

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 might the agency 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 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 us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Abstract: The administration and uses of national wildlife refuges and wetland management districts are governed by the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 (Administration Act; 16 U.S.C. 668dd–668ee), as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997; the Refuge Recreation Act of 1962 (Recreation Act; 16 U.S.C. 460k–460k–4); and the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA; 16 U.S.C. 3101 *et seq.*). ANILCA provides specific authorization and guidance for the administration and management of national wildlife refuges within the State of Alaska.

Renewal of OMB's approval authorizes the Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge (YDNWR) to participate in the design and implementation of subsistence fisher surveys operated by the Orutsararmiut Traditional Native Council and the Kuskokwim River Inter-Tribal Fisheries Commission (KRITFC). Participation in the surveys informs in-

season fisheries management decision-making in the Kuskokwim River subsistence salmon fishery.

The information collected by the survey includes the times individuals left and returned from boat launches, several characteristics of their fishing gear, broad classification of where the fishing activity occurred, for how long they actively fished, and how many of each of three salmon species they harvested. When coupled with aerial boat counts performed by the YDNWR, these data can be used to obtain quantitative estimates of total fishing activity and salmon harvest occurring from short-duration subsistence harvest opportunities. The estimates are then used to inform the management strategy used jointly by the YDNWR and the KRITFC.

Title of Collection: In-Season Subsistence Salmon Fishery Catch and Effort Survey.

OMB Control Number: 1018–0173.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Renewal without change of an existing information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Subsistence fishers within the Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 1,014.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 1,014.

Estimated Completion Time per Response: 5 minutes.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 85 hours.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Frequency of Collection: On occasion.

Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost: None.

An agency 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.

The authority for this action is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Initiation of 5-Year Reviews of Two Northeastern Species

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of initiation of reviews; request for information.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, are initiating 5-year reviews under the Endangered Species Act, as amended, for two northeastern species. A 5-year review is based on the best scientific and commercial data available at the time of the review. We are requesting submission of any such information that has become available since the previous 5-year review for each species.

DATES: To ensure consideration, please submit your written information by April 5, 2023. However, we will continue to accept new information about any listed species at any time.

ADDRESSES: For instructions on how and where to submit information, see Request for New Information and Table 2—Contacts under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

General Information: Martin Miller, by telephone at 413–253–8615, via email at martin_miller@fws.gov, or via U.S. mail at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 300 Westgate Center Drive, Hadley, MA 01035.

Species-Specific Information and Submission of Comments: Contact the appropriate person or office listed in Table 2—Contacts in **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

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: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), are initiating 5-year reviews under the Endangered Species Act, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), for two northeastern species: the endangered Virginia big-eared bat (*Corynorhinus* (= *Plecotus*) *townsendii virginianus*) and Furbish's lousewort (*Pedicularis furbishiae*).

A 5-year review is based on the best scientific and commercial data available at the time of the review. We are requesting submission of any such information that has become available since the most recent status review for each species.

Why Do we conduct 5-year reviews and species status assessments?

Under the ESA, we maintain Lists of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife

and Plants (which we collectively refer to as the List) in title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations at 50 CFR 17.11(h) (for wildlife) and 50 CFR 17.12(h) (for plants). Listed wildlife and plants can also be found at https://ecos.fws.gov/tess_public/pub/listedAnimals.jsp and https://ecos.fws.gov/tess_public/pub/listedPlants.jsp, respectively. Section 4(c)(2)(A) of the ESA requires us to review each listed species' status at least once every five years. Our regulations at

50 CFR 424.21 require that we publish a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing species under active review. For additional information about 5-year reviews, refer to our fact sheet at <https://www.fws.gov/endangered/what-we-do/recovery-overview.html>.

What species are under review?

We are initiating 5-year status reviews of the species in table 1.

TABLE 1—SPECIES UNDER REVIEW

Common name	Scientific name	Status	Where listed	Listing date and citation
Virginia big-eared bat.	<i>Corynorhinus (=Plecotus) townsendii virginianus.</i>	Endangered	Wherever found	11/30/1979, 44 FR 69206 69208.
Furbish's lousewort	<i>Pedicularis furbishiae</i>	Endangered	Wherever found	04/26/1978, 43 FR 17910 17916.

What information do we consider in our 5-year reviews and species status assessments?

A 5-year review considers all new information available at the time of the review. In conducting the review, we consider the best scientific and commercial data that have become available since the most recent status review. We are seeking new information specifically regarding:

- (1) Species biology, including but not limited to life-history and habitat requirements and impact tolerance thresholds;
- (2) Historical and current population conditions, including but not limited to population abundance, trends, distribution, demographics, and genetics;
- (3) Historical and current habitat conditions, including but not limited to amount, distribution, and suitability;
- (4) Historical and current threats, threat trends, and threat projections in relation to the five listing factors (as defined in section 4(a)(1) of the ESA);

(5) Conservation measures for the species that have been implemented or are planned; and

(6) Other new information, data, or corrections, including but not limited to taxonomic or nomenclatural changes, identification of erroneous information contained in the List, and improved analytical methods.

Any new information received will be considered during the 5-year review and will also be useful in evaluating ongoing recovery programs for the species.

Request for New Information

To ensure that 5-year reviews are based on the best available scientific and commercial information, we request new information from all sources. If you submit information, please support it with documentation such as maps, bibliographic references, methods used to gather and analyze the data, and/or copies of any pertinent publications, reports, or letters by knowledgeable sources.

How do I ask questions or provide information?

Please submit your questions, comments, and materials to the appropriate contact in table 2, below.

Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, electronic mail address, or other personal identifying information in your submission, you should be aware that your entire submission—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. Although you can request that personal information be withheld from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Contacts

New information on the species covered in this notice should be submitted by mail or electronic mail to the appropriate contact shown in table 2, by the deadline provided above in **DATES**.

TABLE 2—CONTACTS

Species	Contact person, email	Contact address
Virginia big-eared bat	Liz Stout, elizabeth_stout@fws.gov	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, West Virginia Field Office, 6263 Appalachian Highway, Davis, WV 26260.
Furbish's lousewort	Hannah Mullally, hannah_mullally@fws.gov	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Maine Field Office, 306 Hatchery Road, East Orland, ME 04431.

Authority

We publish this document under the authority of the Endangered Species Act

of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

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