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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

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Number 1028-0122]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Berry Outlook

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice of information collection;
request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we,
the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) are
to renew an information collection with
revisions.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to
submit comments on or before October
22, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments on
this information collection request (ICR)
to the Office of Management and
Budget's Desk Officer for the
Department of the Interior by email at
OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov; or via
facsimile to (202) 395-5806. Please
provide a copy of your comments to
USGS, Information Collections
Clearance Officer, 12201 Sunrise Valley
Drive, MS 159, Reston, VA 20192; or by
email to gs-info_collections@usgs.gov.
Please reference OMB Control Number
1028-0122 in the subject line of your
comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To
request additional information about
this ICR, contact Nicole Herman-Mercer
by email at nhmercer@usgs.gov, or by
telephone at 303-236-5031. You may
also view the ICR at [http://
www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We, the
USGS, in accordance with the
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995,
provide the general public and other
Federal agencies with an opportunity to
comment on 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.

A **Federal Register** notice with a 60-
day public comment period soliciting
comments on this collection of
information was published on June 12,
2018 FR citation 83 FR 27342. No
comments were received.

We are again 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
USGS; (2) will this information be
processed and used in a timely manner;
(3) is the estimate of burden accurate;
(4) how might the USGS enhance the
quality, utility, and clarity of the
information to be collected; and (5) how
might the USGS 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. 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 may 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 Yukon-Kuskokwim
(YK) Delta Berry Outlook is a data and
observer driven ecological monitoring
and modeling framework that forecasts
changes in berry habitat and abundance
with environmental change. To create a
berry monitoring protocol and modeling
framework we will solicit local
knowledge of berry distribution and
abundance from members of YK delta
communities using a survey instrument.
This survey is comprised of two parts,
Part A and Part B. Part A consists of
propositions that respondents are asked
to agree or disagree with using a Likert
scale. Propositions are on the subject of
timing, abundance, and distribution of
four types of berries prevalent in the
region. Part B consists of questions
concerning the abundance of that year's
berry harvest.

Personally Identifiable Information
(PII) will be limited to four elements:
Names, phone numbers, emails, and the
name of the village they reside in. This
PII will be collected so that researchers
may communicate project results and
solicit feedback on the project itself for
evaluation purposes. Statistical analysis

will be performed on the survey
responses in to ascertain if a consensus
exists among participants within
villages and among villages.

The USGS mission is to serve the
Nation by providing reliable scientific
information to describe and understand
the Earth. This project will collect
information from individuals to better
understand the abundance, distribution,
and variability of berry resources in the
Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta region of
Alaska. The people of the YK delta hold
information about the long-term
distribution and abundance of berries
that is useful for understanding current
and future changes to berry habitat that
has the potential to impact wildlife
populations of the Yukon Delta region
and the Yukon Delta National Wildlife
Refuge.

Title of Collection: Yukon-
Kuskokwim Delta Berry Outlook.

OMB Control Number: 1028-0122.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Revision of a
currently approved collection.

Respondents/Affected Public:
Individuals residing in Alaska Native
Villages.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual
Respondents:* 150.

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Responses:* 150.

*Estimated Completion Time per
Response:* Twenty-five minutes.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual
Burden Hours:* 63.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Frequency of Collection: Part A one-
time; Part B annually.

*Total Estimated Annual Non-hour
Burden Cost:* None.

An agency 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.

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

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