

OSM will request a 3-year term of approval for this information collection activity.

*Comments are invited On:* (1) The need for the collection of information for the performance of the functions of the agency; (2) the accuracy of the agency's burden estimates; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the information collection burden on respondents, such as use of automated means of collection of the information. A summary of the public comments will accompany OSM's submission of the information collection request to OMB.

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.

This notice provides the public with 60 days in which to comment on the following information collection activity:

*Title:* 30 CFR Part 769—Petition process for designation of Federal lands as unsuitable for all or certain types of surface coal mining operations and for termination of previous designations.

*OMB Control Number:* 1029-0098.

*Summary:* This part establishes the minimum procedures and standards for designating Federal lands unsuitable for certain types of surface mining operations and for terminating designations pursuant to a petition. The information requested will aid the regulatory authority in the decisionmaking process to approve or disapprove a request.

*Bureau Form Number:* None.

*Frequency of Collection:* Once.

*Description of Respondents:* People who may be adversely affected by surface mining on Federal lands.

*Total Annual Responses:* 1.

*Total Annual Burden Hours:* 1,000 hours.

Dated: August 7, 2009.

**John R. Craynon,**

*Chief, Division of Regulatory Support.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**[FWS-R9-MB-2009-N169] [91200-1231-9BPP-L2]**

**Proposed Information Collection; OMB Control Number 1018-0121; Depredation Orders for Double-Crested Cormorants**

**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, 2009. 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:** To ensure that we are able to consider your comments on this IC, we must receive them by October 13, 2009.

**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); or *hope\_grey@fws.gov* (e-mail).

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

This information collection is associated with regulations

implementing the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) (16 U.S.C. 703 et seq.). Under the MBTA, it is unlawful to take, possess, import, export, transport, sell, purchase, barter, or offer for sale, purchase, or barter, migratory birds or their parts, nests, or eggs, except as authorized by regulations implementing the MBTA.

The regulations at 50 CFR 21.47 (Aquaculture Depredation Order) authorize aquaculture producers in 13 States to take double-crested cormorants when the birds are found committing or about to commit depredations on commercial freshwater aquaculture stocks. The regulations at 50 CFR 21.48 (Public Resource Depredation Order) authorize State fish and wildlife agencies, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (APHIS-Wildlife Services), and federally recognized tribes in 24 States to take double-crested cormorants to prevent depredations on the public resources of fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitats.

Both 50 CFR 21.47 and 21.48 impose reporting and recordkeeping requirements on those operating under the depredation orders. We use the information collected to:

- (1) Help assess the impact of the depredation orders on double-crested cormorant populations.
- (2) Protect nontarget migratory birds or other species.
- (3) Ensure that agencies and individuals are conforming to the terms, conditions, and purpose of the orders.
- (4) Help gauge the effectiveness of the orders at mitigating cormorant-related damages.

**II. Data**

*OMB Control Number:* 1018-0121.

*Title:* Depredation Orders for Double-Crested Cormorants, 50 CFR 21.47 and 21.48.

*Service Form Number(s):* None.

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

*Affected Public:* Aquaculture producers, States, and tribes.

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

*Frequency of Collection:* Annually for reports; ongoing for recordkeeping.

Activity	Number of annual respondents	Number of annual responses	Completion time per response	Annual burden hours
Report take of migratory bird species other than double-crested cormorants (21.47(d)(7); 21.48(d)(7)).	1	1	1 hour .....	1
Report take of species protected under Endangered Species Act (21.47(d)(8); 21.48(d)(8)).	1	1	1 hour .....	1
Written notice of intent to conduct control activities (21.48(d)(9)).	12	12	3 hours .....	36
Report of control activities (21.48(d)(10) and (11)) .....	12	12	20 hours .....	240
Report effects of management activities (21.48(d)(12)) .....	9	9	100 hours .....	900

Activity	Number of annual respondents	Number of annual responses	Completion time per response	Annual burden hours
Recordkeeping (21.47(d)(9)) .....	500	500	7 hours .....	3,500
Totals .....	535	535	.....	4,678

**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 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: August 6, 2009

**Hope Grey,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

[FWS-R9-LE-2009-N168] [99011-1224-0000-9B]

**Proposed Information Collection; OMB Control Number 1018-0012; Declaration for Importation or Exportation of Fish or Wildlife**

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

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

**SUMMARY:** We (Fish and Wildlife Service, 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 January 31, 2010. 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:** To ensure that we are able to consider your comments on this IC, we must receive them by October 13, 2009.

**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); or *hope\_grey@fws.gov* (e-mail).

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

The Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) makes it unlawful to import or export fish, wildlife, or plants without filing a declaration or report deemed necessary for enforcing the Act or upholding the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) (see 16 U.S.C. 1538(e)). With a few exceptions, businesses or individuals importing into or exporting from the United States any fish, wildlife, or wildlife product must complete and submit to the Service an FWS Form 3-177 (Declaration for Importation or Exportation of Fish or Wildlife). This form as well as FWS Form 3-177a (Continuation Sheet) and instructions for completion are available for electronic submission at <https://edecs.fws.gov>. These forms are also available in hard copy at <http://www.fws.gov/forms/>.

The information that we collect is unique to each wildlife shipment and enables us to:

- Accurately inspect the contents of the shipment;
- Enforce any regulations that pertain to the fish, wildlife, or wildlife products contained in the shipment; and

- Maintain records of the importation and exportation of these commodities.

Additionally, we use information from FWS Forms 3-177 and 3-177A to compile an annual report that we provide to the CITES Secretariat in Geneva, Switzerland. This annual report on the number and types of imports and exports of fish, wildlife, and wildlife products is one of our treaty obligations under CITES. The report does not contain any personally identifying information.

We also use the information obtained from FWS Form 3-177 as an enforcement tool and management aid to monitor the international wildlife market and detect trends and changes in the commercial trade of fish, wildlife, and wildlife products. Our Division of Scientific Authority and Division of Management Authority use this information to assess the need for additional protection for native species.

The information we collect is part of a system of records covered by the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552(a)).

Businesses or individuals must file FWS Forms 3-177 and 3-177a with us at the time and port where they request clearance of the import or export of wildlife or wildlife products. Our regulations allow for certain species of wildlife to be imported or exported between the United States and Canada or Mexico at U.S. Customs and Border Protection ports, even though our wildlife inspectors may not be present. In these instances, importers and exporters may file the forms with U.S. Customs and Border Protection. We collect the following information:

- (1) Name of the importer or exporter and broker.
- (2) Scientific and common name of the fish or wildlife.
- (3) Permit numbers (if permits are required).
- (4) Description, quantity, and value of the fish or wildlife.
- (5) Natural country of origin of the fish or wildlife.

In addition, certain information, such as the airway bill or bill of lading number, the location of the fish or wildlife for inspection, and the number of cartons containing fish or wildlife, assists our wildlife inspectors if a physical examination of the shipment is necessary.