

otherwise prohibited by the ESA with respect to any endangered species.

**DATES:** We must receive comments by January 3, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Obtaining Documents:* The applications, supporting materials, and any comments and other materials that we receive will be available for public inspection at <https://www.regulations.gov> in Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2023-0225.

*Submitting Comments:* When submitting comments, please specify the name of the applicant and the permit number at the beginning of your comment. You may submit comments by one of the following methods:

- *Internet:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Search for and submit comments on Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2023-0225.
- *U.S. Mail:* Public Comments Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2023-0225; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Headquarters, MS: PRB/3W; 5275 Leesburg Pike; Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.

For more information, see Public Comment Procedures under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Timothy MacDonald, by phone at 703-358-2185 or via email at [DMAFR@fws.gov](mailto:DMAFR@fws.gov). Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Public Comment Procedures**

*A. How do I comment on submitted applications?*

We invite the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies to comment on these applications. Before issuing any of the requested permits, we will take into consideration any information that we receive during the public comment period.

You may submit your comments and materials by one of the methods in **ADDRESSES.** We will not consider comments sent by email or to an address not in **ADDRESSES.** We will not consider or include in our administrative record comments we receive after the close of the comment period (see **DATES**).

When submitting comments, please specify the name of the applicant and the permit number at the beginning of

your comment. Provide sufficient information to allow us to authenticate any scientific or commercial data you include. The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are: (1) Those supported by quantitative information or studies; and (2) those that include citations to, and analyses of, the applicable laws and regulations.

*B. May I review comments submitted by others?*

You may view and comment on others' public comments at <https://www.regulations.gov> unless our allowing so would violate the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) or Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

*C. Who will see my comments?*

If you submit a comment at <https://www.regulations.gov>, your entire comment, including any personal identifying information, will be posted on the website. If you submit a hardcopy comment that includes personal identifying information, such as your address, phone number, or email address, you may request at the top of your document that we withhold this information from public review. However, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Moreover, all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety.

**II. Background**

To help us carry out our conservation responsibilities for affected species, and in consideration of section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), we invite public comments on permit applications before final action is taken. With some exceptions, the ESA prohibits certain activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is issued that allows such activities. Permits issued under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA allow otherwise prohibited activities for scientific purposes or to enhance the propagation or survival of the affected species. Service regulations regarding prohibited activities with endangered species, captive-bred wildlife registrations, and permits for any activity otherwise prohibited by the ESA with respect to any endangered species are available in title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations in part 17.

**III. Permit Applications**

We invite comments on the following applications.

Applicant: Gulf Breeze Zoo, Gulf Breeze, FL; Permit No. PER5267819

The applicant requests authorization to import six captive-born golden-headed lion tamarins (*Leontopithecus chrysomelas*) from the Nature Resource Network s.r.o. in the Czech Republic, for the purpose of enhancing the propagation or survival of the species. This notification is for a single import.

Applicant: Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, Powell, OH; Permit No. PER5300236

The applicant requests authorization to import a captive-born Asian elephant (*Elephas maximus*) from the African Lion Safari in Ontario, Canada, for the purpose of enhancing the propagation or survival of the species. This notification is for a single import.

**IV. Next Steps**

After the comment period closes, we will make decisions regarding permit issuance. If we issue permits to any of the applicants listed in this notice, we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register.** You may locate the notice announcing the permit issuance by searching <https://www.regulations.gov> for the permit number listed above in this document. For example, to find information about the potential issuance of Permit No. 12345A, you would go to [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) and search for "12345A".

**V. Authority**

We issue this notice under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and its implementing regulations.

**Timothy MacDonald,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Geological Survey**

[GX24LB00TZ90100; OMB Control Number 1028-0082]

**Agency Information Collection Activities; U.S. Geological Survey Bird Banding Permit Applications and Band Recovery Reports**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) is proposing a renewal of an existing information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 3, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection request (ICR) should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function. Please provide a copy of your comments by mail to USGS, Information Collections Clearance Officer, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 159, Reston, VA 20192 or by email to [gs-info\\_collections@usgs.gov](mailto:gs-info_collections@usgs.gov). Please reference OMB Control Number 1028–0082, U.S. Geological Survey Bird Banding Permit Applications and Band Recovery, in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this ICR, contact Antonio Celis-Murillo by email at [acelis-murillo@usgs.gov](mailto:acelis-murillo@usgs.gov), or by telephone at 301–497–5808. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States. You may also view the ICR at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), 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 September 1, 2023 (88 FR 60482). One comment was received from the

Ornithological Council (Laura Bies, Executive Director). Based on this feedback, we are adjusting the time burden for the Application for Federal Bird Banding or Marking Permit from 30 minutes to 60 minutes, raising the total burden by 40 hours to 4,734 hours.

As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, we are again soliciting comments from the public and other Federal agencies on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following:

(1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;

(2) The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) How the agency might minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of response.

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 personally identifiable information (PII) in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your PII—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your PII from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Abstract:** The Bird Banding Program is the responsibility of the USGS Bird Banding Laboratory (BBL). The BBL plays a critical role in permitting the banding and marking of wild birds and is responsible for storing and maintaining data on banded and marked birds. This effort requires coordination between banders and people who later encounter the marked birds to ensure the data are available for later analyses. To achieve these goals, the BBL collects information using three forms: the Application for Federal Bird Banding or Marking Permit, the Federal Bird Banding or Marking Permit Renewal Form, and the Bird Banding Recovery

*Title of Collection:* Bird Banding Permit Applications and Band Recovery Reports.

*OMB Control Number:* 1028–0082.

*Form Number:* None.

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

*Respondents/Affected Public:* General public.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:* 92,000.

—*Bird Banding Permit Application:* 80 respondents

—*Bird Banding Permit Renewal:* 400 respondents

—*Band Recovery Form:* 91,520 respondents

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 93,150.

—*Bird Banding Permit Application:* 80 responses

—*Bird Banding Permit Renewal:* 400 responses

—*Band Recovery Form:* 92,670: responses

*Estimated Completion Time per Response:* 3 to 60 minutes, depending on form used.

—*Bird Banding Permit Application:* 60 minutes

—*Bird Banding Permit Renewal:* 3 minutes

—*Band Recovery Form:* 3 minutes

*Burden Hours.*

—*Bird Banding Permit Application:* 80 hours

—*Bird Banding Permit Renewal:* 20 hours

—*Band Recovery Report Form:* 4,634 hours

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 4,734 hours.

*Respondent’s Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Frequency of Collection:* On occasion.

*Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost:* We have not identified any “non-hour cost” burdens associated with this collection of information.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, nor is a person required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The authority for this action is the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

**Antonio Celis-Murillo,**

*Chief, USGS Bird Banding Laboratory.*

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