service Director approves a request, the State or tribe must (1) keep annual records of activities carried out under the authority of the program, and (2) provide an annual summary, including number of individuals participating in the program

and the number of resident Canada geese shot. Additionally, participating States and tribes must monitor the spring breeding population by providing an annual estimate of the breeding population and distribution of resident Canada geese in their State.

Our regulations at 50 CFR 21.49, 21.50, 21.51, and 21.52 require that persons or entities operating under the depredation and control orders must immediately report the take of any species protected under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). This information ensures that the incidental take limits authorized under section 7 of the ESA are not exceeded.

**Title of Collection:** Control and Management of Resident Canada Geese, 50 CFR 20.21, 21.49, 21.50, 21.51, 21.52, and 21.61.

**OMB Control Number:** 1018-0133.

**Form Number:** None.

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

**Respondents/Affected Public:** State fish and wildlife agencies, tribes, and local governments; airports; landowners; and farms.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:** 8,698.

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**Estimated Completion Time per Response:** Varies from 15 minutes to 8 hours, depending on activity.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:** 3,360.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit.

**Frequency of Collection:** Annually.

**Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost:** None.

Regulation/activity	Annual number of responses	Completion time per response (hours)	Total annual burden hours*
<b>21.49—Airport Control Order (Annual Report)</b>			
Private Sector .....	25	1.5	38
Government .....	25	1.5	38
<b>21.50—Nest &amp; Egg Depredation Order (Initial Registration)</b>			
Individuals .....	126	0.5	63
Private Sector .....	674	0.5	337
Government .....	200	0.5	100
<b>21.50—Nest &amp; Egg Depredation Order (Renew Registration)</b>			
Individuals .....	374	0.25	94
Private Sector .....	2,026	0.25	507
Government .....	600	0.25	150
<b>21.50—Nest &amp; Egg Depredation Order (Annual Report)</b>			
Individuals .....	500	0.25	125
Private Sector .....	2,700	0.25	675

Regulation/activity	Annual number of responses	Completion time per response (hours)	Total annual burden hours*
Government .....	800	0.25	200
<b>21.51—Agricultural Depredation Order (Recordkeeping)</b>			
Private Sector .....	600	0.5	300
<b>21.51—Agricultural Depredation Order (Annual Report)</b>			
Government .....	20	8	160
<b>21.52—Public Health Control Order</b>			
Government .....	20	1	20
<b>21.49, 21.50, 21.51, &amp; 21.52—Report Take of Endangered Species</b>			
Private Sector .....	2	0.25	1
<b>21.61—Population Control Approval Request (Annual Report and Recordkeeping)</b>			
Annual Report—Gov't .....	3	12	36
Recordkeeping—Gov't .....	12	36	
<b>21.61—Population Control Approval Request (Population and Distribution Estimates)</b>			
Government .....	3	160	480
<i>Totals</i> .....	<i>8,698</i>	<i>.....</i>	<i>3,360</i>

\* Rounded

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

[Docket No. BOEM-2018-0018]

#### Request for Feedback on BOEM's Proposed Path Forward for Future Offshore Renewable Energy Leasing on the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Request for feedback.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) invites the public to contribute to the development of a path forward for future renewable leasing offshore the United States Atlantic Coast. Thus far, BOEM has

issued 13 commercial leases on the Atlantic from North Carolina to Massachusetts. BOEM is now conducting a high-level assessment of all waters offshore the United States Atlantic Coast for potential additional lease locations. BOEM proposes to rely on various factors described below to help it assess which geographic areas along the Atlantic are the most likely to have highest potential for successful offshore wind development in the next three to five years. BOEM is seeking input on all aspects of its proposed path forward, but particularly on the merits of these factors and any other factors BOEM should consider. This Atlantic assessment is intended to inform future area identification processes, not replace them. Accordingly, after reviewing the comments it receives pursuant to this notice, BOEM plans to coordinate with its intergovernmental renewable energy task forces, and conduct further stakeholder outreach as a part of its continuing area identification efforts.

**DATES:** Stakeholders should submit comments electronically or postmarked no later than May 21, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be submitted in one of the two following ways:

1. *Electronically:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. In the entry entitled, "Enter Keyword or ID," search

for BOEM-2018-0018. Follow the instructions to submit public comments in response to this document.

2. *Written Comments:* In written form, delivered by hand or by mail, enclosed in an envelope labeled, "Comments on Request for Feedback" to: Office of Renewable Energy Programs, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, 45600 Woodland Road, VAM-OREP, Sterling, Virginia 20166.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeffrey Browning, BOEM Office of Renewable Energy Programs, 45600 Woodland Road, VAM-OREP, Sterling, Virginia 20166, (703) 787-1577 or [Jeffrey.Browning@boem.gov](mailto:Jeffrey.Browning@boem.gov); Wright Frank, BOEM Office of Renewable Energy Programs, 45600 Woodland Road, VAM-OREP, Sterling, Virginia 20166, (703) 787-1325 or [Wright.Frank@boem.gov](mailto:Wright.Frank@boem.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Authority:* This notice is published pursuant to subsection 8(p) of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA) (43 U.S.C. 1337(p)), added by section 388 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, and the implementing regulations at 30 CFR 585.116.

*Overview:* In this notice, BOEM has initially identified the following factors to be considered in the analysis contemplated in this notice: