



What You Need to Know About a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Import/Export License – Foreign Entities

Import/Export (I/E) Licenses are issued only by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) and are issued to entities (companies or individuals) before they commercially import into or export from the United States shipments containing wildlife (including their parts and products). You should review Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts [10](#), [13](#), and [14](#). You are responsible for reviewing and understanding these regulations before importing or exporting.

An I/E License can be issued to foreign entities (companies or individuals) that have **no physical presence** in the United States under certain circumstances. This is an uncommon scenario, and these entities will be required to designate a U.S. Agent.

What does “no physical presence” mean?

This means that all your buildings, warehouses, employees, inventory, manufacturing, distribution, etc., are all located outside the United States. The most common scenario we encounter is a foreign entity that enters the U.S. temporarily for a trade show and brings their wildlife items with them in their personal accompanying baggage.

When do I need to obtain my I/E License?

You are required to obtain your I/E License prior to commercially importing into or exporting from the United States shipments containing wildlife, their parts or products.

How do I use my I/E License?

If an I/E License is issued to your company, you will ensure that a copy of the I/E License is provided with each Declaration for Importation or Exportation of Fish or Wildlife ([Form 3-177](#)) document package submitted to FWS/OLE at time of shipment import or export. If you use a Customshouse broker to file with FWS/OLE, you should ensure that they have a copy of your I/E License to submit with your declaration package.

What is “wildlife”?

The Endangered Species Act (ESA) (16 U.S.C. §§ 1531-1544) defines the term “fish or wildlife” as “any member of the animal kingdom, including without limitation any mammal, fish, bird (including any migratory, nonmigratory, or endangered bird for which protection is also afforded by treaty or other international agreement), amphibian, reptile, mollusk, crustacean, arthropod or other invertebrate, and includes any part, product, egg, or offspring thereof, or the dead body or parts thereof.”

What is “commercial”?

Commercial means related to the offering for sale or resale, purchase, trade, barter, or the actual or intended transfer in the pursuit of gain or profit, of any item of wildlife and includes the use of any wildlife article as an exhibit for the purpose of soliciting sales, without regard to

quantity or weight. There is a presumption that eight or more similar unused items are for commercial use. The Service or the importer/exporter may rebut this presumption based upon the particular facts and circumstances of each case (50 CFR [14.4](#)).

Do I need an I/E License if I have any other FWS issued permits?

I/E Licenses are separate from any other permit that is issued by FWS (CITES, endangered species, migratory bird, etc.). Other FWS permits do not replace the necessity for an I/E License if you are importing/exporting wildlife shipments for commercial purposes.

DO I NEED AN IMPORT/EXPORT LICENSE?

Which animals are exempt from I/E License requirements?

- **Certain domesticated animals (see table below):**

FWS has a specific list of animals exempt from FWS import/export license regulations. However, if the specimens are obtained from wild populations (example: feral goats or pigs), or otherwise require a permit under 50 CFR Parts [15](#) (Wild Bird Conservation Act), [16](#) (Injurious Wildlife), [17](#) (Endangered Species), [18](#) (Marine Mammals), [21](#) (Migratory Bird), [22](#) (Bald and Golden Eagle), or [23](#) (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)), then they fall under FWS jurisdiction and all importation, exportation, and transportation of wildlife regulations under 50 CFR [14](#) apply.

Current List of domesticated species found at 50 CFR [14.4](#)

<p><i>Mammals:</i> Alpaca—<i>Lama alpaca</i>; Camel—<i>Camelus dromedarius</i>; Camel (Boghdi)—<i>Camelus bactrianus</i>; Cat (domestic)—<i>Felis domesticus</i>; NOTE: Does not include exotic cat hybrids Cattle—<i>Bos taurus</i>; Dog (domestic)—<i>Canis familiaris</i>; NOTE: Does not include specimens crossed with wolf, coyote, fox or any other canid European rabbit—<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>; Ferret (domestic)—<i>Mustela putorius</i>; Goat—<i>Capra hircus</i>; Horse—<i>Equus caballus</i>; Llama—<i>Lama glama</i>; Pig—<i>Sus scrofa</i>; Sheep—<i>Ovis aries</i>; Water buffalo—<i>Bubalus bubalus</i>; White lab mice—<i>Mus musculus</i>; White lab rat—<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>.</p>	<p><i>Birds:</i> Chicken—<i>Gallus domesticus</i>; Ducks & geese—domesticated varieties; Guinea fowl—<i>Numida meleagris</i>; Peafowl—<i>Pavo cristatus</i>; NOTE: this species is no longer treated as a domesticated species by FWS due to the recent listing on Appendix III of CITES. Pigeons (domesticated)—<i>Columba livia domestica</i>; Turkey—<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>; Mallards – Domesticated or Barnyard: Pekin; Aylesbury; Bouen; Cayuga; Gray Call; White Call; East Indian; Crested; Swedish; Buff Orpington; Indian Runner; Campbell; Duclair; Merchtem; Termonde; Magpie; Chinese; Khaki Campbell.</p>
<p><i>Fish (For export purposes only):</i> Carp (koi)—<i>Cyprinus carpio</i>; Goldfish—<i>Carassius auratus</i>.</p>	<p><i>Insects:</i> Crickets, mealworms, honeybees (not to include Africanized varieties), and similar insects that are routinely farm raised.</p> <p><i>Other Invertebrates:</i> Earthworms and similar invertebrates that are routinely farm raised.</p>

- [Shellfish and nonliving fishery products](#) that do not require a permit under [16](#) (Injurious Wildlife), [17](#) (Endangered Species), or [23](#) (CITES) for human or animal consumption. (**NOTE:** Live shellfish imported or exported for grow out or rearing facilities are not considered to be an import or export for human or animal consumption);

Which animals are exempt from I/E License requirements (continued)?

- [Live farm-raised fish and farm-raised fish eggs](#) that do not require a permit under [16](#), [17](#), or [23](#) (listed above) that meet the definition of “bred in captivity” (50 CFR [17.3](#)).
- Exports of [live aquatic invertebrates of Class Pelecypoda](#) that do not require a permit under [16](#), [17](#), or [23](#) (listed above) for the purpose of propagation or research related to propagation.
- [Pearls](#) – unless they come from or are cultivated using any piece or part of a shellfish protected under CITES ([23](#)) or listed as endangered or threatened ([17](#)). If your pearls are shipped in the shells, be aware that the outside shell is not exempt.

I am a foreign supplier shipping to a U.S. importer.

No, a FWS I/E License is not required for the foreign supplier. I/E Licenses are restricted to those entities who are importing into or exporting from the United States or its territories. If a foreign supplier is shipping FWS regulated items to the United States via common carrier (e.g., air, ocean, rail, express courier, etc.), it is the entity located in the U.S. who has the responsibility to obtain an I/E License if the shipment is for commercial purposes.

Examples below are not a complete list:

- Foreign company ships to U.S. company via common carrier
- Foreign company ships to individual via common carrier
- Foreign taxidermist, outfitter or guide ships to U.S. hunter via common carrier

However, if a foreign supplier is bringing FWS regulated items with them into the U.S. (e.g., packed in accompanying baggage for a trade show), then they are considered the U.S. importer and must complete this application and designate a U.S. Agent.

I am a foreign consignee receiving wildlife items from a U.S. exporter.

No, a FWS I/E License is not required for the foreign receiver. I/E Licenses are restricted to those entities that are importing into or exporting from the United States or its territories. If a foreign entity is receiving FWS regulated items from the United States via common carrier, it is the U.S. exporter’s responsibility to obtain an import/export license if the shipment is for commercial purposes.

Examples below are not a complete list:

- U.S. company commercially ships to foreign company via common carrier (U.S. company needs the I/E License)
- Foreign company receives a shipment from an individual (if a commercial shipment, the U.S. individual would need I/E License)

However, if a foreign entity is carrying FWS regulated items with them from the U.S. (e.g., packed in accompanying baggage), then they are considered the U.S. exporter and required to declare the shipment to FWS/OLE. If the export is for commercial purposes, an I/E License is required and a U.S. Agent must be designated.

I am a foreign entity coming to the U.S. for a trade show.

Yes. If you are temporarily coming to the U.S. with wildlife items to sell or using wildlife items to solicit sales, you will be required to have a FWS I/E License and you must designate a U.S. Agent. NOTE: you will need to also declare these items at time of import and export to FWS/OLE.

Examples below are not a complete list:

- A representative of a foreign company travels to the U.S. (carrying samples in accompanying baggage) for a trade show to sell/deliver goods
- A representative of a foreign company travels to the U.S. carrying samples (in accompanying baggage) as gifts for potential customer(s)

I am a foreign entity delivering my client's order to them.

Yes. If you have a U.S. client that purchased wildlife items from you and a representative from your company is entering the U.S. to deliver the shipment to your client, you will need to obtain an I/E License and designate a U.S. Agent. NOTE: You would also be the FWS Importer on the [Form 3-177](#) and would be responsible for declaring the shipment to FWS/OLE at time of import. The invoice(s) and any other shipping documents would be in your name going to your U.S. client.

I am a shipment consolidator located outside the U.S.

No. A FWS I/E License is not required if your business solely provides a service in which a number of smaller shipments (destined for the U.S.) belonging to third parties are combined and shipped together to benefit from better freight rates and security of cargo, you do not need an I/E License.

I am unsure if I fit any of these categories.

Contact a wildlife inspector at the FWS port you intend to use:

<https://www.fws.gov/le/inspection-offices.html>

OTHER INFORMATION

What is the role of a U.S. Agent?

A U.S. Agent of an Import/Export Licensee is required to maintain complete and accurate records of any taking, possession, transportation, sale, purchase, barter, exportation or importation of wildlife for a period of five (5) years from the date of the expiration of their Import/Export License. Such records shall be kept current and shall include names and addresses of persons with whom any wildlife has been purchased, sold, bartered, or otherwise transferred, and the date of such transaction, and other information as may be required or appropriate. Such records shall be legibly written or reproducible in English. The U.S. Agent cannot be a retail postal or mail service center.

The U.S. Agent must provide their name, address and telephone number, and they must sign that they acknowledge and agree to comply with the specified requirements.

The U.S. Agent can apply for the I/E License on behalf of the foreign entity (with executed power of attorney).

Can anyone apply for an I/E License?

You must be at least 18 years of age in order to obtain an I/E License.

Can I have an I/E License if I don't import or export?

There is no reason for you to have an I/E License if you do not commercially import or export. This document does not convey any rights, benefits, or privileges beyond authorizing you to engage in business as an importer or exporter of wildlife. The I/E License is not recognized outside the United States. Renewals will be reviewed for import/export activity.

Can I have more than one I/E License?

Only 1 I/E License is allowed for a business.

Can I let someone else use my I/E License?

No. I/E Licenses are not transferable.

Can I use a photocopy of my I/E License?

Yes. A copy of your valid I/E License is required to be submitted with each Declaration for Importation or Exportation of Fish or Wildlife ([Form 3-177](#)) document package presented to Service Law Enforcement officers at time of import/export. We do not expect you to provide the original.

How long is my I/E License valid?

I/E Licenses are valid for up to one (1) year.

How much does my I/E License cost?

\$100.00

How long does it take to get an I/E License?

In order to expedite the process, submit applications at least 60 calendar days prior to the date needed. **Reminder:** It is unlawful to commercially import or export without first obtaining a valid I/E License (50 CFR [14.91](#)).

Can I be denied an I/E License?

Yes. Disqualifying factors that prohibit issuance of an I/E License are found at 50 CFR [13.21\(c\)](#).

Can my I/E License be revoked or suspended at anytime?

Yes. In addition to criteria listed in 50 CFR [13.21](#), FWS/OLE may deny, suspend, revoke, restrict, or deny renewal of an I/E License under any of the following criteria:

- Failure to pay fees, penalties, or costs required by 50 CFR [14](#);
- You repeatedly fail to notify our Service officers at the appropriate designated port at least 48 hours prior to the estimated time of arrival of a live or perishable wildlife shipment under 50 CFR [14.54\(a\)](#) or at least 48 hours prior to the estimated time of exportation of any wildlife under 50 CFR [14.54\(f\)](#);
- You repeatedly import or export certain types of wildlife without meeting the requirements of the regulations.

Do I have to amend my I/E License when there are changes?

Yes. If there is a change in any information related to your I/E License (name, address, principal officer, etc.), you have 10 calendar days to notify the FWS/OLE issuing office in writing.

Do I need any other authorization to be a commercial importer/exporter?

Check with other Federal and local Agencies (U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Public Health, etc.), as well as State and local municipal requirements for any additional authorizations to possess/trade wildlife in the State(s) you are visiting.



FEDERAL FISH AND WILDLIFE PERMIT APPLICATION FORM



Return to:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Office of Law Enforcement

Send to the appropriate Issuing Office listed on
Page 4 for the State your U.S. Agent is located.

Type of Activity: Import/Export License – Foreign Entities*

- New - \$100.00
- Renewal of I/E License #LE _____ \$100.00
- Amendment to I/E License #LE _____ \$50.00
- Name/Address Change ONLY of Permit #LE _____ (no fee)

Complete all sections of this application.

See attached instruction pages for information on how to make your application complete and help avoid unnecessary delays.

A. All applicants MUST complete			
Name of Business (must match Company's invoice and other permits/shipping documents)			
Complete Tax Identification No. from Your Country	Owner or Principal Officer Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	Description of Business	
Owner or Principal Officer Last Name Sole Owner? Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Owner or Principal Officer First Name	Owner or Principal Officer Middle Name	
Principal Officer Email Address		URL/Web Address	
Principal Officer Title		Primary Contact Name	
Principal Officer Telephone Number	Alternate Telephone Number	Primary Contact Telephone Number	Primary Contact Email Address

B. All applicants MUST complete			
Address (No P.O. Boxes, Retail Postal, or Mail Service Center) (as shown on Company's invoice and other permits/shipping documents)			
City	State	Postal Code	Country

C. All applicants MUST complete	
1.	Attach check or money order payable to the U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE in the amount listed above. <u>Application fees are non-refundable.</u>
2.	Do you currently have or have you ever had any Federal Fish and Wildlife license/permits? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, list the number of the most recent license/permit you have held: _____ No <input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Certification: I hereby certify that I have read and am familiar with the regulations contained in <i>Title 50, Part 13 of the Code of Federal Regulations</i> and the other <i>applicable parts in subchapter B of Chapter I of Title 50</i> , and I certify that the information submitted in this application for a permit is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any false statement herein may subject me to the criminal penalties of 18 U.S.C. 1001.
<hr/> Signature of Principal Officer or U.S. Agent** (No photocopied or stamped signatures) Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy) <small>** (Foreign applicants only – A copy of the Power of Attorney naming foreign entity and U.S. Agent must accompany this application.)</small>	

*** This application is for foreign businesses located outside the United States (no U.S. presence at all) who commercially import (bring into the U.S. from a foreign country) or export (carry out of the U.S. to a foreign country) fish or wildlife (including parts and products). Foreign businesses must designate a U.S. Agent.**

Businesses located inside the United States that import or export FWS regulated items for commercial purposes should complete 3-200-3a.

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**IMPORT/EXPORT LICENSE (Foreign Entities)
APPLICATION CONTINUATION SHEET**

SECTION D: ALL APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE

NOTE: An Import/Export License is required ONLY if a foreign entity commercially imports (brings into the U.S. from another country) or exports (takes out from the U.S. to another country). No I/E License is required if a foreign entity ships (via common carrier) items to U.S. buyer(s).

1. **Is foreign applicant the sole owner?** Yes No (must check one)

2. **Additional Partner(s) or Additional Principal Officer(s) Information** (*list all – use additional pages as necessary*)
Name: _____
Complete Tax Identification Number from the Country where Additional Partner(s)/Principal Officer(s) are located (*list all that apply*): _____
Date of Birth: _____
Address/City/State/Zip (No P.O. Box, Retail Postal, or Mail Service Center): _____

Phone Number: _____
Email address: _____

3. **Are you keeping any wildlife inventories in the U.S.?** Yes No (must check one)
50 CFR 14.93 describes the requirements regarding wildlife inventory.
If yes, provide location of wildlife inventories (*list all – use additional pages as necessary*):
Name: _____
Primary Contact Name: _____
Address/City/State/Zip (No P.O. Box, Retail Postal or Mail Service Center): _____

Phone Number: _____
Email address: _____

4. **General description** of the wildlife or wildlife products you wish to import/export. (Choose all that apply)
 Perishable
 Live (*50 CFR 13.41 requires that wildlife possessed under a license must be maintained under humane and healthful conditions*)
 Venomous
 Dead
 Products (Describe: food, sport hunted trophies, jewelry, footwear, carvings, etc.) _____

 Other (Describe) _____

5. **Type of animal** to be used as described in #4 above. (Choose all that apply)
 Fish Coral Reptiles Amphibians
 Mammals Birds Insects/Arachnids Molluscs (Shells)
 Other _____

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6. **Disqualification Factor.** An applicant with a conviction, or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, for a felony violation of the Lacey Act, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, or the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act disqualifies any such person from receiving or exercising the privileges of a permit, unless such disqualification has been expressly waived by the Service Director in response to a written petition (50 CFR 13.21(c)). Have you or any of the owners of the business, if applying as a business, been convicted, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, forfeited collateral, or are currently under charges for any violations of the laws mentioned above?

Yes No (must check one)

If you answered "Yes" provide: a) the individual's name, b) date of charge, c) charge(s), d) location of incident, e) court, and f) action taken for each violation (*list all – use additional pages as necessary*).

7. **U.S. Agent Designation**

An Import/Export Licensee is required to maintain complete and accurate records of any taking, possession, transportation, sale, purchase, barter, exportation or importation of wildlife for a period of five (5) years from the date of the expiration of their Import/Export License. Such records shall be kept current and shall include names and addresses of persons with whom any wildlife has been purchased, sold, bartered, or otherwise transferred, and the date of such transaction, and other information as may be required or appropriate. Such records shall be legibly written or reproducible in English. The name, address and telephone number of U.S. Agent must be complete and accurate and cannot be a retail postal or mail service center.

Name of U.S. Agent _____
(This name will show up as c/o on the face of the I/E License)

Address/City/State/Zip (No P.O. Box, Retail Postal, or Mail Service Center): _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

I hereby agree to be U.S. Agent for _____
(Printed Name of Applicant Listed on Page 1 of this Application)

I acknowledge the above responsibilities and will comply with the above requirements on behalf of the applicant.

Printed Name of U.S. Agent

Signature of U.S. Agent (No photocopied or stamped signatures) Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy)

NOTE: You must notify the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service immediately of any change in U.S. Agent

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Office of Law Enforcement Permit Offices

<https://www.fws.gov/le/regional-permit-offices.html>

Please send your application to the appropriate office.

If foreign applicant's U.S. Agent is located in the following states, send your application to the address below:

Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, U.S. Virgin Islands, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Office of Law Enforcement
1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 380
Atlanta, GA 30345-3324
Phone: (404) 679-7195
Fax: (404) 679-7065
Email: permitsEastLE@fws.gov

If foreign applicant's U.S. Agent is located in the following states, send your application to the address below:

Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, the Pacific Trust Territories

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Office of Law Enforcement
2800 Cottage Way, W-2928
Sacramento, CA 95825-1846
Phone: (916) 414-6660
Fax: (916) 414-6715
Email: permitsWestLE@fws.gov

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PERMIT APPLICATION FORM INSTRUCTIONS

The following instructions pertain to the Form 3-200-3b that must be completed as an application for a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Import/Export License (Foreign Entities). **Reminder: It is a violation to import or export fish and wildlife commercially prior to obtaining an Import/Export License.**

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- Complete all blocks/lines/questions in Sections A through D.
- **An incomplete application may cause delays in processing or may be returned to the applicant.**
- **Be sure you are completing the appropriate application form for the proposed activity.**
 - *3-200-3a for U.S. Entities; 3-200-3b for Foreign Entities (U.S. Agent required)*
- Print clearly or type in the information. Illegible applications may cause delays.
- Sign the application. Scans, faxes or copies of the original signature will not be accepted.
- No Import/Export License will be issued if any information is missing from the application.
- Mail the original application to the appropriate address on the attached address list.
- **Keep a copy of your completed application.**
- **Allow at least 60 days for your application to be processed. ([50 CFR 13.11](#))**
- Applications are processed in the order they are received.

COMPLETE SECTION A:

- Enter the complete name of the foreign entity who will be the Licensee if an Import/Export License is issued. If no company name exists, then use the name (Last, First, Middle) of the owner of the business. Enter personal information that identifies the applicant.
- Enter the Tax Identification Number issued by your country (if applicable).
- The U.S. Agent declared in Question 7 can apply on behalf of the foreign entity and sign the application. The personal information must pertain to the foreign entity, and a document evidencing the power of attorney must be submitted with the application.
- Give a brief description of the type of business in which the applicant is engaged (Taxidermy, Jewelry, Apparel, etc.).
- **Doing business as (dba):** dbas are not accepted. The name on the Import/Export License must match the invoice and other shipping documents that accompany the shipment to or from the United States.
- **Principal Officer** is the person in charge of the listed business. The principal officer is the person responsible for the application and any permitted activities. Often the principal officer is a Director or President. **Primary Contact** is the U.S. Agent who will answer questions about the application or business activities and can be the preparer of the application.

COMPLETE SECTION B:

- This is the foreign address of the applicant, which must match the invoice and other shipping documents that accompany the shipment to or from the United States. This is not the address that will show up on the I/E License, if issued. The U.S. Agent's address will be used to send the I/E License and all other official notices from Service. Your I/E License will read: Foreign Entity c/o U.S. Agent Name, U.S. Agent Address, City, State, Zip Code.

COMPLETE SECTION C:

Application processing fee:

- An application processing fee is required at the time of application. **The fee does not guarantee the issuance of an I/E License. Fees will not be refunded for applications that are approved, abandoned, or denied.** We may return fees for withdrawn applications if no significant processing has occurred.

Federal Fish and Wildlife permits:

- List the number(s) of your most recent Import/Export License even if it is no longer valid.

CERTIFICATION:

- **Either the U.S. Agent (with power of attorney) or the individual identified in Section A as sole owner or Principal Officer can sign and date the application.** This signature binds the applicant to the statement of certification. This means that you certify that you have read and understand the regulations that apply to the permit. You also certify that everything included in the application is true to the best of your knowledge. Be sure to read the statement and re-read the application and your answers before signing the application.

COMPLETE SECTION D:

- All questions must be answered. Provide additional pages as necessary.
- Question 7 – U.S. Agent declared in this section will be where you will receive all official notices sent from the Service. Your I/E License will read: Foreign Entity c/o U.S. Agent Name, U.S. Agent Address, City, State, Zip Code.

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NOTICES

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Authority: The information requested is authorized by the following: the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668), 50 CFR 22; the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531-1544), 50 CFR 17; the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703-712), 50 CFR 21; the Marine Mammal Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 1361, et seq.), 50 CFR 18; the Wild Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4901-4916), 50 CFR 15; the Lacey Act: Injurious Wildlife (18 U.S.C. 42), 50 CFR 16; Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (TIAS 8249), 50 CFR 23; General Provisions, 50 CFR 10; General Permit Procedures, 50 CFR 13; and Wildlife Provisions (Import/export/transport), 50 CFR 14.

Purpose: The collection of contact information is to process applications and to verify the individual has an eligible permit to conduct activities that affect protected species. This helps FWS monitor and report on protected species and assess the impact of permitted activities on the conservation and management of species and their habitats.

Routine Uses: The collected information may be used to verify an applicant's eligibility for a permit to conduct activities with protected wildlife; to provide the public and the permittees with permit related information; to monitor activities under a permit; to analyze data and produce reports to monitor the use of protected wildlife; to assess the impact of permitted activities on the conservation and management of protected species and their habitats; and to evaluate the effectiveness of the permit programs. More information about routine uses can be found in the System of Records Notice, Permits System, FWS-21 and Case Investigative Files, FWS-20.

Disclosure: The information requested in this form is voluntary. However, submission of the requested information is required to process applications for permits authorized under the listed authorities. Failure to provide the requested information may be sufficient cause for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to deny the request.

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENT

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service collects information necessary to consider a permit application, under the applicable laws governing the requested activity, for which a permit is requested, and to respond to requests made under the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act of 1974. Information requested in this form is purely voluntary. However, submission of requested information is required in order to process applications for permits authorized under the above laws. Failure to provide all requested information may be sufficient cause for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to deny the request. According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 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. OMB has approved this collection of information and assigned Control No. 1018-0092.

ESTIMATED BURDEN STATEMENT

We estimate public reporting for this collection of information averages:

Original submission - paper-based: 1.25 hours (reporting)

Original submission - electronic: 1 hour (reporting)

These estimates include 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 Clearance Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS: PRB (JAO/3W), Falls Church, VA 22041-3803, or via email at Info_Coll@fws.gov. Please do not send your completed form to this address.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

For organizations, businesses, or individuals operating as a business (i.e., permittees not covered by the Privacy Act), we request that you identify any information that should be considered privileged and confidential business information to allow the Service to meet its responsibilities under FOIA. Confidential business information must be clearly marked "Business Confidential" at the top of the letter or page and each succeeding page and must be accompanied by a non-confidential summary of the confidential information. The non-confidential summary and remaining documents may be made available to the public under FOIA [43 CFR 2.13(c)(4), 43 CFR 2.15(d)(1)(i)].