

the opinion of the respondent the information has practical utility; (2) the accuracy of our estimate of the annual hour burden of information requested; (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.

Dated: November 17, 2005.

Hope Grey,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Information Collection Renewal To Be Sent to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Approval Under the Paperwork Reduction Act; OMB Control Number 1018-0120; Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council Member Application/ Nomination and Interview Forms

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We (Fish and Wildlife Service) plan to request that OMB renew approval for our information collection associated with the recruitment of Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council members. The current OMB control number for this information collection is 1018-0120, which expires February 28, 2006. We will request that OMB renew approval of this information collection for a 3-year term.

DATES: You must submit comments on or before January 23, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments on the information collection to Hope Grey, Information Collection Clearance Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 222-ARLSQ, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203 (mail); *hope_grey@fws.gov* (e-mail); or (703) 358-2269 (fax).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request a copy of the information collection requirement, explanatory information, or related forms, contact Hope Grey at the addresses above or by telephone at (703) 358-2482.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OMB regulations at 5 CFR part 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see CFR 1320.8(d)). 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.

Title VIII of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 3101 *et seq.*) designates the Departments of the Interior and Agriculture as the key agencies responsible for implementing the subsistence priority on Federal public lands for rural Alaska residents. These responsibilities include the establishment of Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils (Regional Councils) with members from each region who are knowledgeable about the

region and subsistence uses of the public lands. Membership on the Regional Councils includes subsistence use and sport/commercial use representatives and is one way for the public to become involved in the Federal regulatory process.

Based upon recommendations of the Federal Subsistence Board, the Secretary of the Interior, with the concurrence of the Secretary of Agriculture, appoints members to the Regional Councils. One-third of the seats on the Regional Councils become vacant each year. Additional vacancies may occur due to resignations or deaths of sitting members. We recruit and screen applicants to help the Federal Subsistence Board develop a list of recommended appointments for consideration by the Secretary of the Interior. We use three forms to collect information during the recruitment process: FWS Form 3-2321 (Regional Council Membership Application/ Nomination), FWS Form 3-2322 (Regional Council Candidate Interview), and FWS Form 3-2323 (Regional Council Reference/Key Contact Interview). We no longer use Form 7-FW5 (Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council Membership Nomination).

Title: Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council Member Application/ Nomination and Interview Forms.

OMB Control Number: 1018-0120.

Form Numbers: FWS Form 3-2321, FWS Form 3-2322, and FWS Form 3-2323.

Frequency of Collection: Annually.

Description of Respondents: Alaska residents.

| Form No. | Number of annual responses | Average burden hour per response | Total annual burden hours |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| FWS Form 3-2321 | 100 | 2 | 200 |
| FWS Form 3-2322 | 100 | .5 | 50 |
| FWS Form 3-2323 | 400 | .25 | 100 |
| Total | 600 | | 350 |

Each person desiring to serve on a Regional Council must complete FWS Form 3-2321. Persons nominating other individuals for membership must also complete this form. Applicants provide information on (1) their knowledge of fish and wildlife resources as well as subsistence and other uses of the resources; (2) their service on working groups, conservation committees, etc.; (3) how they would represent the people in the region; and (4) their willingness

to travel and attend meetings. In addition, applicants must provide three references.

Federal staff use FWS Form 3-2322 to conduct applicant interviews by telephone. Respondents do not see the printed form. Interviewers will ask questions regarding the applicant's willingness to serve on the Regional Council and will ask applicants to explain information provided on FWS Form 3-2321.

Federal staff use FWS Form 3-2323 (Regional Council Reference/Key Contact Interview Form) to conduct interviews of references/key contacts for prospective Regional Council members. We conduct all interviews by telephone and the respondents do not see the printed form. Interviewers will ask questions about the applicant's (1) knowledge of fish and wildlife resources as well as subsistence practices and commercial/sport activities; (2)

leadership ability; and (3) ability to communicate.

The Federal Subsistence Board uses this information to make recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior for appointment of members to the Regional Councils. The information collected is restricted to the Regional Council member selection process and only to staff that the Federal Subsistence Board deems necessary. The information collections in this program are part of a system of records covered by the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552(a)).

We invite comments concerning this proposed information collection on: (1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary for the proper selection of Regional Council members, including whether or not the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the 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.

Dated: November 4, 2005.

Hope G. Grey,

Information Collection Clearance Officer,
Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications.

SUMMARY: The following applicants have applied for scientific research permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended.

DATES: To ensure consideration, written comments must be received on or before December 23, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be submitted to the Chief, Endangered Species Division, Ecological Services, P.O. Box 1306, Room 4102, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. 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. Documents will be available for public inspection, by appointment only, during normal business hours at the U.S. Fish and

Wildlife Service, 500 Gold Ave. SW., Room 4102, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when submitting comments. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chief, Endangered Species Division, (505) 248-6920.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Permit No. TE-110964

Applicant: John MacFarlane, Fort Worth, Texas.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for golden-cheeked warbler (*Dendroica chrysoparia*) and black-capped vireo (*Vireo atricapillus*) within Texas.

Permit No. TE-112023

Applicant: Escarpment Environmental, Austin, Texas.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for golden-cheeked warbler (*Dendroica chrysoparia*), and black-capped vireo (*Vireo atricapillus*) within Texas. Additionally, applicant requests authorization to survey for and collect the following species within Texas: *Batrises texanus* (Coffin Cave mold beetle), *Batrises ventyvi* (Helotes mold beetle), *Cicurina baronia* (Robber Baron Cave meshweaver), *Cicurina madla* (Madla's cave meshweaver), *Cicurina venii* (Braken Bat Cave meshweaver), *Cicurina vespera* (Government Canyon Bat Cave meshweaver), *Neoleptoneta microps* (Government Canyon Bat Cave spider), *Neoleptoneta myopica* (Tooth Cave spider), *Rhadine exilis* (ground beetle, no common name), *Rhadine infernalis* (ground beetle, no common name), *Rhadine persephone* (Tooth Cave ground beetle), *Tartarocreagriss texana* (Tooth Cave pseudoscorpion), *Texamaurops reddelli* (Kretschmarr Cave mold beetle), *Texella cokendolpheri* (Cokendolpher cave harvestman), *Texella reddelli* (Bee Creek Cave harvestman), and *Texella reyesi* (Bone Cave harvestman).

Permit No. TE-113511

Applicant: Jill Clausen, Tucson, Arizona.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for the following species within Arizona and California: San Joaquin kit fox

(*Vulpes macrotis mutica*), lesser long-nosed bat (*Leptonycteris curasoae yerbabuena*), cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum*), southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*).

Permit No. TE-815409

Applicant: New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Applicant requests an amendment to an existing permit to conduct presence/absence surveys and management projects for the following species: Roswell springsnail (*Pyrgulopsis roswellensis*), Koster's springsnail (*Juturnia kosteri*), Noel's amphipod (*Gammarus desperatus*) in New Mexico, and Pecos assimineae (*Assimineae pecos*) in New Mexico and Texas. In addition, presence/absence surveys and management projects will also be conducted for Gila chub (*Gila intermedia*) within New Mexico.

Permit No. TE-676811

Applicant: U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Region 2, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Applicant requests an amendment to the Regional Director's permit to add Gila chub (*Gila intermedia*) within Arizona. The listed species will be effective November 21, 2005.

Permit No. TE-039467

Applicant: USGS-BRD Arizona Cooperative Fish & Wildlife Unit, Tucson, Arizona.

Applicant requests a renewal to an existing permit to conduct presence/absence surveys and management projects for Gila chub (*Gila intermedia*) within Arizona.

Permit No. TE-821577

Applicant: Arizona Game and Fish Department, Phoenix, Arizona.

Applicant requests an amendment to an existing permit to conduct presence/absence surveys and management projects for Gila chub (*Gila intermedia*) within Arizona.

Permit No. TE-114260

Applicant: Cynthia Carey, Boulder, Colorado.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct laboratory management projects for Leon Springs pupfish (*Cyprinodon bovinus*), Comanche Springs pupfish (*Cyprinodon ekegans*), and Desert pupfish (*Cyprinodon macularis*) within Colorado.