

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, which is scheduled to expire on May 31, 2007. 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 April 23, 2007.

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 IC, contact Hope Grey by mail, fax, or e-mail (see ADDRESSES) or by telephone at (703) 358-2482.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Lake Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge contains significant natural and recreational resources. We estimate that the area has over 50,000 visits per year, which can result in significant resource and social impacts.

In 2006, we began a research study to gather information to help support application of visitor carrying capacity at the refuge. We conducted a survey of visitors to the refuge to determine relevant indicators of quality for the visitor experience. Indicators of quality are measurable, manageable variables that reflect the essence or meaning of management objectives. OMB approved this collection of information and assigned control number 1018-0132, which expires May 31, 2007.

We plan to ask OMB to renew this information collection to include phase 2 of this study. During phase 2, we propose to survey visitors and nearby landowners to identify standards of quality for relevant indicator variables and determine attitudes toward management actions that we might use to ensure that the standards of quality are maintained. We will conduct two separate surveys. One survey will include a sample of visitors to Lake Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge and the second survey will include private landowners adjacent to the refuge. We will collect the same information in

both surveys; however, we will ask adjacent landowners for additional information about their frequency of use of the refuge.

II. Data

OMB Control Number: 1018-0132.

Title: Research to Support Analysis and Management Carrying Capacity at Lake Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge, Phase 2.

Service Form Number(s): 3-2330 and 3-2330a.

Type of Request: Revision of currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Visitors to and landowners near Lake Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Frequency of Collection: One time per respondent.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 500.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 500.

Estimated Time per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 125.

III. Request for Comments

We invite comments concerning this information collection 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 submitted 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 information collection.

Dated: January 22, 2007

Hope Grey,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

**Proposed Information Collection;
National Wildlife Refuge System
Evaluation**

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 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 information collection.

DATES: You must submit comments on or before April 23, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments on the information collection 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

We have contracted with Management Systems International to perform an independent evaluation of the National Wildlife Refuge System (NWRS). Although the NWRS has existed for more than 100 years, it has never undergone an independent evaluation of its overall effectiveness in achieving its conservation mission. We are now seeking such an evaluation to identify program strengths and weaknesses, as well as gaps in performance information. Such evaluations are an important element of the OMB Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART) assessments, and this evaluation will satisfy the PART requirements. The evaluation includes two data collection components involving the public:

(1) An online survey of partners (e.g., volunteer groups, local and national conservation organizations, hunting and fishing groups, and other civic organizations).

(2) Individual and small group interviews of State fish and game officials and partners.

The perspective and observations of NWRS partners and State fish and game officials are critical to fully understand the issues and questions that the independent evaluation will explore. During 2007, we plan to interview 40 State fish and wildlife officials and 110 individuals from partner organizations. The small number of individuals interviewed and the nature of the interview process do not allow for generalization of interview findings to

the larger local partner target population, or for the development of broad, evidenced-based conclusions.

The partners' survey addresses both of these shortcomings. By administering the web-based survey to a random sample of 500 partners, we will be able to identify important patterns (findings) across the population of partners and to develop conclusions to the key questions being examined by the evaluation. We plan to conduct the survey for a 2-week period during the first half of 2007. The partners' survey will collect data in three broad categories:

- (1) Basic demographic data at the institutional level, including:
 - (a) Size of the partner organization.
 - (b) Length/duration of the partnership with the refuge.

- (c) Type of organization (e.g., wildlife conservation, educational, etc.).
- (2) Quality and characteristics of the relationship and interaction between partner organizations and the NWRS, including:
 - (a) Type of activities that the partner group conducts.
 - (b) Frequency and nature of interaction between the partner group and the refuge.
 - (c) Quality of the partnership between the partner organization and the refuge.
- (3) Partners' perspective regarding the effectiveness and quality of NWRS programs and the progress being made towards the long-term goals of the NWRS.

The survey data will help us identify important patterns and characteristics. However, the survey will not, in most cases, provide the depth of information

necessary to explain the observed patterns. In-depth interviews will provide an opportunity to explore in detail the main factors that cause or contribute to the patterns observed from the survey.

II. Data

- OMB Control Number:* None.
- Title:* National Wildlife Refuge System Evaluation.
- Service Form Number(s):* None.
- Type of Request:* New collection.
- Affected Public:* Organizations that collaborate with national wildlife refuges, including, but not limited to, State fish and wildlife agencies, volunteer groups, local and national conservation organizations, hunting and fishing groups, and other civic organizations.
- Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.
- Frequency of Collection:* One time.

Activity	Number of annual respondents	Number of annual responses	Completion time per response	Annual burden hours
Partners' Survey	500	500	20 minutes	167
Personal Interviews	150	150	1 hour	150
Total	650	650	317

III. Request for Comments

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- (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 submitted 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 information collection.

Dated: January 17, 2007

Hope Grey,

Information Collection Clearance Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Information Collection Sent to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Approval; Export of Caviar or Meat of Paddlefish or Sturgeon from the Wild

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We (Fish and Wildlife Service) have sent an Information Collection Request (ICR) to OMB for review and approval. The ICR, which is summarized below, describes the nature of the collection and the estimated burden and cost. 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 March 26, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments and suggestions on this ICR to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior at OMB-OIRA at (202) 395-6566 (fax) or OIRA_DOCKET@OMB.eop.gov (e-mail). Please provide a copy of your comments to Hope Grey, Information Collection Clearance Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 222-ARLSQ, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203

(mail); (703) 358-2269 (fax); or hope_grey@fws.gov (e-mail).

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- OMB Control Number:* None.
- Title:* Export of Caviar or Meat of Paddlefish or Sturgeon from the Wild.
- Service Form Number(s):* 3-200-76.
- Type of Request:* New collection.
- Affected Public:* Fishers; commercial dealers/distributors/suppliers and importers/exporters of paddlefish and sturgeon caviar and meat; and freight forwarders/brokers.
- Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain a benefit.
- Frequency of Collection:* On occasion.
- Estimated Annual Number of Respondents:* 12.
- Estimated Total Annual Responses:* 120.
- Estimated Time Per Response:* 3 hours.
- Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 360 hours.
- Abstract:* This information collection is associated with regulations implementing the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). CITES regulates international trade in listed species through a system of permits and certificates. The Service assesses permit requests according to