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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[Docket No. FWS-HQ-MB-2019-0004;
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Migratory Bird Hunting; Service Regulations Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (hereinafter Service) will conduct an open meeting on April 23, 2019, to identify and discuss preliminary issues concerning the 2020-21 migratory bird hunting regulations.

DATES: The meeting will be held April 23, 2019. The meeting will commence at approximately 10:30 a.m. and is open to the public.

ADDRESSES: The Service Regulations Committee meeting will meet at the Westin Denver International Airport, 8300 Pena Boulevard, Denver, CO 80249; (303) 317-1800.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ron W. Kokel, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, MS: MB, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803; (703) 358-1967.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the authority of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703-712), the Service regulates the hunting of migratory game birds. We update the migratory game bird hunting regulations, located in title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations in part 20, annually. Through these regulations, we establish the frameworks, or outside limits, for season lengths, bag limits, and areas for migratory game bird hunting. To help us in this process, we have administratively divided the nation into four Flyways (Atlantic, Mississippi, Central, and Pacific), each of which has a Flyway Council. Representatives from the Service, the Service's Migratory Bird Regulations Committee, and Flyway Council Consultants will meet on April 23, 2019, at 11 a.m., to identify preliminary issues concerning the 2020-21 migratory bird hunting regulations for discussion and review by the Flyway

Councils at their August and September meetings.

In accordance with Department of the Interior (hereinafter Department) policy regarding meetings of the Service Regulations Committee attended by any person outside the Department, these meetings are open to public observation. The Service is committed to providing access to this meeting for all participants. Please direct all requests for sign language interpreting services, closed captioning, or other accommodation needs to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, TTY 800-877-8339, with your request by close of business on April 15, 2019.

Dated: March 8, 2019.

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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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Fish and Wildlife Service

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18X FVRS84510900000; OMB Control
Number 1018-New]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Preliminary Land Acquisition Tracking Processes

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice of information collection;
request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, are proposing a new information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 9, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments on this information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget's Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior by email at *OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov*; or via facsimile to (202) 395-5806. Please provide a copy of your comments to the Service Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS: BPHC, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803 (mail); or by email to *Info_Coll@*

fws.gov. Please reference OMB Control Number 1018-New in the subject line of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this ICR, contact Madonna L. Baucum, Service Information Collection Clearance Officer, by email at *Info_Coll@fws.gov*, or by telephone at (703) 358-2503. You may also view the ICR at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 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.

We published a **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day public comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information on July 11, 2018 (83 FR 32138). We received no comments in response to that notice.

We are again soliciting comments on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is the collection necessary to the proper functions of the Service; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Service enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Service minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

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 personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be 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.

Abstract: Information collected by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (in support of the land acquisition program) is required under applicable statutes, Department of Justice regulations, Departmental and Service policies, and best business practices. In addition, the land acquisition program facilitates Secretarial Orders 3356 and 3366 by tracking land acquisitions that have potential to support public hunting, fishing, and other forms of outdoor recreation, and access related thereto. Authorities for the collection of realty-related information include:

- Regulations of the Attorney General Governing the Review and Approval of Title for Federal Land Acquisitions (2016);
- Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. 4601);
- National Wildlife Refuge Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd);
- Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act (16 U.S.C. 718d);
- Migratory Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 715–715r, as amended);
- Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, as amended (16 U.S.C. 4601);
- Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1534);
- Emergency Wetlands Resources Act of 1986 (16 U.S.C. 3901); and
- Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956, as amended (16 U.S.C. 742a).

The Service tracks information collected from landowners as part of the preliminary land acquisition process. Information collected by the Service as part of the preliminary land acquisition process may include the following:

• Initial Requests—Initial request to consider property, to include such items as:

- Identifying information for the legal property owner(s), such as:
 - Name of primary property owner, along with spouse and/or co-owner(s) whose names appear on the current deed to the property under review;
 - Marital status;
 - Other names used; and
 - Contact information to include telephone numbers, personal email addresses, and mailing/home addresses.
- Financial information, to include Social Security Numbers (necessary for final payment transaction).
- Property description, to include such information as:
 - Property name,
 - Location,
 - Legal description, and
 - Introductory information.

• Permission to Inspect and Appraise (FWS Form 3–2471)—Collects information about the property owner and location, and grants permission to enter and inspect the property for real estate acquisition purposes. Inspection may include, but is not limited to:

- Appraisal Valuations;
- Boundary survey;
- Hazardous materials examination (contaminant survey); and
- Physical examination of any structures on the property.

We do not use FWS Forms 3–2471 in projects that are under Memoranda of Understanding (MOU), Memoranda of Agreement (MOA), Cooperative Agreements, some donation partnerships, and other special cases.

- Waiver of Appraisal Requirement (nonform-letter)—Per 49 CFR

24.102(c)(2), a willing-seller landowner may release the Service from the obligation of obtaining an appraisal for: (1) Land donations and (2) certain land acquisitions where the anticipated value is low and the valuation problem is uncomplicated.

Unless delivered in person, both the Permission to Inspect and Appraise (FWS Form 3–2471) and the Waiver of Appraisal Requirement will contain a cover letter referred to as the Access Permission Letter. The Access Permission Letter does not request any information but is used to explain the form or waiver process.

Information is collected and protected in accordance with the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) and the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552). We will maintain the information in a secure System of Records (Real Property Records, FWS–11; 64 FR 103, dated May 2, 1999). We gather Social Security numbers and banking information to assist with electronic payments and preparation of the required Internal Revenue Service Forms 1099.

Title of Collection: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Preliminary Land Acquisition Tracking Processes.

OMB Control Number: 1018–New.
Form Number: 3–2471.

Type of Review: Existing collection in use with an OMB Control Number.

Respondents/Affected Public: Individuals/households, private sector, and State/local/Tribal governments participating in realty transactions with the Service.

Respondent’s Obligation: Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit.

Frequency of Collection: On occasion.

Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost: None.

Requirement	Average number of annual respondents	Average number of responses each	Average number of annual responses	Average completion time per response	Estimated Annual burden hours*
<i>Initial Requests:</i>					
Individuals	129	1	129	.5	65
Private Sector	78	1	78	1	78
Government	13	1	13	2	26
<i>Permission to Inspect and Appraise:</i>					
Individuals	57	1	57	.5	29
Private Sector	24	1	24	.5	12
Government	4	1	4	2	8
<i>Waiver of Appraisal Requirement:</i>					
Individuals	3	1	3	.5	2
Private Sector	56	1	56	.5	28
Government	9	1	9	2	18
<i>Totals</i>	<i>373</i>	<i>.....</i>	<i>373</i>	<i>.....</i>	<i>266</i>

* Rounded.

An agency 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.

The authority for this action is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

Dated: April 4, 2019.
Madonna Baucum,
Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Marine Mammals; Letters of Authorization To Take Pacific Walrus and Polar Bears in the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas, Alaska, in 2018

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.
ACTION: Notice of issuance.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has issued Letters of Authorization (LOA) for the nonlethal take of polar bears and Pacific walrus incidental to oil and gas industry exploration, development, and production activities in the Beaufort Sea and the adjacent northern coast of Alaska. This notice announces a list of the LOAs that were issued just prior to

and during 2018. The LOAs stipulate conditions and methods that minimize impacts to polar bears and Pacific walrus from these activities. No LOAs were requested or issued in 2018 for the nonlethal take of polar bears and Pacific walrus incidental to oil and gas industry exploration activities in the Chukchi Sea and adjacent western coast of Alaska.

ADDRESSES: The Letters of Authorization listed in this notice are available electronically at the following location: <http://www.fws.gov/alaska/fisheries/mmm/itr.htm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Christopher Putnam at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Marine Mammals Management Office, 1011 East Tudor Road, MS 341, Anchorage, Alaska 99503; 800-362-5148 or 907-786-3844.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 5, 2016, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service published in the **Federal Register** a final rule (81 FR 52276) establishing regulations that allow us to authorize the nonlethal, incidental, unintentional take of small numbers of polar bears (*Ursus maritimus*) and Pacific walrus (*Odobenus rosmarus divergens*) during year-round oil and gas industry exploration, development, and production activities in the Beaufort Sea and adjacent northern coast of Alaska.

The rule established subpart J in part 18 of title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and is effective through August 5, 2021. The rule prescribed a process under which we issue Letters of Authorization (LOAs) to applicants conducting activities as described under the provisions of the regulations. This rule replaced a similar rule, published on August 3, 2011 (76 FR 47010), which expired on August 3, 2016, and likewise prescribed a process under which we issued such LOAs.

Each LOA stipulates conditions or methods that are specific to the activity and location. Holders of the LOAs must use methods and conduct activities in a manner that minimizes to the greatest extent practicable adverse impacts on Pacific walrus and polar bears and their habitat, and on the availability of these marine mammals for subsistence purposes. Intentional take and lethal incidental take are prohibited under these regulations.

In accordance with section 101(a)(5)(A) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and our regulations at 50 CFR part 18, subpart J, in 2018 we issued LOAs to each of the following companies in the Beaufort Sea and adjacent northern coast of Alaska:

BEAUFORT SEA LETTERS OF AUTHORIZATION

Company	Activity	Project	LOA No.
ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc	Exploration	Putu Exploration well	17-12
Peak Oilfield Service Company, LLC	Support	Coastal transportation services	18-01
Armstrong Energy, LLC	Exploration	Pikka #2 exploration	18-02
Oil Search Alaska, Inc	Exploration	Transfer of Armstrong's LOA to Oil Search	18-02
Hilcorp Alaska, LLC	Development	Liberty geotech sampling	18-03
ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc	Development	Seismic exploration and early development for GMT2 in the National Petroleum Reserve—Alaska (NPR-A).	18-04
SAExploration, Inc	Exploration	Yukon 3d seismic	18-05
BEM Systems, Incorporated	Remediation	Oliktok remediation and coastal erosion study	18-06
Petrotechnical Resources of Alaska	Exploration	Methane hydrate exploration on the North slope	18-07
BP Exploration (Alaska), Inc	Remediation	Demolition of the Liberty rig	18-08
Chevron Environmental Management Company.	Remediation	Kalubik Creek	18-09
Caelus Energy Alaska, LLC	Development	Nuna project	18-10
ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc	Exploration	Harrison Bay	18-11
ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc	Development	GMT-2 Development	18-12
ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc	Exploration	2018-2019 NPR-A Exploration & Appraisal Drilling Program	18-13
ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc	Exploration	NPR-A geotech and weather station near Harrison Bay	18-14
SAExploration, Inc	Exploration	Staines 3D seismic project	18-15
BP Exploration (Alaska), Inc	Exploration	Greater Prudhoe Bay 3D Seismic Survey	18-16

On June 12, 2013, we published in the **Federal Register** a final rule (78 FR 35364) establishing regulations that allowed us to authorize the nonlethal, incidental, unintentional take of small numbers of polar bears and Pacific walrus during year-round oil and gas industry exploration activities in the

Chukchi Sea and adjacent western coast of Alaska. The rule established 50 CFR part 18 subpart I and was effective until June 11, 2018. The process under which we issue LOAs to applicants and the requirements that the holders of the LOAs must follow is the same as described above for LOAs issued under

50 CFR part 18, subpart J. We issued no LOAs under the subpart I regulations in 2018 prior to their expiration on June 12, 2018.

Authority: We issue this notice under the authority of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*).