

licensed, and information needed to issue payments directly to child care providers.

Authority for the Interior Department's childcare subsidy program is found in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2001, Public Law 106-544, which permits Federal agencies to use appropriated funds available for salaries to assist lower income employees with their child care costs. (See Section 633 of H.R. 5658, incorporated by reference into Public Law 106-544.) The authority in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2001 expires at the end of fiscal year 2001. If legislation is enacted extending the authority, the Department may choose to continue to operate this program if appropriated funds are available. The notice of establishment of this system of records is intended to cover the potential extension of the program.

It is estimated that one percent of Interior Department employees might be eligible for the subsidy. If one percent apply for the subsidy, the total number of individual records will not exceed 6000.

The Interior Department proposes to enter into a contract with a non-federal organization to process the applications and implement the program. This contractor will receive employees completed applications and determine eligibility and tuition assistance amount based on a formula determined by the Interior Department. The non-federal organization is currently administering the childcare subsidy programs for other federal agencies, and as a result currently handles federal employee personal information and has established procedures to minimize the risk of unauthorized access to the system of records. The contract between the Interior Department and the non-federal organization will require the organization to adhere to federal standards of privacy.

The new system of records will collect income and provider data on an application form ("Child Care Provider Information Form—OPM Form 1644" [OMB Clearance Number 3206-0240]) submitted by employees. The application will only request personal data that is necessary to determine whether an employee is eligible for the subsidy and information necessary to administer the subsidy for eligible employees. The system will contain information from only those individuals who choose to apply for the subsidy. The proposed collection of records will only be used for the purpose of determining eligibility, determining the

amount of the subsidy, and for administration of the subsidy program.

The proposal relates to State and local governments. One of the requirements of the subsidy is for childcare providers to be licensed or regulated in the state or location in which they operate. Childcare providers will be required to submit a copy of their latest license and/or statement of compliance from their state and/or local authority.

This system of records does not entail any changes to computer installations, communications networks, or any other general changes in information collection, handling, storage or dissemination.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Information Collection to be Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Approval Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent To Request Information Collection Authority.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, will be submitting to the OMB the collection of information described for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Copies of specific information collection requirements and explanatory material may be obtained by contacting our Information Collection Clearance Officer at the address or phone number listed below.

DATES: You must submit comments on or before April 16, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Your comments and suggestions on specific requirements should be sent to our Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 222, ARLSQ, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20240; Telephone 703/358-1943.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeffrey L. Horwath, Division of Fish and Wildlife Management Assistance and Habitat Restoration, Arlington, Virginia, at 703/358-1718.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We propose to submit the following information collection clearance requirements to the OMB for review and approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13. We currently have OMB approval #1018-0070, which expires 10/31/01.

Your comments are invited on: (1) Whether this collection of information is necessary for us to properly perform our functions, including whether this information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of our estimate of burden, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions we use; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information we are proposing to collect; 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, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to a collection of information unless the agency displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Section 101(a)(5)(A) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 authorizes us, acting on behalf of the Secretary of the Interior, to allow the incidental, unintentional take of small numbers of marine mammals during a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) in a specified geographic region. Prior to allowing these takes, however, we must find that the total of such taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stocks, and will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stocks for subsistence uses by Alaska Natives.

The information that we propose to collect will be used to evaluate applications for specific incidental take regulations from the oil and gas industry to determine whether such regulations, and subsequent Letters of Authorization (LOA), should be issued; the information is needed to establish the scope of specific incidental take regulations. The information is also required to evaluate the impacts of the activities on the species or stocks of the marine mammals and on their availability for subsistence uses by Alaska Natives. It will ensure that all available means for minimizing the incidental take associated with a specific activity are considered by applicants.

We estimate that the burden associated with the request will be a total of 3,140 hours for the full 3-year period of OMB authorization. Two hundred hours will be required to complete the request for specific procedural regulations. For each LOA expected to be requested and issued subsequent to issuance of specific procedural regulations, we estimate that 20 hours will be invested: 8 hours will be required to complete each request for

a LOA, 4 hours will be required for on-site monitoring activities, and 8 hours will be required to complete each final monitoring report. We estimate that seven companies will be requesting LOAs and submitting monitoring reports annually for each of seven sites in the region covered by the specific regulations.

Title: Marine Mammals: Incidental Take During Specified Activities.

Bureau form number: None.

Frequency of collection: Biannually.

Description of respondents: Oil and gas industry companies.

Number of respondents: 7 for each of 7 active sites per year (49).

Estimated completion time: For the one time request to promulgate the procedural rule, a 200-hour application burden is estimated. Annually for three years, 8 hours per LOA, 4 hours for on-site monitoring, and 8 hours per final monitoring reports are estimated for each requesting company for seven active sites (20 hours × 7 companies × 7 sites = 980 hours × 3 years = 2,940 + 200 = 3,140 hours burden for three years).

Burden estimate: 3,140 hours.

Dated: February 9, 2001.

Rebecca A. Mullin,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Receipt of Applications for Permit

Endangered Species

The following applicants have applied 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 or comments should be submitted to the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203 and must be received by the Director within 30 days of the date of this publication.

Applicant: Joe Milton Thompson, Bonsall, CA

PRT-038549

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: Diane C. Brumbelow, Dallas, TX

PRT-038559

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: Duke University, Durham, NC

PRT-038508

The applicant requests a permit to export and re-import non-living museum specimens of endangered and threatened species of plants and animals previously accessioned into the permittee's collection, for scientific research. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant for a five year period.

Marine Mammals

The public is invited to comment on the following application(s) for a permit to conduct certain activities with marine mammals. The application(s) was submitted to satisfy requirements of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing marine mammals (50 CFR 18).

Written data, comments or requests for copies of these complete applications or requests for a public hearing on these applications should be sent to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203, telephone 703/358-2104 or fax 703/358-2281. These requests must be received within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice. Anyone requesting a hearing should give specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate. The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Director.

PRT-038448

Applicant: Iskande L. V. Larkin, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

Permit Type: scientific research.

Name and Number of Animals: Florida manatee (*Trichechus manatus*), 5 females.

Summary of Activity to be Authorized: The applicant requests a permit to study the reproductive physiology and indicators of stress by taking and using urine, fecal, blood, and vaginal smear samples from 4 captive

females and fecal samples from 1 wild female to measure steroid and protein reproductive hormone concentrations and glucocorticosteroids.

Source of Marine Mammals: 2 captive females at Miami Seaquarium; 2 captive females at Living Seas, Epcot; 1 wild female as identified and tagged by Sirenia Project personnel.

Period of Activity: 1 year.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the Division of Management Authority is forwarding copies of the above applications to the Marine Mammal Commission and the Committee of Scientific Advisors for their review.

Applicant: James Grookett, Rockledge, PA

PRT-037534

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted prior to May 31, 2000, from the McClintock Channel polar bear population in Canada for personal use.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife has information collection approval from OMB through February 28, 2001. 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 to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone: (703/358-2104); FAX: (703/358-2281).

Dated: February 2, 2001.

Anna Barry,

Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Availability of the Final Comprehensive Conservation Plans and Finding of No Significant Impact for Edwin B. Forsythe and Cape May National Wildlife Refuges, the Jersey Coast Refuges

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has prepared Final Comprehensive Conservation Plans, an associated Environmental Assessment, and a Finding of No Significant Impact for