

*Frequency of Collection:* On occasion. The Small Grants Program has one project proposal period per year and the Standard Grants Program has two per year. Annual reports are due 90 days after the anniversary date of the grant agreement. Final reports are due 90 days after the end of the project period. The project period is 2 years.

Activity	Number of annual respondents	Number of annual responses	Completion time per response	Annual burden hours
Small Grants – Application .....	70	70	60 hours .....	4,200
Small Grants – Reports .....	150	150	30 hours .....	4,500
Standard Grants – Application .....	85	85	325 hours .....	27,625
Standard Grants - Reports .....	200	200	40 hours .....	8,000
Totals .....	505	505	.....	44,325

**III. Request for Comments**

We invite comments concerning this IC 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. We will include and/or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this IC. 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 us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: May 29, 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-MB-2008-N0155] [91100-3740-GRNT-7C]

**Proposed Information Collection; OMB Control Number 1018-0113; Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act (NMBCA) Grant Programs**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We (Fish and Wildlife Service) will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the information collection (IC) described below. As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and as part of our continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, we invite the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on this IC. This IC 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.

**DATES:** You must submit comments on or before August 25, 2008.

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

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

The NMBCA establishes a matching grants program to fund projects that promote the conservation of neotropical migratory birds in the United States, Canada, Latin America, and the Caribbean. The purposes of NMBCA are to:

- (1) Perpetuate healthy populations of neotropical migratory birds;
- (2) Assist in the conservation of these birds by supporting conservation initiatives in the United States, Canada, Latin America, and the Caribbean; and
- (3) Provide financial resources and foster international cooperation for those initiatives.

Principal conservation actions supported by NMBCA are:

- (1) Protection and management of neotropical migratory bird populations.
- (2) Maintenance, management, protection, and restoration of neotropical migratory bird habitat.
- (3) Research and monitoring.
- (4) Law enforcement.
- (5) Community outreach and education.

We publish notices of funding availability on the Grants.gov website (<http://www.grants.gov>) as well as in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (<http://cfda.gov>). To compete for grant funds, partnerships submit applications that describe in substantial detail project locations, project resources, future benefits, and other characteristics that meet the standards established by the Fish and Wildlife Service and the requirements of NMBCA.

Materials that describe the program and assist applicants in formulating project proposals for consideration are available on our website at <http://www.fws.gov/birdhabitat>. Persons who do not have access to the Internet may obtain instructional materials by mail. We have not made any major changes in the scope and general nature of the instructions since the OMB first approved the information collection in 2002.

**II. Data**

*OMB Control Number:* 1018-0113.

*Title:* Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act (NMBCA) Grant Programs.

*Service Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Request:* Extension of currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* (1) an individual, corporation, partnership, trust, association, or other private entity; (2) an officer, employee, agent, department, or instrumentality of any State, municipality, or political subdivision of a State, or of any foreign government; (3) a State, municipality, or political subdivision of a State; (4) any other entity subject to the jurisdiction of the United States or of any foreign country; and (5) an international organization.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

*Frequency of Collection:* On occasion. This grants program has one project

proposal submission per year. Annual reports are due 90 days after the anniversary date of the grant agreement.

Final reports are due 90 days after the end of the project period. The project period is up to 2 years.

Activity	Number of annual respondents	Number of annual responses	Completion time per response	Annual burden hours
Grant Applications .....	160	160	70 hours .....	11,200
Reports .....	60	60	30 hours .....	1,800
Totals .....	220	220	.....	13,000

### III. Request for Comments

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Dated: June 11, 2008

**Hope Grey,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R5-FHC-2008-N00165] [51320-1334-0000 L4]

### Proposed Information Collection; OMB Control Number 1018-0127; Horseshoe Crab Tagging Program

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We (Fish and Wildlife Service) will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the information collection (IC) described below. As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and as part of our continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, we invite the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on this IC. This IC 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.

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#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Abstract**

Horseshoe crabs are among the world's oldest creatures. People have used this evolutionary survivor for centuries. Horseshoe crabs play an important role in the ecology of the coastal ecosystem, and, over time, have provided opportunities for commercial, recreational, medical, scientific, and educational uses.

In 1998, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC), a management organization with representatives from each State on the Atlantic Coast, developed a horseshoe crab management plan. The ASMFC plan and its subsequent addenda established mandatory State-by-State harvest quotas, and created the 1,500 square mile Carl N. Shuster, Jr. Horseshoe Crab Sanctuary off the mouth of Delaware Bay. Fishermen use active management and innovative techniques

to conserve bait that have successfully reduced commercial horseshoe crab landings in recent years. Conch and eel fishermen have been using bait bags in their traps so they can use a portion of one crab per trap, compared to using a whole crab in each trap. The bait bags have reduced the demand for bait by 50 to 75 percent.

Although restrictive measures have been taken in recent years, populations are not showing immediate increases. Because horseshoe crabs do not breed until they reach 9 years or older, it may take some time before the population measurably increases. A Horseshoe Crab Cooperative Tagging Program was established to monitor this species. Cooperating Federal and State agencies, universities, and biomedical companies tag and release horseshoe crabs. Agencies that tag and release the crabs complete the Horseshoe Crab Tagging Release Form (FWS Form 3-2311) and provide the Service with:

- (1) Organization name.
- (2) Contact person name.
- (3) Tag number.
- (4) Sex of crab.
- (5) Prosomal width.
- (6) Capture site, latitude, longitude, waterbody, State, and date.

Through public participants who recover tagged crabs, we collect the following information using FWS Form 3-2310 (Horseshoe Crab Recapture Report):

- (1) Tag number.
- (2) Whether or not tag was removed.
- (3) Whether or not the tag was circular or square.
- (4) Condition of crab.
- (5) Date captured/found.
- (6) Crab fate.
- (7) Finder type.
- (8) Capture method.
- (9) Capture location.
- (10) Reporter information.
- (11) Comments.

If the public participant who reports the tagged crab requests information, we send data pertaining to the tagging program, and tag and release information on the horseshoe crab he/she found or captured. The information