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Dated: June 29, 2012.

**Tina A. Campbell,**

Chief, Division of Policy and Directives Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

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**Proposed Information Collection; Depredation Orders for Double-Crested Cormorants**

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

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

**SUMMARY:** We (U.S. 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 January 31, 2013. 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 September 7, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your comments on the IC 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 *INFOCOL@fws.gov* (email). Please include "1018-0121" in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this IC, contact Hope Grey at *INFOCOL@fws.gov* (email) or 703-358-2482 (telephone).

**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 in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 21.47 (Aquaculture Depredation Order) authorize aquaculture producers and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (APHIS-Wildlife Services) 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, 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:

- Help assess the impact of the depredation orders on double-crested cormorant populations.
- Protect nontarget migratory birds or other species.
- Ensure that agencies and individuals are operating in accordance with the terms, conditions, and purpose of the orders.
- 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.

*Description of Respondents:* 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 respondents	Number of responses	Completion time per response (hours)	Total 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	1
Report take of species protected under Endangered Species Act (21.47(d)(8); 21.48(d)(8))	1	1	1	1
Written notice of intent to conduct control activities (21.48(d)(9))	12	12	3	36
Report of control activities (21.48(d)(10) and (11))	12	12	20	240
Report effects of management activities (21.48(d)(12))	9	9	75	675
Recordkeeping (21.47(d)(9))	325	325	7	2,275
<b>Totals</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>360</b>		<b>3,228</b>

**III. Comments**

We 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. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this IC. 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.

Dated: June 29, 2012.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

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#### Receipt of Applications for Endangered Species Permits

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**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 below, by August 8, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** 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: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, GA 30345 (Attn: Cameron Shaw, Permit Coordinator).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cameron Shaw, telephone 904/731-3191; facsimile 904/731-3045.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The public is invited to comment on the following applications for permits to conduct certain activities with endangered and threatened species

pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and our regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17. This notice is provided under section 10(c) of the Act.

If you wish to comment, you may submit comments by mail or hand-delivery to the Fish and Wildlife Service's Regional Office (see **ADDRESSES** section) or via electronic mail (email) to [permitsR4ES@fws.gov](mailto:permitsR4ES@fws.gov). Please include your name and return address in your email message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the Fish and Wildlife Service that we have received your email message, contact us directly at the telephone number listed above (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section).

Before including your address, telephone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, 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 comments to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

#### Permit Application Number: TE-71535A

*Applicant:* Misty Hamilton, Lowmansville, Kentucky

Applicant requests reauthorization to conduct scientific studies and surveys on the following species:

Indiana bat *Myotis sodalis*,  
Gray bat *Myotis grisescens*,  
Virginia big-eared bat *Corynorhinus townsendii virginianus*.

These surveys will be conducted in Kentucky.

#### Permit Application Number: TE-71613A

*Applicant:* University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee

Applicant requests reauthorization to conduct scientific studies and surveys on Indiana bats (*Myotis sodalis*) and Gray bats (*Myotis grisescens*). These surveys will be conducted in Tennessee and Missouri.

#### Permit Application Number: TE-71851A

*Applicant:* United States Geological Survey, Southeast Ecology Center, Gainesville, Florida

Applicant requests authorization to conduct scientific research on the following species of freshwater mussels: Fat threeridge—*Amblema neislerii*

Shinyrayed pocketbook—*Lampsilis subangulata*

Gulf moccasinshell—*Medionidus penicillatus*

Ochlockonee moccasinshell—*Medionidua simpsonianus*

Oval pigtoe—*Pleurobema pyriforme*

This research project will be conducted in Alabama, Georgia, and Florida.

#### Permit Application Number: TE-71854A

*Applicant:* David Eargle, Columbia, South Carolina

Applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys and retain remnant shells of the Carolina Heelsplitter (*Lasmigona decorata*) throughout North Carolina and South Carolina.

#### Permit Application Number: TE-73096A

*Applicant:* Steve Orzell, Avon Park, Florida

Applicant requests authorization to collect a small number of leaves from a limited number of *Lupinus aridorum* (scrub lupine) to conduct genetic research. This activity will occur on the McLeod Unit of the Lakes Wales Ridge National Wildlife Refuge, Polk County, Florida.

#### Permit Application Number: TE-129703

*Applicant:* HMB Professional Engineers, Frankfort, Kentucky

Applicant requests amendment to authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys for 2 bat species, 14 fish species, 34 fresh-water mussel species, 2 snail species, 1 insect species, and 2 plant species in the State of Ohio.

#### Permit Application Number: TE-76082A

*Applicant:* Hopi Hoekstra, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Applicant requests authorization to capture and temporarily house Anastasia Island beach mice (*Peromyscus polionotus phasma*) for the purpose of captive breeding and reintroduction. The mice will be captured in Florida and housed at Harvard University.

#### Permit Application Number: TE-171577

*Applicant:* Chaffee Maneuver Training Center, Arkansas Army National Guard, Fort Chaffee, Arkansas

Applicant requests reauthorization to capture, mark and release American burying beetles (*Nicrophorus americanus*) for the purpose of scientific study and species recovery efforts. These activities will be conducted on