

BURDEN ESTIMATES FOR DATA COLLECTION RESEARCH ACTIVITIES—Continued

Information collection	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Responses per year	Burden hour per response	Annual burden hours	Hourly cost per response	Annual cost
Cost Study Questionnaire .....	40	1	40	1.5	60	34.73	2,083.80
Cost Study Checklist .....	40	1	40	.10	4	34.73	138.92
Total .....	8,160	.....	.....	.....	2,184	.....	27,789.72

**B. Solicitation of Public Comment**

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected parties concerning the collection of information described in Section A on the following:

(1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;

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

(4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.

**C. Authority**

Section 2 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507.

**Anna Guido,**

*Department Clearance Officer, Office of Policy Development and Research, Chief Data Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

[Docket No. FWS-R7-ES-2025-0037; FXES111607MRG01-256-FF07CAMP00]

**Marine Mammal Protection Act; Permit Applications and Issuances**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of permit applications; notice of issuance of permits.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), invite public comment on applications for permits to conduct certain activities involving

marine mammals for which the Service has jurisdiction under the Marine Mammal Protection Act. In addition, we announce permits that we have issued recently in response to prior applications.

**DATES:** We must receive comments on the new permit applications by July 7, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Obtaining Documents:*

- *Application Materials:* The applications, application supporting materials, and any comments and other materials that we receive are available for public inspection at <https://www.regulations.gov> in Docket No. FWS-R7-ES-2025-0037.

- *Issued Permits:* To access materials pertaining to the permits we have issued, see Permits Issued by the Service under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

*Submitting Comments on the Applications:* You may submit comments containing written data or views concerning the taking or importation proposed in each application by one of the following methods:

- *Internet:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Search for and submit comments on Docket No. FWS-R7-ES-2025-0037.

- *U.S. Mail:* Public Comments Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS-R7-ES-2025-0037; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Headquarters, MS: PRB/3W; 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.

For more information, see Public Comment Procedures under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Katrina Liebich, via email at [r7mmmregulatory@fws.gov](mailto:r7mmmregulatory@fws.gov) or by telephone at 907-786-3800. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

With some exceptions, the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), prohibits the take and importation of marine mammals and marine mammal products absent Federal authorization. In carrying out our responsibilities under the MMPA, we, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), may authorize such activities via permits after receipt of an application and verification that MMPA statutory and regulatory requirements are met.

Section 104(c) of the MMPA specifies the conditions for authorizing the taking or importation of a marine mammal for purposes of scientific research, public display, or enhancing the survival or recovery of a species or stock under the MMPA.

This notice provides information about two aspects of the MMPA permitting process: application and issuance. In section II, we provide the public with notice of and the opportunity to comment on applications that we have received from entities or individuals to conduct certain activities with marine mammals for which the Service has jurisdiction under the MMPA. In section III, we announce recently issued MMPA permits to entities or individuals in response to prior applications.

**II. Applications Available for Public Review**

To help us carry out our conservation responsibilities for affected species, and in consideration of section 104(c) of the MMPA, we invite the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies to comment on the applications listed below before final action is taken. Concurrent with publishing this notice in the **Federal Register**, we are forwarding copies of these marine mammal applications to the Marine Mammal Commission and the Committee of Scientific Advisors for their review.

*A. Permit Applications Received*

We invite comments on the following applications:

Applicant: U.S. Geological Survey, Anchorage, AK; Permit No. PER19222522

The applicant requests a modification to their scientific research permit to test methods for a new immobilization protocol for Pacific walrus (*Odobenus rosmarus divergens*). The study will occur in the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas on wild walrus. This research is required before transmitters could be attached to walrus, which in turn would increase our understanding of walrus biology and inform future conservation actions. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Marine Mammals Management Office, Anchorage, AK; Permit No. PER18107557

The applicant requests a renewal and modification of their scientific research permit to conduct scientific research on polar bears (*Ursus maritimus*). Research will involve monitoring and mitigating human-polar bear conflicts on Alaska’s North Slope; evaluating the distance at which wild polar bears on the Beaufort seashore respond to boat traffic; aerial distance sampling of polar bears in the Chukchi Sea; monitoring polar bear physiology via implantable biologgers; and noninvasive DNA sampling of polar bears by collecting hair, scat, and skin cells from paw prints. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Dr. Puckett, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN; Permit No. PER 14048379

The applicant requests a scientific research permit to conduct a study on polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) genetics and characteristics of hair and skin using samples collected from wild polar bears and captive-held polar bears. This notification covers activities to be

conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

*B. Public Comment Procedures*

1. How do I comment on permit applications?

Before issuing any requested permit, we will take into consideration any information that we receive during the public comment period.

You may submit your comments and materials by one of the methods in **ADDRESSES**. We will not consider comments sent by email, or to an address not in **ADDRESSES**. We will not consider or include in our administrative record comments that we receive after the close of the comment period (see **DATES**).

When submitting comments, please specify the name of the applicant and the permit number at the beginning of your comment. Provide sufficient information to allow us to authenticate any scientific or commercial data you include. The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are: (a) Those supported by quantitative information or studies; and (b) those that include citations to, and analyses of, the applicable laws and regulations.

2. May I review comments submitted by others?

You may view public comments at <https://www.regulations.gov> unless our allowing so would violate the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) or other Federal law.

3. Who will see my comments?

If you submit a comment at <https://www.regulations.gov>, your entire comment, including any personal identifying information, will be posted on the website. If you submit a hardcopy comment that includes personal identifying information, such as your address, phone number, or email address, you may request at the

top of your document that we withhold this information from public review. However, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Moreover, all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety.

*C. Next Steps for Submitted Applications*

After the comment period closes, we will make decisions regarding permit issuance. If we issue permits to any of the applicants listed above in this notice, we will publish a subsequent notice in the **Federal Register**. You may locate the notice announcing the permit issuance by searching <https://www.regulations.gov> for the permit number listed above in this document. For example, to find information about the potential issuance of Permit No. 12345A, you would go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for “12345A”.

**III. Permits Issued by the Service**

We have issued permits to conduct certain activities involving marine mammals and marine mammal products in response to prior permit applications that we received. This notice informs the public that the Service has issued the permits listed in table 1 below.

The permittees’ original permit application materials, along with public comments we received during public comment periods for the applications, are available for review. To locate the application materials and received comments, go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for the appropriate permit number (e.g., PER12345) or docket number (e.g., FWS–R7–ES–2024–0148) provided in table 1.

TABLE 1—MMPA PERMITS RECENTLY ISSUED

Permit No.	Applicant	Permit issuance date	Docket No.
PER12241375 .....	Seattle Aquarium Society .....	3/5/25	FWS–R7–ES–2024–0148.
PER12101045 .....	Pioneer Studios .....	3/5/25	FWS–R7–ES–2024–0148.

#### IV. Authority

We issue this notice under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and its implementing regulations.

**Peter Fasbender,**

*Assistant Regional Director, Fisheries and Ecological Services, Alaska Region.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

##### Geological Survey

[GX23DJ56UFK1000; OMB Control Number 1028–NEW]

##### Agency Information Collection Activities; USGS Water Use Data Acquisition

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

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

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

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments. To be considered, your comments must be received on or before July 7, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by one of the following methods:

- *Internet:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Search for and submit comments on Docket No. USGS–2025–0012.

▪ *U.S. Mail:* USGS, Information Collections Clearance Officer, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 159, Reston, VA 20192.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Cheryl A. Dieter by email at [cadieter@usgs.gov](mailto:cadieter@usgs.gov), or by telephone at 443–883–0761. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States. You may also view the ICR at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.* and 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), 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.

A **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day public comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on November 16, 2023, (88 FR 78780). The following comments were received:

*Comment 1:* Is this a 60-day or 30-day notice? The text is confusing as to which it is. Also, the text refers to year 2020 in the future tense. *Agency Response to Comment 1:* The link provided is to the 60-day notice. Regarding the reference to 2020, it was not a mistake, as models are being developed to estimate water use for 2020. The models will continue to be expanded to estimate water use for additional years, 2021, 2022, etc. We will work to clarify this in subsequent documents. *Comment 2:* Can you send me the draft ICR materials, particularly the draft data-collection instruments and supporting statements parts A and B? *Agency Response to Comment 2:* No response or action taken as data-collection instruments and supporting statements were not final.

As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, we are again soliciting comments from the public and other Federal agencies on the proposed ICR that is described below. 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. 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:** This notice identifies an information collection activity that the USGS Water Availability and Use Science Program has submitted to OMB for approval to collect information on the use of water resources in the United States. The information is used by USGS scientists to estimate water use in several categories including (but not limited to) public-supply, domestic, irrigation, thermoelectric-cooling, industrial, mining, aquaculture, and livestock applications. USGS national water-use estimates are disseminated to stakeholders and the general public on an ongoing basis and fulfill requirements of the SECURE Water Act, Secure Water Act of 2009, Public Law 111–11, title IX, secs. 9501–9507, 123 Stat. 1316 (2009).

The information also supports regional and national water-availability studies in the United States. The USGS has produced estimates of annual water use by category aggregated at the county and State levels every 5 years since 1950. For 2020, models will be used to produce the estimates, and they will be made at a higher temporal and spatial resolution than previous years' estimates. Model estimates are dependent on validation using the data collected nationally for specific water-use facilities. USGS water-use specialists will request reported water-use data annually from non-Federal agencies. Respondents can provide relevant data in a variety of electronic formats, usually via websites, file sharing, or email.

*Title of Collection:* USGS Water Use Data Acquisition.

*OMB Control Number:* 1028–NEW.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* New.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* State, local, and Tribal government water-resources management agencies.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:* 160.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 160.

*Estimated Completion Time per Response:* 4 hours.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 640.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Frequency of Collection:* Annually.

*Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost:* None.