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

Abstract: The Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918 (16 U.S.C. 712(1)) authorizes the Secretary of the Interior, in accordance with the treaties with Canada, Mexico, Japan, and Russia, to ''issue such regulations as may be necessary to assure that the taking of migratory birds and the collection of their eggs, by the indigenous inhabitants of the State of Alaska, shall be permitted for their own nutritional and other essential needs, as determined by the Secretary of the Interior, during seasons established so as to provide for the preservation and maintenance of stocks of migratory birds.'' Article II(4)(b) of the Protocol between the United States and Canada amending the 1916 Convention for the Protection of Migratory Birds in Canada and the United States (Protocol) provides a legal basis for Alaska Native people to be able to sell handicrafts that contain the inedible parts of birds taken for food during the Alaska spring and summer migratory bird subsistence harvest. The Protocol also dictates that sales would be allowed in strictly limited situations, pursuant to a regulation by a competent authority in cooperation with management bodies. The Protocol does not authorize the taking of migratory birds for commercial purposes.

In 2017, we issued a final rule (July 24, 2017, 82 FR 34263), developed under a co-management process involving the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and Alaska Native representatives, that amended the permanent migratory bird subsistence harvest regulations at 50 CFR 92.6 to enable Alaska Native people to sell authentic native articles of handicraft or clothing that contain inedible byproducts from migratory birds that were taken for food during the Alaska migratory bird subsistence harvest season. The sale by Alaska Native people of a limited number of handicrafts containing inedible migratory bird parts provides a small source of additional income that we conclude is necessary for the ''essential needs'' of Alaska Native people in predominantly rural Alaska. This limited opportunity for sale is consistent with the language of the Protocol and is expressly noted in the Letter of Submittal dated May 20, 1996, for the Treaty Protocol, specifically Article II(4)(b) of the Protocol, to be consistent with the customary and traditional uses of Alaska Native people. The activity by Alaska Native people is also consistent with the preservation and maintenance of migratory bird stocks.

Alaska Native artists will show eligibility with a Tribal enrollment card, Bureau of Indian Affairs card, or membership in the Silver Hand program. The State of Alaska Silver Hand program helps Alaska Native artists promote their work in the marketplace and enables consumers to identify and purchase authentic Alaska Native art. The Silver Hand insignia indicates that the artwork on which it appears is created by hand in Alaska by an individual Alaska Native artist. Only original contemporary and traditional Alaska Native artwork, not reproductions or manufactured work, may be identified and marketed with the Silver Hand insignia. To be eligible for a 2-year Silver Hand permit, an Alaska Native artist must be a full-time resident of Alaska, be at least 18 years old, and provide documentation of membership in a federally recognized Alaska Native tribe. The Silver Hand insignia may only be attached to original work that is produced in the State of Alaska.

The final rule requires the following:

- Form 3–2484 (a simple certification which is not subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA)) or a Silver Hand insignia accompany each Alaska Native article of handicraft or clothing that contains inedible migratory bird parts;
- all consignees, sellers, and purchasers retain this documentation with each item and produce it upon the request of a law enforcement officer;
- artists maintain adequate records of the certification or Silver Hand insignia with each item; and
- artists and sellers/consignees provide the documentation to buyers.

These recordkeeping and third-party notification requirements are subject to the PRA and require OMB approval. The public may request copies of a Form 3–2484 contained in this information collection by sending a request to the Service Information Collection Clearance Officer (see **ADDRESSES**).

Title of Collection: Alaska Native Handicrafts, 50 CFR part 92.6.

OMB Control Number: 1018–0168.

Form Number: 3–2484.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Individuals and private sector (businesses).

Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 2 (placeholder of 1 respondent associated with the regulatory requirement for each respondent category).

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 2.

Estimated Completion Time per Response: 5 minutes.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 0.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

Frequency of Collection: On occasion.

Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost: None.

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.*).

Madonna Baucum,

Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[Docket No. FWS–R7–ES–2026–3598; FXES111607MMTRP–267–FF07CAMM00; OMB Control Number 1018–0066]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget; Marine Mammal Marking, Tagging, and Reporting Certificates, and Registration of Certain Dead Marine Mammal Hard Parts

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 (Service), are proposing to renew an information collection without change.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before December 24, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to *https://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 to the Service Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS: PRB (JAO/3W), 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041–3803 (mail); or by email to *Info_Coll@fws.gov.* Please reference ''1018–0066'' in the subject line of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Madonna L. Baucum, Service Information Collection Clearance Officer, by email at *Info_Coll@fws.gov,* or by telephone at (703) 358–2503. 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 information collection request at *https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA; 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations at 5 CFR part 1320, all information collections require approval under the PRA. We may not conduct or sponsor, and you are not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number.

On May 29, 2026, we published in the **Federal Register** (91 FR 32084) a notice of our intent to request that OMB approve this information collection. In that notice, we solicited comments for 60 days, ending on July 28, 2026. We also published the **Federal Register** notice on *Regulations.gov* (Docket No. FWS–R7–MB–2026–1882). We received two comments in response to that notice; however, neither comment addressed the information collection requirements. Therefore, no response is required.

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. As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, we are soliciting comments from the public and other Federal agencies on the proposed ICR described below. We are especially interested in public comments 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 might the agency 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 in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personally identifiable information—may be publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personally identifiable information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Abstract: Under section 101(b) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361–1423h), Alaska Natives residing in Alaska and dwelling on the coast of the North Pacific or Arctic Oceans may harvest polar bears (*Ursus maritimus*), northern sea otters (*Enhydra lutris kenyoni*), and Pacific walruses (*Odobenus rosmarus divergens*) for subsistence or handicraft purposes. Section 109(i) of the MMPA authorizes the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) to prescribe marking, tagging, and reporting regulations applicable to the Alaska Native subsistence and handicraft take.

On behalf of the Secretary, we implemented regulations in Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 18.23(f) for Alaska Natives harvesting polar bears, northern sea otters, and Pacific walruses. These regulations enable us to gather data on the Alaska Native subsistence and handicraft harvest and on the biology of polar bears, northern sea otters, and Pacific walruses in Alaska to determine what effect such take may be having on these populations. The regulations also provide us with a means of monitoring the disposition of the harvest to ensure that any commercial use of products created from these species meets the criteria set forth in section 101(b) of the MMPA.

We collect harvest information related to Alaska Native harvest to provide a chronology of the harvest in population modeling, determining which cohorts are being killed, determining the status of populations, and predicting population trends. We will use the collected information to gain insight into the distribution and relative abundance of the three species, the level and intensity of the harvest, and the harvest impacts on the species and their subpopulations. We use three Service forms to collect the following information from Alaska Natives as part of the harvest reporting requirement:

A. *Form 3–2414, ''Polar Bear Tagging Certificates'':* Form 3–2414 collects the following information:

- Date and location of tagging;
- Hide and skull tag number;
- Village hunted from (if different from tagging location);
- Age class and sex;
- Whether sex could be verified by tagger and, if yes, sex identification information;
- Skull measurements (length, width, or not provided);
- Whether cubs were present with sow and, if yes, how many cubs;
- Bear condition (obese, average, skinny);
- Specimens collected (tooth, hair, skin, liver, fat, muscle, skin/muscle, baculum/penis bone, or other);
- Research marks/tags (collar, ear tag number, lip tattoo, or other);
- Date and location of kill (to include latitude/longitude);
- Whether it was a conflict or problem bear and whether it was taken in defense of life;
- Additional remarks; and
- Whether hunter is available for post-hunt interview and, if yes, phone number, with the following post-hunt interview questions for problem bear situations:

1. Was there a food source/attractant that the bear was interested in? What was the attractant?

2. Was there any attempt to haze the bear to get it to leave?

3. Was it believed that the bear could be a threat to people?

Note: We would only ask these typical post-hunt questions if the biologist needed information on a bear that was marked as a problem bear. There is no standardized questioning.

B. *Form 3–2415, ''Walrus Tagging Certificates'':* Form 3–2415 collects the following information:

- Date and location of tagging;
- Village hunted from (if different than tagging location);
- Marine Mammals Management Marking, Tagging, and Reporting

Program (MTRP) tag number of plastic-headed wire tag used for left or right tusk;

- Type of take for walrus (LK = live killed, BF = beach found)—This information increases the accuracy of the known mortality and harvest data by discriminating between a walrus killed for subsistence purposes or found dead and salvaged. Requiring all ivory that has been taken or collected (pursuant to the Alaska Native exemption) to be marked, tagged, and reported simplifies Service enforcement efforts.
- Date and location killed/found;
- Age and sex;
- Walrus tusk length and circumference;
- Number of walrus harvested without tusks; and
- Additional remarks.

C. *Form 3–2416, ''Sea Otter Tagging Certificates'':* Form 3–2416 collects the following information:

- Date and location of tagging;
- Hide and skull tag number;
- FWS permit number;
- Age class and sex;
- Details identification information;
- Specimens collected (tooth, muscle vial, whisker, carcass, or other);
- Number of otters present in pod and number harvested from pod;
- Date and location of kill (to include latitude and longitude); and
- Additional remarks.

We also require non-Native collectors to use *Form 3–2406, ''Non-Native Marine Mammal Certificates''.* The collection of information via Form 3–2406 allows the Service to track individuals who register (within 30 days) beach-found hard parts to determine whether the take of marine mammal hard parts is legal. We use the below listed information collected via Form 3–2406 to verify whether it is legal for the individual to retain them:

- Date and location of tagging;
- MTRP tag number of plastic-headed wire tag used for left or right tusk;
- Date found;
- Age and sex;
- Tusk circumference at gum line and tusk length from gum line to tip along front side following the curve of the tusk;
- Exact location of kill or find;
- Tag number for skull (polar bear or sea otter) or other part;
- Any information of interest about the beach-found hard part collected;
- Other remarks; and
- Name, address, phone number, and date of birth of the person who collected the hard part.

Copies of all currently approved forms in this ICR are available at *https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain.*

Title of Collection: Marine Mammal Marking, Tagging, and Reporting Certificates, and Registration of Certain Dead Marine Mammal Hard Parts, 50 CFR 18.23(f) and 18.26.

OMB Control Number: 1018–0066.

Form Number: 3–2406, 3–2414, 3–2415, and 3–2416.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 370.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 2,027.

Estimated Completion Time per Response: 15 minutes.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 507 (rounded).

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

Frequency of Collection: On occasion.

Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost: None.

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

Madonna Baucum,

Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[Docket No. FWS–HQ–ES–2026–3829; FXES111609C0000–267–FF09E41000; OMB Control Number 1018–0177]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget; Policy Regarding Voluntary Prelisting Conservation Actions

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 (Service), are proposing to renew an information collection without change.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to *https://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 to the Service Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS: PRB (JAO/3W), 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041–3803 (mail); or by email to *Info_Coll@fws.gov.* Please reference ''1018–0177'' in the subject line of your comments.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA; 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations at 5 CFR part 1320, all information collections require approval under the PRA. We may not conduct or sponsor, and you are not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

On June 12, 2026, we published in the **Federal Register** (91 FR 35698) a notice of our intent to request that OMB approve this information collection. In that notice, we solicited comments for 60 days, ending on August 11, 2026. We also published the **Federal Register** notice on *Regulations.gov* (Docket No. FWS–HQ–ES–2026–1883). We received the following comments in response to that notice:

Comment 1: Anonymous electronic comment submitted via *Regulations.gov* [FWS–HQ–ES–2026–1883–0002] on June 14, 2026, recommending the Service list all species, past and present, as permanently endangered due to climate change.

Agency Response to Comment 1: The commenter did not address the information collection requirements; therefore, no response is required.

Comment 2: Anonymous electronic comment submitted via *Regulations.gov* [FWS–HQ–ES–2026–1883–0003] on August 10, 2026, supports renewing the information collection for Voluntary Prelisting Conservation Actions because early conservation helps protect species and requires accurate tracking of actions and credits. They recommend creating a