

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service**

[FWS-R9-MB-2008-N0324] [91200-1231-00AP-M4]

Information Collection Sent to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Approval; OMB Control Number 1018-0010; Mourning Dove Call Count Survey**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We (Fish and Wildlife Service) have sent an Information Collection Request (ICR) to OMB for review and approval. The ICR, which is summarized below, describes the nature of the collection and the estimated burden and cost. This ICR is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2008. We 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. However, under OMB regulations, we may continue to conduct or sponsor this information collection while it is pending at OMB.

DATES: You must send comments on or before January 9, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments and suggestions on this ICR to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior at OMB-OIRA at (202) 395-6566 (fax) or OIRA_DOCKET@OMB.eop.gov (e-mail). Please provide a copy of your comments to Hope Grey, Information Collection Clearance Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 222-ARLSQ, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203 (mail) or hope_grey@fws.gov (e-mail).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this ICR, contact Hope Grey by mail or e-mail (see ADDRESSES) or by telephone at (703) 358-2482.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:*OMB Control Number:* 1018-0010.*Title:* Mourning Dove Call Count Survey.*Service Form Number(s):* 3-159.*Type of Request:* Extension of currently approved collection.*Affected Public:* State, local, and tribal employees.*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.*Frequency of Collection:* Annually.*Estimated Annual Number of Responses:* 912.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 3,314 hours. We believe 80 percent of the respondents will enter data electronically, with an average

reporting burden of 3 hours and 40 minutes per respondent. For all others, we estimate the reporting burden to be 3.5 hours per respondent.

Abstract: The Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703-712) and Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742a - 754j-2) designate the Department of the Interior as the primary agency responsible for:

(1) Wise management of migratory bird populations frequenting the United States, and

(2) Setting hunting regulations that allow for the well-being of migratory bird populations.

These responsibilities dictate that we gather accurate data on various characteristics of migratory bird populations.

The Mourning Dove Call Count Survey is an essential part of the migratory bird management program. The survey is a cooperative effort between the Service and State wildlife agencies and local and tribal biologists. Each spring, State, Service, local, and tribal biologists conduct the survey to provide the necessary data to determine the population status of the mourning dove. If this survey were not conducted, we would not be able to properly determine the population status of mourning doves prior to setting regulations. The Service and the States use the survey results to:

(1) Develop annual regulations for hunting mourning doves,

(2) Plan and evaluate dove management programs, and

(3) Provide specific information necessary for dove research.

Comments: On July 24, 2008, we published in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 43254) a notice of our intent to request that OMB renew this ICR. In that notice, we solicited comments for 60 days, ending on September 22, 2008. We received one comment. The commenter expressed opposition to hunting and to the Government, but did not address the information collection requirements. We did not make any changes to our information collection requirements.

We again invite comments concerning this information collection on:

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

(2) The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this 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 respondents.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail 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 can ask OMB in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that it will be done.

Dated: November 26, 2008

Hope Grey,*Information Collection Clearance Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service**

[FWS-R9-IA-2008-N0304; 96300-1671-0000-P5]

Issuance of Permits**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of issuance of permits for endangered species and marine mammals.

SUMMARY: The following permits were issued.

ADDRESSES: 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: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 212, Arlington, Virginia 22203; fax 703/358-2281.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Division of Management Authority, telephone 703/358-2104.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that on the dates below, as authorized by the provisions of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and/or the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Fish and Wildlife Service issued the requested permits subject to certain conditions set forth therein. For each permit for an endangered species, the Service found that (1) the application was filed in good faith, (2) the granted permit would not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species, and (3) the granted permit

would be consistent with the purposes and policy set forth in Section 2 of the

Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended.

Endangered Species

Permit No.	Applicant	Receipt of application Federal Register notice	Permit issuance date
184718	Delaware Museum of Natural History	73 FR 47207; August 13, 2008	September 26, 2008.

Endangered Marine Mammals and Marine Mammals

Permit No.	Applicant	Receipt of application Federal Register notice	Permit issuance date
183345	Michael A. Wharton, Wharton Media	73 FR 35706; June 24, 2008	October 7, 2008.
672624	U.S. Geological Survey—Western Ecological Research Center.	73 FR 18808; April 7, 2008	October 31, 2008.
187053	ABR, Inc—Environmental Research & Services	73 FR 42593; July 22, 2008	November 4, 2008.

Dated: November 7, 2008.

Lisa J. Lierheimer,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R9-MB-2008-N0302; 91100-3740-GRNT 7C]

Meeting Announcement: North American Wetlands Conservation Council

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The North American Wetlands Conservation Council (Council) will meet to select North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) grant proposals for recommendation to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission (Commission). This meeting is open to the public, and interested persons may present oral or written statements.

DATES: Council Meeting: December 9, 2008, 1-3 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Ballston Station Building, 4301 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203. (The meeting room is on the west side of building; use the entrance on North Utah Street.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Johnson, Council Coordinator, by phone at (703) 358-1784; by e-mail at dbhc@fws.gov; or by U.S. mail at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop MBSP 4501-4075, Arlington, VA 22203.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with NAWCA (Pub. L. 101-

233, 103 Stat. 1968, December 13, 1989, as amended), the State-private-Federal Council meets to consider wetland acquisition, restoration, enhancement, and management projects for recommendation to, and final funding approval by, the Commission.

If you are interested in presenting information at the public meeting, contact the Council Coordinator no later than December 8, 2008.

Project proposal due dates, application instructions, and eligibility requirements are available on the NAWCA Web site at <http://www.fws.gov/birdhabitat/Grants/NAWCA/Standard/US/Overview.shtm>. Proposals require a minimum of 50 percent non-Federal matching funds. The Council will consider U.S. Standard and Mexican grant proposals at the December meeting. The tentative date for the Commission meeting is March 11, 2009.

Dated: November 14, 2008.

Paul Schmidt,

Assistant Director—Migratory Birds.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R9-IA-2008-N0305; 96300-1671-0000-P5]

Receipt of Applications for Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

SUMMARY: The public is invited to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species and marine mammals.

DATES: Written data, comments or requests must be received by January 9, 2009.

ADDRESSES: 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 212, Arlington, Virginia 22203; fax 703/358-2281.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Division of Management Authority, telephone 703/358-2104.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Endangered Species

The public is invited to comment on the following applications 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 above).

Applicant: Saint Louis Zoo, St. Louis, MO, PRT-197642.

The applicant requests a permit to import one captive bred female Somali wild ass (*Equus asinus somalicus*) from Werner Stamm-Stiftung zur Erhaltung seltener Einhufer, Oberwil, Switzerland, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: William W. Pickett, Houston, TX, PRT-195929.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management