

requirement, related forms and explanatory materials may be obtained by contacting the Fish and Wildlife Service's Information Collection Clearance Officer at the address listed below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before August 7, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments and suggestions on the requirement should be sent directly to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attention: Interior Department Desk Officer, Washington, DC 20503; and a copy of the comments should be sent to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (MS 224-ARLSQ); 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Phyllis H. Cook, Service Information Collection Clearance Officer, 703/358-1943; 703/358-2269 (fax).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Comments are invited on (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the 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.

Title: Declaration for Importation or Exportation of Fish or Wildlife.

OMB Approval Number: 1018-0012.

Description and use: The Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1972, as amended, also known as Section 9(e), makes it unlawful for any person importing or exporting fish, wildlife or plants to fail to file any person importing or exporting fish, wildlife or plants to fail to file any declaration or reports, as the Secretary deems necessary to facilitate enforcement of the Act or to meet the obligations of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Flora (CITES). Importers and exporters exempt from the requirements of Section 9(e) are as follows: Persons importing or exporting shellfish and fishery products, which are not listed as endangered or threatened and are imported for the purposes of human or animal consumption or taken in waters under the jurisdiction of the United States or on the high seas for recreational purposes. Generally, these exemptions apply to persons importing or exporting wildlife products or manufactured articles, not intended for sale, as personal accompanying baggage or part

of a shipment of household effect and to persons importing or exporting certain sport taken fish and wildlife. Dead, preserved, dried, or imbedded scientific specimens or parts, not requiring permits under other parts of Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), imported or exported by accredited scientists or accredited scientific institutions for taxonomic or systematic research purposes may be imported or exported through any U.S. Customs port provided that a Service Form 3-177 is filed within 180 days with the appropriate Assistant Regional Director—Law Enforcement in the region where the import or export occurred.

The information collected is necessary for the Secretary of the Interior to fulfill the statutory requirements set forth for the enforcement of the ESA, including compilation of an annual report on the import and export of fish and Wildlife (a treaty obligation under CITES). Such information is used by the Service as an enforcement tool and managerial aid in monitoring the international wildlife market.

Service form number: 3-177.

Frequency: On occasion.

Description of respondents:

Individuals or households; federal, state and local governments; businesses, and non-profit institutions.

Number of respondents: 81,792. (The Service estimates that 20,448 respondents will submit an average of 4 declarations annually.)

Completion time: The Service estimates that an average of 15 minutes would be required per entry.

Total annual burden: 20,448 hours.

Dated: June 23, 1997.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Approval Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The collection of information listed below has been submitted to OMB for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act. A copy of the information collection requirement is included in this notice. Copies of and explanatory material may be obtained

by contacting the Service Information Collection Clearance Officer at the address listed below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before August 7, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments and suggestions on the requirement should be sent directly to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs; Office of Management and Budget; Attention: Interior Desk Officer; Washington, DC 20503; and a copy of the comments should be sent to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 224-ARLSQ; 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240.

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Title: Special Use Permit Applications on National Wildlife Refuges in Alaska (contained in the Final Rule Entitled, "Regulations for the Administration of Special Use Permits on National Wildlife Refuges in Alaska").

Approval Number: 1018-0014.

Service Form Number(s): 3-2001.

Description and use: The National Wildlife Refuge Administration Act (16 U.S.C. 668 dd-ee), requires that economic privileges on any National Wildlife Refuge be authorized by permit only when the activity will not be incompatible with the purposes for which the refuge was established. The Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) provides for the disposition and use of a variety of federally owned lands in Alaska. Section 1307 of ANILCA contains two provisions concerning persons and entities who are to be given special rights and preferences with respect to providing "visitor services" on certain lands under the administration of the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary), in this context, units of the National Wildlife Refuge System. The term, "visitor services," is defined in section 1307 as " * * any service made available for a fee or charge to persons who visit a conservation system unit,

including such services as providing food, accommodations, transportation, tours and guides, excepting the guiding of sport hunting and fishing." Other sections of ANILCA allow the Secretary to permit uses on national wildlife refuges in Alaska under certain conditions. Specifically, section 1303 of ANILCA states that no special use permits will be issued unless the permit applicant provides certain items of information.

The permit applications will be provided by the Service as requested by interested Alaska citizens. The required written forms and/or verbal application information will be used by the Service as requested to ensure that the applicant is eligible for non-competitively awarded permits, or in the case of

competitively awarded permits, the most qualified applicant to receive benefits of a refuge permit. In the case of "1307" permits, the information will be used to also determine whether the applicant is: a member of a Native Corporation; a local resident; was engaged in adequately providing visitor services on or before January 1, 1979; and/or is eligible to receive Cook Inlet Region rights.

Provision is made in the Service general refuge regulations for public entry for specialized purposes, including economic activities such as the operation of guiding and other visitor services on refuges by concessionaires or cooperators under appropriate contracts or legal agreements (found in 50 Code of Federal

Regulations (CFR) 25.61) or special use permits (found in 50 CFR 26.22(b) and 26.25). These rules in combination with the final rule cited above provide the authorities and procedures for selecting permittees on Alaska refuges, the vast majority of which are providers of services and facilities to the public. Permits will be issued for a specific period as determined by the type, and location of the use or visitor service provided.

Service Form Number: 3-2001.

Frequency of Collection: On occasion.

Description of Respondents:

Individuals and households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Farms; and State, local or Tribal government.

INFORMATION COLLECTION BURDEN ESTIMATE

Type of permit	No. of respondents	Completion time
	Competitive/non-competitive	Competitive/non-competitive
Visitor Services:		
Hunting and Fishing	50/150	30 hrs./1.5 hrs.
Annual burden hours	1,500 hours/225 hours	
Total annual burden hours: 1,725.		
Visitor Services:		
General	10	40 hrs.
Annual Burden: 400 hours.		
Combined Annual Burden:		
No. of respondents and responses	210	
Average burden per response	10.1 hours	
Annual burden: 2,125 hours.		

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE, ALASKA REGION****SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION****OFFICE USE:****SUP**

NOTICE: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501, et seq.) and the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) please be advised that:

1. The permitting of compatible economic and public uses on lands of the National Wildlife Refuge System is authorized by: (a) the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act (16 U.S.C. 668dd-ee); (b) the Refuge Recreation Act (16 U.S.C. 460k-n), (c) Bald Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 663a); (d) Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1539); (e) Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703-711); (f) Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1371-1383); (g) Lacey Act (18 U.S.C. 42 and 44); and (h) Tariff Classification Act of 1962 (19 U.S.C. 1202).

2. Public and economic uses of national wildlife refuges may be authorized upon a determination that such uses are compatible with the purpose(s) for which the refuge was established. The action also must be in accordance with provisions of all laws applicable to the areas, consistent with the principles of sound fish and wildlife management and otherwise in the public interest.

3. The application form will be used by Service personnel to evaluate the qualifications and conclude the eligibility of the applicant. Applicants are not required to disclose their social security number.

4. Routine use disclosures may also be made (1) to the U.S. Department of Justice when related to litigation or anticipated litigation; (2) of information indicating a violation or potential violation of a statute, regulation, rule, order or license to appropriate Federal, State, local or foreign agencies responsible for investigating or prosecuting the violation or for enforcing or implementing the statute, rule, regulation, order or license; (3) from the record of an individual in response to an inquiry from a Congressional office made at the request of that individual (42 FR 19083; April 11, 1977)

5. Information requested in this form is purely voluntary, but failure to answer questions may jeopardize eligibility to receive permits. Response is not required unless a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number is displayed.

6. The public reporting burden for this information collection varies based on the specific refuge use being requested. The relevant burden estimate ranges from 1.5 hours for each non-competitively bid permit, to 30 hours for each competitively awarded permits, to 40 hours for each 1307 permit being requested. This burden estimate includes time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of the form to the Service Information Collection Clearance officer, Fish and Wildlife Service, Mail Stop 224, Arlington Square, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240, and to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OME, Attention: Desk officer for the Interior Department (1018-0014), Washington, D.C. 20503.

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1) Please type or print in ink. Answer all questions completely or mark "N/A" if not applicable.

APPLICANT NAME _____

TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER _____

BUSINESS NAME _____

PRIMARY ADDRESS _____

(Business Address) _____

ALTERNATE ADDRESS _____

PRIMARY PHONE NUMBER _____

FAX NUMBER _____

ALTERNATE PHONE NUMBER _____

CC:MAIL ADDRESS _____

AS AN APPLICANT, ARE YOU: (Mark one box with "X")

☐ INDIVIDUAL

☐ CORPORATION

☐ PARTNERSHIP/ASSOCIATION

☐ GOVERNMENT/STATE AGENCY

☐ OTHER _____

If you are an INDIVIDUAL or PARTNERSHIP, are you also a citizen(s) of the United States?

YES _____ NO _____

2) SPECIAL USE PERMIT ACTIVITIES

Use the code listing below to select the refuge and commercial activity(ies) to complete this section.
Be as specific as you can. (Example: ARC-AT means Arctic National Wildlife Refuge - Air Taxi Operations).

NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE CODE ACRONYMS

AKM = Alaska Maritime NWR	KOD = Kodiak NWR
AIU = Aleutian Islands Unit/Alaska Maritime NWR	KOY = Koyukuk/Nowitna NWR
APB = Alaska Peninsula/Becharof NWR	SWK = Selawik NWR
ARC = Arctic NWR	TET = Tetlin NWR
INN = Innoko NWR	TOG = Togiak NWR
IZM = Izembek NWR	YKD = Yukon Delta NWR
KAN = Kanuti NWR	YKF = Yukon Flats NWR
KEN = Kenai NWR	

ACTIVITY CODES

AT	=	Air Taxi - FAA certified, point to point aircraft transportation on refuge lands/waters
BG	=	Big Game Guiding
FS	=	Flightseeing - only if you will be landing on refuge lands/waters
GH	=	Guided Hiking
GO	=	Guiding, other (i.e., birding, photography, snowmobiling, dog sled, etc.)
PH	=	Commercial Photography
RT	=	River Trips - specify type of boat and if motorized or not
SF	=	Sport Fish Guiding
TP	=	Transporting clients, specify mode of transport (i.e., horse, boat, snowmachine, etc.)
OT	=	Other, please specify in detail, on a separate sheet, the activity you propose

REFUGE CODE	ACTIVITY CODE (specify additional details if applicable - you may use additional sheets)	AREA(S) OF USE (delineate on USGS Topo maps if applicable)	CLIENT #S - Specify anticipated average and maximum number of clients per day

3). What are the estimated starting and ending dates of your proposed activity? _____

4). Will your business be operating aircraft (not hiring air taxis) on refuge lands/waters?

YES _____ NO _____ If so, will your business be operating aircraft under:

(check one) _____ FAA Regulations Part 91 (Incidental Air) _____ FAA Regulations Part 135 (Air Taxi)

(PLEASE PROVIDE A COPY OF YOUR FAA CERTIFICATION.)

Name of Air Taxi(s) you plan to use _____

List the MAKE, MODEL, WHEEL/FLOAT, COLOR and TAIL NUMBER of all aircraft you own/lease/operate:

MAKE	MODEL	WHEEL ()	SKI ()	FLOAT ()	COLOR	TAIL NUMBER

5) You are required to carry liability insurance to provide protection for visitors you serve on refuges. The U.S. Government must be named as an additional insured. Do you have current liability insurance? YES _____ NO _____ (Attach a copy of the insurance certificate.) Applicants must obtain liability coverage BEFORE a Special Use Permit can be issued. Refer to the enclosed Insurance Information Sheet for required minimum coverage amounts.

6) List the type of vessel(s) or vehicle(s) and the maximum passenger capacity of the vehicles and/or vessels (not aircraft) you plan to use within refuge boundaries.

VESSEL/VEHICLE	MAXIMUM CAPACITY	REGISTRATION NUMBER

7) Within the past 5 years, has the company (entity) or any of the owners of the business been convicted, pled nolo contendere, or forfeited collateral for any violations of state, federal, or local law or regulations related to fish and wildlife or permit activities? YES _____ NO _____

8) Is the company (entity), or any of the owners of the business now under charges for any violation of state, federal, or local law or regulations related to fish and wildlife or permit activities? YES _____ NO _____

9) Within the past 5 years, have any of your current or proposed employees been convicted, pled nolo contendere, or forfeited collateral for any state, federal or local law or regulations related to fish and wildlife or permit activities? OR are they now under charges for any violation of state, federal or local law or regulations related to fish and wildlife or permit activities? YES _____ NO _____. IF YOU ANSWERED "YES" TO QUESTIONS # 7, 8 OR 9, PLEASE GIVE DETAILS IN THE SPACE BELOW. FOR EACH VIOLATION, PROVIDE THE: 1) Individual's Name, 2) Date, 3) Charge, 4) Place, 5) Court, and 6) Action Taken.

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10) If the following blank is checked _____, or if this application is in response to a prospectus for a competitively awarded permit, please provide a detailed response which addresses, at a minimum, the following factors: proposed operations plan; complete above history of violation related questions 7, 8, and 9 for the past 10 years; safety record, training and proposed safety plan; documentation of experience and knowledge applicable to both the proposed activity and delineated use area or general geographical area; complete list and description of property, equipment and accessories; and complete list of clients for same or similar activities during the past three years. (Use separate sheets to complete this question.)

11) Provide a complete list of names, addresses and phone numbers of employees who will be assisting with permit activities on the refuge. Also indicate in what capacity they will be operating (e.g., guide, pilot, camp cook, etc.) For any employee, including the applicant, who will be operating a vehicle, aircraft or vessel while carrying clients, please provide their State drivers license number, pilot certificate number, or applicable vessel operating license number and indicate whether they have had any such licenses suspended or revoked, or have been convicted for driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs during the past five years. Please use separate sheet to provide this information.

12) False, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations made in this application may be grounds for revocation of the Special Use Permit and may be punishable by fine or imprisonment (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001). All information you provide will be considered in reviewing this application.

13) Please attach a copy of your State business license and any applicable State or Federal licenses/certifications (e.g., State Big Game Guiding License, State Transporter license, U.S. Coast Guard License, etc.).

SIGNATURE OF OWNER/AGENT
(Attach proof of Agent)

PRINTED NAME

DATE

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Check #	Check Amount:	Overpayment:	Additional Amount Needed:	Fee Not enclosed

WERE THESE DOCUMENTS ENCLOSED WITH APPLICATION?
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AIRCRAFT INSURANCE: YES NO

GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE: YES NO

STATE BUSINESS LICENSE: YES NO

OTHER LICENSES/CERTIFICATIONS: YES NO

MISSING DOCUMENTATION

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Availability of the North Cascade Ecosystem Recovery Plan Chapter for the Grizzly Bear Recovery Plan

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of document availability.

SUMMARY: To further the recovery of the grizzly bear (*Ursus arctos horribilis*), the Fish and Wildlife Service announces the availability of the North Cascade Ecosystem Grizzly Bear Recovery Plan Chapter. The North Cascade ecosystem is located in Washington. This chapter has been appended to the existing Grizzly Bear Recovery Plan approved in 1993. The availability of the draft of the chapter was announced to the public in the **Federal Register** on November 15, 1993 (58 FR 60208).

DATES: The North Cascade Ecosystem Chapter of the revised Grizzly Bear Recovery Plan was signed by the Regional Director, Denver Regional

Office, Fish and Wildlife Service, on June 23, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The document announced in this notice is available from: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 510 Desmond Drive, SE, Suite 102, Lacey, Washington 98503-1273.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dave Frederick, Western Washington Office Supervisor (see **ADDRESSES** above), at telephone (360) 753-9440.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Restoring an endangered or threatened plant or animal to a point where it is again a secure, self-sustaining member of its ecosystem is a primary goal of the Fish and Wildlife Service's (Service) endangered species program. To help guide the recovery effort, the Service is working to prepare recovery plans for most of the listed species native to the United States. Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for conservation of the species, establish criteria for the recovery levels for downlisting or delisting them, and estimate time and cost for starting the needed recovery measures.

Under the provisions of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act) as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the Service approved the revised Grizzly Bear Recovery Plan on September 10,

1993 (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 1993). The Plan approved in 1993 did not contain a complete chapter on the North Cascade ecosystem because the specific information necessary to develop this chapter was not available. On June 23, 1997, the Service approved the North Cascades Ecosystem Grizzly Bear Recovery Plan Chapter. The agencies responsible for development of this chapter included the Service, U.S. Forest Service, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, National Park Service, Washington Department of Natural Resources, and British Columbia Ministry of Environment. This chapter was developed by a cooperative effort of the involved agencies and a wide range of interested citizens from throughout the area. Public involvement in drafting the chapter identified issues that include livestock depredation, effects on recreation and big game species/hunting, human health and safety, land use policy/restrictions, the role of the grizzly bear in the ecosystem (naturalness), economics, State and Federal authorities, private property rights, illegal killing/poaching, and effects of grizzly bears on other species (such as listed salmon). The availability of the draft of the chapter was announced to the public in the **Federal Register** on November 15, 1993 (58 FR 60208).