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VA012 .....	77.79	72.60	WI031 .....	54.95	51.28	<b>Fish and Wildlife Service</b>
VA013 .....	62.80	58.61	WI043 .....	55.34	51.66	[Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2021-0008; FXIA16710900000-FF09A30000-223]
VA014 .....	62.80	58.61	WI045 .....	54.95	51.28	
VA015 .....	56.16	52.42	WI047 .....	54.95	51.28	
VA016 .....	78.90	73.64	WI048 .....	54.95	51.28	
VA017 .....	77.79	72.60	WI060 .....	89.79	83.81	
VA018 .....	56.16	52.42	WI064 .....	60.98	56.92	
VA019 .....	114.69	107.05	WI065 .....	55.34	51.66	<b>Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES); Nineteenth Regular Meeting; Tentative U.S. Negotiating Positions for Agenda Items and Species Proposals Submitted by Foreign Governments, the Permanent CITES Committees, and the CITES Secretariat</b>
VA020 .....	70.56	65.85	WI068 .....	55.85	52.12	
VA021 .....	56.16	52.42	WI069 .....	55.85	52.12	
VA022 .....	57.09	53.27	WI070 .....	54.95	51.28	
VA023 .....	57.09	53.27	WI083 .....	65.72	61.34	
VA024 .....	56.16	52.42	WI085 .....	54.95	51.28	
VA025 .....	77.79	72.60	WI091 .....	54.95	51.28	
VA028 .....	114.69	107.05	WI096 .....	54.95	51.28	
VA030 .....	56.16	52.42	WI127 .....	54.95	51.28	
VA031 .....	62.62	58.44	WI131 .....	54.95	51.28	
VA032 .....	62.62	58.44	WI142 .....	65.72	61.34	
VA034 .....	56.16	52.42	WI160 .....	54.95	51.28	
VA035 .....	114.69	107.05	WI166 .....	54.95	51.28	
VA036 .....	78.90	73.64	WI183 .....	60.04	56.03	
VA037 .....	56.30	52.54	WI186 .....	55.09	51.41	
VA038 .....	56.16	52.42	WI193 .....	54.95	51.28	
VA039 .....	77.79	72.60	WI195 .....	67.96	63.42	
VA040 .....	56.16	52.42	WI201 .....	65.72	61.34	
VA041 .....	77.79	72.60	WI203 .....	60.98	56.92	
VA042 .....	62.62	58.44	WI204 .....	55.85	52.12	
VA044 .....	57.06	53.26	WI205 .....	54.95	51.28	
VA046 .....	114.69	107.05	WI206 .....	54.95	51.28	
VA901 .....	70.56	65.85	WI208 .....	54.95	51.28	
VQ901 .....	97.78	91.26	WI213 .....	55.34	51.66	
VT001 .....	93.98	87.72	WI214 .....	73.14	68.27	
VT002 .....	82.48	76.98	WI218 .....	65.72	61.34	
VT003 .....	85.32	79.63	WI219 .....	60.98	56.92	
VT004 .....	84.47	78.84	WI221 .....	54.95	51.28	
VT005 .....	79.08	73.81	WI222 .....	54.95	51.28	
VT006 .....	93.98	87.72	WI231 .....	54.95	51.28	
VT008 .....	79.08	73.81	WI233 .....	54.95	51.28	
VT009 .....	79.93	74.60	WI237 .....	55.97	52.24	
VT901 .....	93.98	87.72	WI241 .....	54.95	51.28	
WA001 .....	101.38	94.60	WI242 .....	54.95	51.28	
WA002 .....	101.38	94.60	WI244 .....	60.32	56.30	
WA003 .....	89.54	83.57	WI245 .....	54.95	51.28	
WA004 .....	84.56	78.92	WI246 .....	55.58	51.87	
WA005 .....	86.08	80.36	WI248 .....	54.95	51.28	
WA006 .....	101.38	94.60	WI256 .....	54.95	51.28	
WA007 .....	69.02	64.42	WI901 .....	54.95	51.28	
WA008 .....	83.78	78.19	WV001 .....	73.20	68.32	
WA011 .....	101.38	94.60	WV003 .....	59.05	55.11	
WA012 .....	78.20	72.98	WV010 .....	60.35	56.32	
WA013 .....	78.47	73.23	WV015 .....	57.93	54.07	
WA014 .....	65.20	60.86	WV016 .....	61.97	56.94	
WA017 .....	67.21	62.73	WV006 .....	61.01	57.55	
WA018 .....	84.56	78.92	WV009 .....	61.66	59.50	
WA020 .....	69.02	64.42	WV017 .....	63.75	54.07	
WA021 .....	78.20	72.98	WV018 .....	57.93	57.84	
WA024 .....	99.35	92.71	WV027 .....	57.70	53.86	
WA025 .....	96.24	89.81	WV016 .....	57.70	53.86	
WA036 .....	89.54	83.57	WV037 .....	58.91	54.99	
WA039 .....	101.38	94.60	WV039 .....	60.35	56.32	
WA042 .....	81.31	75.88	WV042 .....	57.93	54.07	
WA049 .....	92.51	86.33	WV034 .....	57.70	53.86	
WA054 .....	86.08	80.36	WV035 .....	58.91	54.99	
WA055 .....	77.87	72.69	WV037 .....	58.91	54.07	
WA057 .....	84.54	78.90	WY003 .....	68.38	63.83	
WA061 .....	87.99	82.12	WY004 .....	102.96	96.10	
WA064 .....	80.07	74.72	WY045 .....	57.70	53.86	
WA071 .....	71.46	66.69	WY002 .....	85.45	79.76	
WI001 .....	66.42	61.99	WY003 .....	68.38	63.83	
WI002 .....	65.72	61.34	WY004 .....	63.83		<b>FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:</b> For information pertaining to resolutions,
WI003 .....	73.14	68.27	WY013 .....	68.38		
WI006 .....	62.88	58.69				
WI011 .....	55.85	52.12				
WI020 .....	89.79	83.81				

decisions, and other agenda items, contact Naimah Aziz, Chief, Division of Management Authority; telephone 703-358-2095; email [managementauthority@fws.gov](mailto:managementauthority@fws.gov). For information pertaining to species proposals, contact Rosemarie Gnam, Chief, Division of Scientific Authority; telephone 703-358-1708; email [scientificauthority@fws.gov](mailto:scientificauthority@fws.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Background**

The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, hereinafter referred to as CITES or the Convention, is an international treaty designed to control and regulate international trade in certain animal and plant species that are or may be affected by trade and are now, or potentially may become, threatened with extinction. These species are included in Appendices to CITES, which can be found on the CITES Secretariat's website at <https://cites.org/eng/app/applications.php>.

Currently there are 184 Parties to CITES—183 countries and 1 regional economic integration organization, the European Union. The Convention calls for regular biennial meetings of the Conference of the Parties, unless the Conference decides otherwise. At these meetings, the Parties review the implementation of CITES, make provisions enabling the CITES Secretariat in Switzerland to carry out its functions, consider amendments to the list of species in appendices I and II, consider reports presented by the Secretariat and the permanent CITES committees (Standing, Animals, and Plants Committees), and make recommendations to improve the effectiveness of CITES. Any country that is a Party to CITES may propose amendments to appendices I and II, as well as resolutions, decisions, and agenda items for consideration by all the Parties at the meetings.

##### **CoP19 Federal Register Notices**

This is our fifth in a series of **Federal Register** notices on the development of U.S. submissions and tentative negotiating positions for CoP19. In this notice, we announce the availability of tentative U.S. negotiating positions on species proposals, draft resolutions and decisions, and agenda items submitted by other Parties, the permanent CITES committees, and the Secretariat for consideration at CoP19. We published our first CoP19-related **Federal Register** notice on March 2, 2021 (86 FR 12199), in which we requested information and recommendations on animal and plant species proposals and proposed

resolutions, decisions, and agenda items for the United States to consider submitting for consideration at CoP19. We published our second CoP19-related **Federal Register** notice on March 7, 2022 (87 FR 12719); that notice described proposed resolutions, decisions, and agenda items that the United States might submit for consideration at CoP19 and provided information on how U.S. nongovernmental organizations can attend CoP19 as observers. In our third CoP19-related **Federal Register** notice, published on April 26, 2022 (87 FR 24577), we responded to recommendations received from the public concerning proposed amendments to the CITES Appendices (species proposals) that the United States might submit for consideration at CoP19 and invited public comments and information on these proposals. In our fourth CoP19-related **Federal Register** notice, published on August 22, 2022 (87 FR 51441), we announced the provisional agenda for CoP19, solicited comments on the items on the provisional agenda, and announced a virtual public meeting on September 6, 2022.

A link to the complete list of those **Federal Register** notices, along with information on U.S. preparations for CoP19, can be found at <https://www.fws.gov/program/cites/conference-parties-cites>. The notices and public comments received can be viewed at <https://www.regulations.gov> in Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2021-0008. Our regulations governing this public process are found in title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 23.87. Pursuant to 50 CFR 23.87(a)(3)(iii), with this notice we are announcing that on or before November 13, 2022, we will post on <https://www.regulations.gov> (see Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2021-0008) and on our website (<https://www.fws.gov/program/cites/conference-parties-cites>) a summary of our tentative negotiating positions on the items included on the CoP19 agenda and proposed amendments to the Appendices, and the reasons for our tentative positions.

##### **Announcement of Provisional Agenda for CoP19**

The provisional agenda for CoP19 can be accessed on the CITES Secretariat's website at <https://cites.org/eng/cop/19/agenda-documents>. The working documents associated with the items on the provisional agenda, including proposed resolutions, proposed decisions, and discussion documents, are also available on that website. The species proposals to be considered at

CoP19 are also available on the Secretariat's website and can be accessed at <https://cites.org/eng/cop/19/amendment-proposals>.

##### **Tentative Negotiating Positions**

On or before November 13, 2022, we will post on <https://www.regulations.gov> (see Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2021-0008) and on our website (<https://www.fws.gov/program/cites/conference-parties-cites>) a summary of our tentative negotiating positions on the items included on the CoP19 agenda and proposed amendments to the Appendices, and the reasons for our tentative positions. Documents submitted by the United States either alone or as a co-proponent for consideration by the Parties at CoP19 can be found on the Secretariat's website at <https://cites.org/eng/meetings/cop>. Those documents are: Documents CoP19 Docs. 29.2.2, 52 (co-sponsored by Canada, Côte d'Ivoire, Kenya, Mexico, Nigeria, and Senegal), 55, 64.2 (co-sponsored by Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, and Peru), 66.7 (co-sponsored by Malawi and Senegal), and 69.2 (co-sponsored by Maldives, Monaco, Nigeria, Peru, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Togo, and the United Kingdom). The United States also submitted or co-sponsored the following proposals: Proposals CoP19 Props. 7, 9 (co-sponsored with Malaysia and Singapore), 10, 17, 20, 21, 23, 24, 29 (co-sponsored with Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Mexico, and Panama), 31, 32, 34 (co-sponsored with Argentina, Brazil, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Gabon, Guinea, Niger, Panama, Peru, and Togo), 42 (co-sponsored with European Union and Seychelles), and 45 (co-sponsored with China, European Union, Ukraine, and United Kingdom). We will not provide any additional explanation of the U.S. negotiating positions for documents and proposals that the United States submitted or co-sponsored. The introduction in the text of each of those documents includes a discussion of the background of the issue and the rationale for submitting the document.

New information that may become available prior to or at CoP19 could lead to modifications of tentative U.S. positions. The U.S. delegation will disclose changes in our negotiating positions and the explanations for those changes during public briefings at CoP19. Species proposals are considered pursuant to 50 CFR 23.89. The United States is concerned about the budgetary implications and workload burden that will be placed upon the Parties, the Committees, and

the Secretariat, and intends to evaluate all proposed resolutions, decisions, and other agenda items for CoP19 in view of these concerns.

#### Information on CoP19 Results

Information concerning the results of CoP19 will be available after the close of the meeting on the Secretariat's website at <http://www.cites.org>, or upon request from the Division of Management Authority (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**), or on our website (<https://www.fws.gov/program/cites/conference-parties-cites>).

#### Author

The primary author of this notice is Anne St. John, Division of Management Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

#### Signing Authority

Martha Williams, Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, approved this action on October 19, 2022, for publication. On October 26, 2022, Martha Williams authorized the undersigned to sign the document electronically and submit it to the Office of the Federal Register for publication as an official document of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

#### Authority

The authority for this action is the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

#### Madonna Baucum,

*Chief, Policy and Regulations Branch, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Geological Survey

**[GX23DK20UQP3000; OMB Control Number—1028-NEW]**

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Broad Agency Announcement for Water Monitoring Technologies

**AGENCY:** U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) is proposing a new information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 3, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your comments on this information collection request (ICR) by mail to U.S. Geological Survey, Information Collections Officer, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 159, Reston, VA 20192; or by email to [gs-info\\_collections@usgs.gov](mailto:gs-info_collections@usgs.gov). Please reference OMB Control Number 1028-NEW in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this ICR, contact Brian Pellerin by email at [bpeller@usgs.gov](mailto:bpeller@usgs.gov), or by telephone at 703-648-6865. Individuals who are hearing or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 for TTY assistance. You may also view the ICR at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with PRA and 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), all information collections require approval. We may not conduct or sponsor, nor are you required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, we invite the public and other Federal agencies 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 especially interested in public comment addressing the following:

(1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;

(2) The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) How the agency might minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of response.

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 personally identifiable information (PII) in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your PII—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your PII from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Abstract:** The USGS Water Mission Area (WMA) operates more than 13,000 real-time water monitoring stations across the United States that provide data vital to understanding water availability and water quality. These data are used by other Federal agencies, state and local governments, and water-management groups to effectively manage this precious natural resource. The public also benefits from this network through important flood and drought warnings as well as informing recreational users of current conditions so they can make safe and economical decisions about accessing rivers, lakes, and reservoirs.

The WMA is seeking proposals from industry, academia, nonprofits, and research institutions for the research and development of innovative water-monitoring technologies that could be deployed as part of the Next Generation Water Observing System (NGWOS) effort ongoing within the USGS. The NGWOS Program is an effort to enhance USGS monitoring in space and time to support resource assessments, water management, and ultimately water prediction.

The USGS plans to issue contracts and cooperative agreements in support of this program through a Broad Agency Announcement (BAA), which is a competitive solicitation issued to facilitate the cooperative development of next generation water-monitoring technologies. Single entities or teams from the private sector, academic institutions, Federal agencies, state and local governments, and tribes are eligible to submit proposals. No group of entities is excluded from eligibility. The USGS collects information from applicants about their proposed research activities and team capabilities and then uses that information to determine awards.

**Title of Collection:** Broad Agency Announcement.

**OMB Control Number:** 1028-NEW.

**Form Number:** None.

**Type of Review:** New.

**Respondents/Affected Public:** Single entities or teams from the private sector, academic institutions, Federal agencies, state and local governments, and tribes are eligible to submit proposals.