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Dated: February 18, 2010.

**Cartina Miller,**

*NPS Information Collection Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

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#### **Proposed Information Collection; OMB Control Number 1018-0137; Applications for Single Use Permits and Registration of Production Facilities (CITES)**

**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 July 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 April 26, 2010.

**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**

The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) uses a system of permits and certificates to help ensure that international trade is legal and does not threaten the survival of wildlife or plant species in the wild. Prior to the import or export of CITES-listed species, the Management Authority and Scientific Authority must make appropriate determinations and issue CITES documents. Section 8A of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) designates the Secretary of the Interior as the U.S. Management Authority and U.S. Scientific Authority for CITES. The Secretary delegated these authorities to the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Before a country can issue an export permit for CITES Appendix I or II specimens, the CITES Scientific Authority of the exporting country must determine that the export will not be detrimental to the species, and the Management Authority must be satisfied that the specimens were acquired legally. For the export of Appendix III specimens, the Management Authority must be satisfied that the specimens were acquired legally (CITES does not require findings from the Scientific Authority). Prior to the importation of Appendix I specimens, both the Scientific Authority and the Management Authority of the importing country must make required findings. The Scientific Authority must also monitor trade of all species to ensure that the level of trade is sustainable.

Article VIII(3) of the treaty states that participating parties should make efforts to ensure that CITES specimens are traded with a minimum of delay. Section XII of Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP13) recommends use of simplified procedures for issuing CITES documents to expedite trade that will have no impact, or a negligible impact, on conservation of the species involved.

We use FWS Form 3-200-74 (Single-Use Export Permits Under a Master File or Annual Program File (CITES)) to streamline the application process for CITES documents that involve multiple,

similar actions over a given amount of time. For the initial application, respondents use forms designed specifically to address their particular activity (approved under OMB Control No. 1018-0093). From information in the application, we create a master file or annual program file that contains all the information necessary for us to make the required legal acquisition and nondetriment findings. The applicant can then submit FWS Form 3-200-74 to request authorization to carry out multiple, identical activities over the next 6 months. On FWS Form 3-200-74, we request information only about the number of additional documents the applicant requires to carry out activities approved under the previous application process. By referencing information in the master file or annual program file, we can quickly issue partially completed CITES documents (with certain specific areas left blank for completion by the applicant).

United States facilities, such as farms and aquaculture operations, produce several native U.S. taxa listed in CITES Appendices II and III in closed and semi-closed production systems. By registering a production facility and setting up a master file, we can expedite issuance of export permits for that facility. The registration is valid for 1 year. We use FWS Form 3-200-75 (Registration of a Production Facility for Export of Certain Native Species (CITES)) to collect information on annual production levels, method of producing specimens, source of the parental and founder stock, and method of transport for international trade. This information allows us to issue documents on a very short turnaround time, and we do not need to collect additional information prior to the issuance of export documents.

##### **II. Data**

*OMB Control Number:* 1018-0137.

*Title:* Applications for Single Use Permits and Registration of Production Facilities (CITES), 50 CFR 13.11, 23.20, 23.36, and 23.51.

*Service Form Number(s):* 3-200-74 and 3-200-75.

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

*Affected Public:* Individuals, businesses, nonprofit organizations, and State, tribal, and local governments.

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

*Frequency of Collection:* On occasion.

Activity	Number of annual respondents	Number of annual responses	Completion time per response	Annual burden hours
FWS Form 3-200-74 .....	270	810	6 minutes .....	81
FWS Form 3-200-75 .....	25	25	30 minutes .....	13
Totals .....	295	835	.....	94

**III. Request for Comments**

We invite comments concerning this IC 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. 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: February 17, 2010

**Hope Grey,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Indian Affairs**

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Indian Health Service**

**Proposed Renewal of Agency Information Collection for Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Contracts**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of submission to the Office of Management and Budget.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and Indian Health Service (IHS) are submitting the information collection, titled “Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act Programs, 25 CFR 900” to the Office of Management and Budget for renewal. The current approval, designated by OMB Control Number 1076-0136, expires on February 28, 2010. The information is collected to process contracts, grants, or cooperative agreements for award by the BIA and the IHS, as authorized by the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before March 25, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments on the information collection to the Desk Officer for Department of the Interior at the Office of Management and Budget, by facsimile to (202) 395-5806 or you may send an e-mail to: *OIRA\_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov*. Please send a copy of your comments to Terry Parks, Office of Indian Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW., Mail Stop 4520, Washington, DC 20240, Facsimile: (202) 208-5113.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** You may request further information or obtain copies of the information collection request submission from Terry Parks, telephone: (202) 513-7625.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

Representatives of the BIA and IHS seek renewal of the approvals for information collections conducted under their joint rule, 25 CFR part 900, implementing the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, as amended (25 U.S.C. 450 *et seq.*). The Act required the joint rule to govern how contracts and grants are awarded to Indian tribes, thereby avoiding the unnecessary burden or confusion associated with two sets of rules and information collection requirements. See 25 U.S.C. 450k(a)(2)(A)(ii). There is no change to the approved burden hours for this information collection.

The information requirements for this joint rule represent significant differences from other agencies in several respects. Both the BIA and IHS

let contracts for multiple programs whereas other agencies usually award single grants to tribes. Under the Act, tribes are entitled to contract and may renew contracts annually, whereas other agencies provide grants on a discretionary or competitive basis.

The BIA and IHS use the information collected to determine applicant eligibility, evaluate applicant capabilities, protect the service population, safeguard Federal funds and other resources, and permit the Federal agencies to administer and evaluate contract programs. Tribal governments or tribal organizations provide the information by submitting Public Law 93-638 contract or grant proposals to the appropriate Federal agency. No third party notification or public disclosure burden is associated with this collection. Approval for the collection expires on February 28, 2010.

**II. Request for Comments**

The BIA and IHS request that you send your comments on this collection to the locations listed in the **ADDRESSES** section. Your comments should address: (a) The necessity of the information collection for the proper performance of the agencies, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agencies’ estimate of the burden (hours and cost) of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways we could enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways we could minimize the burden of the collection of the information on the respondents, such as through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that an agency may not sponsor or conduct, and an individual need not respond to, a collection of information unless it has a valid OMB Control Number.

It is our policy to make all comments available to the public for review at the location listed in the **ADDRESSES** section during the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday except for legal holidays. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address or other personally identifiable information, be advised that your entire comment—including your