

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

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**Information Collection Request Sent to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Approval; Marine Mammal Marking, Tagging, and Reporting Certificates, and Registration of Certain Dead Marine Mammal Hard Parts**

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

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

**SUMMARY:** We (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) have sent an Information Collection Request (ICR) to OMB for review and approval. We summarize the ICR below and describe the nature of the collection and the estimated burden and cost. This information collection is scheduled to expire on May 31, 2014. 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 submit comments on or before June 18, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your comments and suggestions on this information collection to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior at OMB-OIRA at (202) 395-5806 (fax) or *OIRA\_Submission@omb.eop.gov* (email). Please provide a copy of your comments to the Service Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 2042-PDM, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203 (mail), or *hope\_grey@fws.gov* (email). Please include "1018-0066" in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this ICR, contact Hope Grey at *hope\_*

*grey@fws.gov* (email) or 703-358-2482 (telephone). You may review the ICR online at <http://www.reginfo.gov>. Follow the instructions to review Department of the Interior collections under review by OMB.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Information Collection Request**

*OMB Control Number:* 1018-0066.

*Title:* Marine Mammal Marking, Tagging, and Reporting Certificates, and Registration of Certain Dead Marine Mammal Hard Parts, 50 CFR 18.23(f) and 50 CFR 18.26.

*Service Form Number(s):* 3-2406, 3-2414, 3-2415, and 3-2416.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Description of Respondents:* Individuals and households.

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

*Frequency of Collection:* On occasion.

Activity	Number of respondents	Number of responses	Completion time per response (minutes)	Total annual burden hours
3-2406 (Beach-found) .....	300	300	15	75
3-2414 (Polar bear) .....	25	60	15	15
3-2415 (Walrus) .....	100	500	15	125
3-2416 (Sea otter) .....	75	1,280	15	320
Totals .....	500	2,140	.....	535

*Abstract:* Under section 101(b) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (MMPA), as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361-1407), Alaska Natives residing in Alaska and dwelling on the coast of the North Pacific or Arctic Oceans may harvest polar bears, northern sea otters, and Pacific walrus for subsistence or handicraft purposes. Section 109(i) of the MMPA authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to prescribe marking, tagging, and reporting regulations applicable to the Alaska Native subsistence and handicraft take.

On behalf of the Secretary, we implemented regulations at 50 CFR 18.23(f) for Alaska Natives harvesting polar bears, northern sea otters, and Pacific walrus. These regulations enable us to gather data on the Alaska Native subsistence and handicraft harvest and on the biology of polar bears, northern sea otters, and Pacific walrus in Alaska to determine what effect such take may be having on these populations. The regulations also provide us with a means of monitoring the disposition of the harvest to ensure that any commercial use of products

created from these species meets the criteria set forth in section 101(b) of the MMPA. We use three forms to collect the information: FWS Form 3-2414 (Polar Bear Tagging Certificates), FWS Form 3-2415 (Walrus Tagging Certificates), and FWS Form 3-2416 (Sea Otter Tagging Certificates). The information we collect includes, but is not limited to:

- Date of kill.
- Sex of the animal.
- Kill location.
- Age of the animal (i.e., adult, subadult, cub, or pup).
- Form of transportation used to make the kill of polar bears.
- Amount of time (i.e., hours/days hunted) spent hunting polar bears.
- Type of take (live-killed or beach-found) for walrus.
- Number of otters present in and number of otters harvested from pod.
- Condition of the polar bear and whether or not bear cubs were present.
- Name of the hunter or possessor of the specified parts at the time of marking, tagging, and reporting.

We are proposing to use FWS Form 3-2406 (Registration of Certain Dead

Marine Mammal Hard Parts) to record the collection of bones, teeth, or ivory of dead marine mammals by non-Native and Natives not eligible to harvest marine mammals under the MMPA. It is legal to collect such parts from a beach or from land within a quarter of a mile of the ocean (50 CFR 18.26). The information we collect will include, but is not limited to:

- Date and location found.
- Age, sex, and size of the animal.
- Tag numbers.
- Name, address, phone number, and birthdate of the collector.

**Comment Received and Our Response**

*Comments:* On November 8, 2013, we published in the **Federal Register** (78 FR 67184) a notice of our intent to request that OMB renew approval for this information collection. In that notice, we solicited comments for 60 days, ending on January 7, 2014. We received one comment. The commenter objected to the killing of polar bears in general, but did not address the information collection requirements. We did not make any changes to our requirements.

The regulations at 50 CFR 18.23(a) reaffirm the exemption for Alaska Natives, which allows for the taking (harvest) of marine mammals (including polar bears) by any Indian, Aleut, or Eskimo who resides in Alaska and who dwells on the coast of the North Pacific Ocean or the Arctic Ocean, subject to the restrictions contained in section 18.23, if such taking is:

- (1) For subsistence purposes; or
- (2) For purposes of creating and selling authentic native articles or handicraft and clothing; and
- (3) In either of the above cases, not accomplished in a wasteful manner.

#### Request for Public Comments

We again invite comments concerning this information collection on:

- Whether or not the collection of information is necessary, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;
- The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information;
- Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- 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, 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 OMB in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that it will be done.

Dated: May 14, 2014.

**Tina A. Campbell,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

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#### Quivira National Wildlife Refuge, Stafford, Kansas; Final Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Finding of No Significant Impact for Environmental Assessment

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce the availability of a final comprehensive conservation plan (CCP) and finding of no significant impact (FONSI) for the environmental assessment (EA) we prepared on the CCP for Quivira National Wildlife Refuge. The final CCP describes how we intend to manage the refuge for the next 15 years.

**ADDRESSES:** You will find the final CCP, the EA, and the FONSI on our planning Web site at <http://www.fws.gov/mountain-prairie/planning/ccp/ks/qvrlqvr.html>. A limited number of hard copies are available. You may request one by any of the following methods:

*Email:* [toni\\_griffin@fivs.gov](mailto:toni_griffin@fivs.gov). Include "Quivira NWR" in the subject line of the message.

*U.S. Mail:* Toni Griffin, Planning Team Leader, Suite 300, 134 Union Boulevard, Lakewood, CO 80228.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Toni Griffin, (303) 236-4378 (phone); (303) 236-4792 (fax); or [toni\\_griffin@fivs.gov](mailto:toni_griffin@fivs.gov) (email).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Introduction** With this notice, we continue the CCP process for Quivira National Wildlife Refuge, which we began by publishing a notice of intent in the **Federal Register** (75 FR 8394) on February 24, 2010. For more about the initial process and the history of this refuge, see that notice. We released the draft CCP and EA to the public, announcing and requesting comments in a notice of availability (78 FR 23778) on April 22, 2013. The 40-day comment period ended on May 31, 2013. A summary of public comments and the agency responses is included in the final CCP.

#### Background

The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee) (Administration Act), requires us to develop a CCP for each national wildlife refuge. The purpose in developing a CCP is to provide refuge managers with a 15-year strategy for achieving refuge purposes and contributing toward the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System (NWRS), consistent with sound principles of fish and wildlife management, conservation, legal mandates, and Service policies. In addition to outlining broad management direction on conserving wildlife and their habitats, CCPs identify wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities

available to the public, including opportunities for hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, and environmental education and interpretation. We will review and update the CCP at least every 15 years in accordance with the Administration Act.

Each unit of the NWRS was established for specific purposes. We use these purposes as the foundation for developing and prioritizing the management goals and objectives for each refuge within the NWRS mission, and to determine how the public can use each refuge. The planning process is a way for us and the public to evaluate management goals and objectives that will ensure the best possible approach to wildlife, plant, and habitat conservation, while providing for wildlife-dependent recreation opportunities that are compatible with each refuge's establishing purposes and the mission of the NWRS.

#### Additional Information About the CCP, EA, and FONSI

The final CCP includes detailed information about the planning process, refuge; management issues, and management alternative selected. The EA includes discussion of alternative refuge management options. The Service's selected alternative is reflected in the final CCP, and also in the FONSI.

The selected alternative for the refuge focuses on restoring native communities and promoting the potential natural range of conditions on Quivira National Wildlife Refuge that help focal resources or focal species and their respective habitats, and on increasing public use opportunities for hunting. We will increase our attention and understanding of the connectedness of habitats and the effectiveness of our management. To achieve this alternative, relatively minor changes will likely be required in our operations; inventory, monitoring programs, and research; staff; and infrastructure. A detailed description of objectives and actions included in this selected alternative is found in chapter 4 of the final CCP.

Dated: March 20, 2014.

**Matt Hogan,**

*Acting Regional Director, Mountain-Prairie region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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