

33 CFR 84.05(b) and (d) of the International and Inland Navigational Rules.

The U.S. Coast Guard certifies that full compliance with the International and Inland Navigational Rules would interfere with the special functions and intent of the vessel and would not significantly enhance the safety of the vessel's operation. Due to the design of the vessel, the superstructure is offset to the starboard side of the vessel as far aft as practical in order to permit the loading of two vehicles on the forward part of the main deck.

The Certificate of Alternative Compliance authorizes the M/V NORDLAND II (O.N. 1274463) to deviate from the requirements set forth in Annex I of the International Navigational Rules and 33 CFR 84.05 of the Inland Navigational Rules by placing its required lights about a line aft of amidships and 7 feet and 6 starboard of the vessel's centerline.

This notice is issued under authority of 33 U.S.C. 1605(c) and 33 CFR 81.18.

Dated: December 20, 2017.

B.S. Gilda,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Prevention Chief, Thirteenth Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered Species Recovery Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of permit applications; request for comment.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (ESA) prohibits activities with listed species unless a Federal permit is issued that allows such activities. The ESA requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

DATES: We must receive written data or comments on the applications at the address given in **ADDRESSES** by February 26, 2018.

ADDRESSES:

Reviewing Documents: Documents and other information submitted with the 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 the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice (see **DATES**): U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Regional Office, Ecological Services, 1875 Century Boulevard, Atlanta, GA 30345 (Attn: Karen Marlowe, Permit Coordinator).

Submitting Comments: If you wish to comment, you may submit comments by any one of the following methods:

- *U.S. mail or hand-delivery:* U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Regional Office (see above).
 - *Email:* permitsR4ES@fws.gov.
- Please include your name and return address in your email message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service that we have received your email message, contact us

directly at the telephone number listed in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Marlowe, Permit Coordinator, 404-679-7097 (telephone) or 404-679-7081 (fax).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We invite review and comment from local, State, and Federal agencies and the public on applications we have received for permits to conduct certain activities with endangered and threatened species under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*; ESA), and our regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR part 17. With some exceptions, the ESA prohibits activities with listed species unless a Federal permit is issued that allows such activities. The ESA requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

Public Availability of Comments

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.

PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Permit application No.	Applicant	Species/numbers	Location	Activity	Type of take	Permit action
TE 125521-3	Department of Natural and Environmental Resources, San Juan, PR.	Puerto Rican parrot (<i>Amazona vittata</i>)/1-2 eggs per year and 1-2 chicks per year.	Puerto Rico	Captive propagation and reintroduction.	Collect eggs from wild nests for hatching and rearing in captivity and remove sick chicks from wild for veterinary treatment.	Renewal.
TE 132409-2	Gary R. O'Neill, Jr., Camden, AR.	Red-cockaded woodpecker (<i>Picoides borealis</i>).	Arkansas and Louisiana.	Population enhancement, management, and monitoring.	Construct and install artificial nest cavities and restrictors; monitor nest cavities.	Renewal and Amendment.
TE 56430B-2	Jonathan R. Hootman, Mayking, KY.	Gray bat (<i>Myotis grisescens</i>).	Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Virginia.	Presence/absence surveys.	Enter hibernacula, salvage dead bats, capture with mist nets or harp traps, handle, identify, collect hair samples, band, radio-tag, swab, and wing-punch.	Amendment.

PERMIT APPLICATIONS—Continued

Permit application No.	Applicant	Species/numbers	Location	Activity	Type of take	Permit action
TE 14105A-2 ...	Breedlove, Dennis, and Associates, Inc., Winter Park, FL.	Red-cockaded woodpecker (<i>Picoides borealis</i>).	Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina.	Population enhancement, management, and monitoring.	Construct and monitor artificial nest cavities and restrictors, monitor nest cavities, capture, band, and translocate.	Renewal and Amendment.
TE 56827C-0 ...	De Soto National Forest, Wiggins, MS.	<i>Isoetes louisianensis</i> (Louisiana quillwort), <i>Schwalbea americana</i> (American chaffseed), and <i>Lindera melissifolia</i> (pondberry).	National Forests in Mississippi.	Species identification and confirmation, genetic studies and preservation, and reproduction studies.	Remove and reduce to possession (collect) whole and/or partial plants, seeds and spore-bearing and non-spore-bearing sporophylls.	New.

Authority: We provide this notice under section 10(c) of the Act.

Leopoldo Miranda,

Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Southeast Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

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Number 1076-0131]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Indian Child Welfare Quarterly and Annual Report

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is proposing to renew an information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before February 28, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments on this information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget's Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior by email at OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov; or via facsimile to (202) 395-5806. Please provide a copy of your comments to Ms. Evangeline Campbell, Chief, Division of Human Services, Office of Indian Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1849 C Street NW, MS-4513-MIB, Washington, DC 20240; facsimile: (202) 208-5113; email: Evangeline.Campbell@bia.gov. Please reference OMB Control

Number 1076-0131 in the subject line of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this ICR, contact Ms. Evangeline Campbell by email at Evangeline.Campbell@bia.gov, or by telephone at (202) 513-7621. You may also view the ICR at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

A **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day public comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on November 2, 2017 (82 FR 50890). No comments were received.

We are again soliciting comments on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is the collection necessary to the proper functions of the BIA; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the BIA enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the BIA minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

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 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 BIA is seeking to renew the information collection conducted under 25 CFR 23, related to the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). BIA collects information using a consolidated caseload form, which tribal ICWA program directors fill out. BIA uses the information to determine the extent of service needs in local Indian communities, assess ICWA program effectiveness, and provide data for the annual program budget justification. The aggregated report is not considered confidential. This form must be completed by tribes that operate child protection programs. Submission of this information by Indian tribes allows BIA to consolidate and review selected data on Indian child welfare cases. The data is useful on a local level, to the tribes and tribal entities that collect it, for case management purposes. The data are useful on a nationwide basis for planning and budget purposes.

Title of Collection: Indian Child Welfare Quarterly and Annual Report.

OMB Control Number: 1076-0131.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Indian tribes or tribal entities that are operating programs for Indian tribes.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 940 per year, on average.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 3,760 per year, on average.

Estimated Completion Time per Response: Approximately 15 minutes for Part A—ICWA Data; approximately 15 minutes for Part B—Tribal Child Abuse and Neglect Data.