

Paperwork Reduction Act and the Privacy Act – Notices

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501, et seq.) and the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), please be advised that:

1. The gathering of information on fish and wildlife restoration expenditures is authorized by:
 - Pub. L. 106-408, Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs Improvement Act of 2000 (Section 133(d)(1)).
2. Submission of requested information is required and authorized under the above authority. Response is not required unless a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number is displayed.
3. There will be no routine annual publication of certification forms in the Federal Register under this program. However, the Fish and Wildlife Service may make the form available on its Federal Aid Web site.
4. Routine use disclosures may also be made:
 - (a) to the U.S. Department of Justice when related to litigation or anticipated litigation,
 - (b) as information indicating a violation or potential violation of a statute, regulation, rule, policy, or Court order to appropriate Federal, State, or local agency responsible for investigation or prosecuting such violation, or for enforcing or implementing the statute, regulation, rule, policy, or order,
 - (c) in response to a request from a congressional office, or
 - (d) in conjunction with audit of State records.
5. No personal information such as home address and telephone number, financial data, and personal identifiers (Social Security Number, birth date, etc.) are part of this certification form.
6. The public reporting burden for this information collection is 30 minutes. This burden estimate includes time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of the form to the Service Information Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Mail Stop 222, Arlington Square, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240.

Freedom of Information Act - Notice

There is no confidential information collected on this form. All information on this form may be made available to the public under FOIA [43 CFR 2].

Certification Processing Fee

There is no certification form processing fee.

Completion Time and Annual Response Estimate:

Form name	Completion time per form	Annual response	Annual burden (In hours)
State Certification of Expenditures	½ Hour	60 Forms	30

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Rebecca Mullin,

Fish and Wildlife Service, Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Information Collection for Monitoring Species After Delisting Under the Endangered Species Act

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The collection of information described below has been submitted to OMB for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Copies of specific information collection requirements, related forms and explanatory material may be obtained by contacting the Information Collection Clearance Officer of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at the address and/or phone numbers listed below (see ADDRESSES).

DATES: OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove information collection but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, to ensure maximum

consideration, you must submit comments on or before January 30, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments on specific requirements to the Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Department of the Interior Desk Officer, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503, and to Rebecca A. Mullin, Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Mail Stop 222-ARLSQ; 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203, 703/358-2287.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To receive a copy of the information collection approval request, explanatory

information and related forms, contact Rebecca A. Mullin, Information Collection Clearance Officer (see ADDRESSES). Questions related to the Endangered Species Act requirements for monitoring of recovered species may be directed to Renne Lohofener, Chief, Division of Consultation, Habitat Conservation Plans, Recovery, and State Grants, 703/358-2171.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR Part 1320, which implement the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). OMB regulations at 5 CFR 1320.3(c) define the collection of information as the obtaining of information by or for an agency by means of identical questions posed to, or identical reporting, record-keeping, or disclosure requirements imposed on 10 or more persons. Furthermore, 5 CFR 1320.3(c)(4) specifies that "10 or more persons" refers to the persons to whom a collection of information is addressed by the agency within any 12-month period. For the purposes of this definition, employees of the Federal government are not included in the definition of "persons." Federal agencies 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.

Section 4(g) of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) requires that all species that are recovered and removed from the lists of endangered and threatened species (delisted) be monitored for a period of not less than 5 years. The purpose of this requirement is to detect any failure of a recovered species to sustain itself without the protections of the ESA. We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) work with relevant State agencies and other species experts to develop appropriate plans and procedures for systematically monitoring recovered wildlife and plants. In many cases, collections of information from monitoring of recovered species will not require approval by OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act because monitoring will require collection of information from less than 10 non-Federal persons per 12-month period.

We submitted the following information collection requirements to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995,

Public Law 104-13. A previous 60-day notice on this information collection requirement was published in the **Federal Register** on October 10, 2001, (66 FR 51681) inviting public comment for 60 days. The comment period expired on December 10, 2001, and no comments were received. This notice provides an additional 30 days in which to comment on the following information. We are requesting that OMB grant a 3-year term of approval for these information collection activities. The information collection requirements in this submission implement the regulatory requirements of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1539).

On October 17, 1998, OMB approved information collection relative to monitoring of the American peregrine falcon. OMB control number 1018-0101, Information Collection Requirements for Monitoring Peregrine Falcons Once the Species is Delisted, estimated that we would request 20 responses per year, requiring 12 annual burden hours on the part of respondents. The American peregrine falcon was removed from the list of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife on August 25, 1999, but formal collection of monitoring data under section 4(g) of the ESA has not yet commenced. OMB approval under control number 1018-0101 expires on December 31, 2001.

We have consolidated its information collection requirements pursuant to the monitoring of all recovered species, including the American peregrine falcon, that will require identical questions posed to 10 or more non-Federal persons per 12-month period, thereby streamlining fulfillment of monitoring requirements for recovered species. Information collection meeting these criteria will usually be limited to species with large geographic ranges that include substantial amounts of non-Federal land. Although the ESA requires that monitoring of recovered species be conducted for not less than 5 years, the life history of some species will make it appropriate to monitor the species for a longer period of time in order to meaningfully evaluate whether the recovered species continues to maintain itself. In such cases, collection of monitoring data may occur on a multi-year interval (for example, data may be collected every second year, totaling eight information collections over a 15-year period). Information collection will commonly include data on species abundance, reproduction rates, and, in some cases, impacts of potential threats to the species. Data compilation and preparation of responses will generally be performed by professional biologists

employed by Federal and State agencies and other organizations that have been involved in past species conservation efforts. Information requests may vary by respondent, and both requests and responses will primarily be in written format. Forms are not appropriate for this type of information collection, as effective requests and responses must accommodate variability in species across their geographic range and allow respondents latitude for full and accurate communication of the data.

We expect that, in addition to the American peregrine falcon, three to four other species may be removed from the list of threatened and endangered species due to recovery and will require collection of post-delisting monitoring information from 10 or more persons within a 12-month period before the end of 2004. Therefore, we are requesting a change to the currently approved information collection for the American peregrine falcon to include these additional species.

Annual burden estimates for collection of monitoring data for all recovered species pursuant to section 4(g) of the ESA, between January 1, 2002, and December 31, 2004, and requiring OMB approvals under the Paperwork Reduction Act are summarized below. Annual variation reflects monitoring of the American peregrine falcon in 2002 only (the next monitoring period for this species will occur in 2005) and anticipated increases in the number of other recovered species:

Year	Estimated number of respondents per year	Estimated average time required per report (In hours)	Average total annual burden hours
2002	95	2	190
2003	110	2	220
2004	135	2	270

Comments are invited on (1) whether the collection of information described in this notice is necessary for the proper performance of monitoring of recovered species as prescribed in section 4(g) of the ESA, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the 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; (4) ways to minimize the burden of the

collection of information on respondents. The information collections in this program will be part of a system of records covered by the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552(a)).

Dated: December 18, 2001.

Rebecca A. Mullin,

Fish and Wildlife Service, Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Receipt of Applications for Permit

Endangered Species

The public is invited to comment on the following application(s) for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*).

Written data, comments, or requests for copies of these complete applications should be submitted to the Director (address below) and must be received within 30 days of the date of this notice. *Applicant:* Ronald L. Schauer, Danville, CA, PRT-051011

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo, Omaha, NE, PRT-051046.

The applicant requests a permit to export semen samples from captive born Western lowland gorilla (*Gorilla gorilla*) to the University of Sydney, Australia, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through scientific research.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has information collection approval from OMB through March 31, 2004, OMB Control Number 1018-0093. Federal Agencies may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a current valid OMB control number.

Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents within 30

days of the date of publication of this notice to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203, telephone 703/358-2104 or fax 703/358-2281.

Dated: December 14, 2001.

Anna Barry,

Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Western Regional Panel

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of workshop and meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) Task Force Western Regional Panel and an Invasive Species Screening Process workshop. The meeting topics and workshop agenda are identified in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

DATES: The Invasive Species Screening Process workshop will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 8, 2002, and 9 a.m. to noon, Wednesday, January 9, 2002. The Western Regional Panel will meet from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 9, 2002, and 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Thursday, January 10, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The Invasive Species Screening Process workshop and the Western Regional Panel meeting will be held at the Hotel San Remo, 115 East Tropicana Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89109. Phone 800-522-7366.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tina Proctor, Aquatic Nuisance Species Coordinator, at 303-236-7862 ext 260 or by e-mail at bettina_proctor@fws.gov; or Sharon Gross, Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force at 703-358-2308 or by e-mail at sharon_gross@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. I), this notice announces a meeting of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Western Regional Panel and an Invasive Species Screening Process workshop. The Task Force was established by the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and

Control Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 4701-4741). The purpose of the Invasive Species Screening Process workshop is to discuss methods for screening nonindigenous invasive species imported for sale or introduced into natural water bodies. A goal of the workshop is to bring affected parties together to discuss cooperative options to prevent the introduction of invasive species. Topics to be covered during the workshop include shipping industry perspective for the importation of invasive species; perspectives from nursery, pet, and aquaculture industries; Australia's invasive species screening program; Federal screening process and under development by the National Invasive Species Council and the ANS Task Force; an overview of screening programs in Washington, Oregon, and Hawaii; and a panel discussion on developing an invasive species screening process. The Western Regional Panel will discuss several topics including: Facilitation of State Aquatic Nuisance Species Management Plans; development of a rapid response plan; and development of a brochure and display; an update on aquatic nuisance species activities from individual states; a summary of the Invasive Species Screening Process workshop; a review of the new work plan and budget; NISA reauthorization; and updates on West Coast ballast water 100th Meridian initiative, and Lewis and Clark activities.

Minutes of the meeting will be maintained by the Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Suite 810, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203-1622 and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Friday.

Dated: December 17, 2001.

Cathleen I. Short,

Co-Chair, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Assistant Director—Fisheries and Habitat Conservation.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Technology Transfer Act 1986; Notice

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of proposed Cooperative Research & Development Agreement (CRADA) negotiations.

SUMMARY: The United States Geological Survey (USGS) is contemplating