

10-day period (for a total of 40 days) in which to make these comments. Any persons interested in commenting on this proposed system notice may do so by submitting comments in writing as indicated under **ADDRESSES**. Comments received within 40 days of publication will be considered. The system will be effective as proposed at the end of the comment period, unless comments are received that would require a contrary determination. We will publish a revised notice if we make changes based on our review of comments received.

Dated: August 29, 2003.

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

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SYSTEM NAME:

Permits System.

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:

None.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

The records are stored at the following offices of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS):

(1) For the Endangered Species Program:

(a) Regional Endangered Species Offices (*see* 50 CFR 2.2 for addresses) and

(b) Division of Consultation, HCPs, Recovery and State Grants and the Division of Conservation and Classification, Endangered Species Program, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Mail Stop 420 Arlington Square Building, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203.

(2) Division of Management Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Mail Stop 700 Arlington Square Building, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203.

(3) Division of Migratory Bird Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Mail Stop MBSP-4107 Arlington Square Building, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203, and Regional Migratory Bird Offices (*see* 50 CFR 2.2 for addresses).

(4) Office of Law Enforcement, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Mail Stop LE-3000 Arlington Square Building, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203; Regional Law Enforcement Offices (*see* 50 CFR 10.22 for addresses); designated ports of entry (*see* 50 CFR 14.12 for locations); and some border or special port offices (*see* 50 CFR 14.16 and 14.19 for locations).

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Records are maintained on applicants who seek permits to conduct certain activities that affect wildlife and plants protected and/or regulated under the following Federal laws or treaties: Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, Endangered Species Act, Marine Mammal Protection Act, Migratory Bird Treaty Act, Lacey Act, and Wild Bird Conservation Act.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

The records contain the name, address, date of birth, Social Security Number, occupation, home and work phone numbers, facsimile number, and email address of someone who applies for a permit. For eagle permits for Native American religious purposes, the records contain tribal affiliation and, at the applicant's discretion, religious ceremony. The records also contain the qualifications of the applicant (such as, education and experience), the locations, types, and purposes of the proposed activity, and reports of activities conducted under an issued permit. They include documents that reflect the general administrative processing of the application and permit; public review required by certain laws, including comments received; our consultation with subject matter experts, including but not limited to experts within the FWS and in State, Federal, local, and foreign agencies, for the purpose of obtaining scientific, management, and legal advice; and our evaluation of information to make a decision on an application for a permit, and to monitor activities that occur under a permit. Although the system contains records on corporations and other business entities including Tax Identification Number, only records containing personal information on individuals are subject to the Privacy Act.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668–668d); Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703–712); Marine Mammal Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 1361–1407); Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531–1544); Wild Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4901–4916); and Lacey Act (18 U.S.C. 42), and Title 50, parts 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, and 23 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

PURPOSE(S):

The purposes are to establish and verify an applicant's eligibility for a

permit to conduct activities which affect wildlife and plants protected under a number of Federal wildlife laws and treaties; produce reports to monitor the use and trade in protected wildlife and plants; and assess the impact of permitted activities on the conservation and management of species and their habitats.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

The FWS is the primary user of the system, and the primary uses of the records will be:

(1) To establish and verify an applicant's eligibility for a permit to conduct activities with protected wildlife and plants under a number of conservation laws and treaties.

(2) To provide the public and permittees with permit-related information.

(3) To monitor activities conducted under a permit.

(4) To analyze data and produce reports to monitor the use and trade in protected wildlife and plants.

(5) To assess the impact of permitted activities on the conservation and management of protected species and their habitats.

(6) To evaluate the effectiveness of the permit programs.

(7) To meet reporting requirements of the Department of the Interior (DOI) and FWS.

(8) To generate budget estimates and track performance.

Disclosures outside the DOI may be made under the routine uses listed below without the consent of the individual if the disclosure is compatible with the purposes for which the record was collected.

(1) To subject matter experts, including but not limited to experts in State, Federal, local, and foreign agencies, for the purpose of obtaining scientific, management, and legal advice relevant to making a decision on an application for a permit.

(2) To the public as a result of publishing **Federal Register** notices announcing the receipt of permit applications for public comment or notice of the decision on a permit application.

(3) To Federal, State, local, or foreign wildlife and plant agencies for the exchange of information on permits granted or denied to assure compliance with all applicable permitting requirements.

(4) To Captive-bred Wildlife registrants under the Endangered Species Act for the exchange of captive-born, non-native endangered and