

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

## Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-HQ-NWRS-2023-N103;  
FXRS1263090000-245-FF09R81000; OMB  
Control Number 1018-0181]

**Agency Information Collection  
Activities; Submission to the Office of  
Management and Budget; U.S. Fish  
and Wildlife Service Concessions**

**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 February  
1, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and  
recommendations for the proposed  
information collection should be  
submitted within 30 days of publication  
of this notice at [https://  
www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](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](mailto:Info_Coll@fws.gov). Please reference “1018-  
0181” 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](mailto: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.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In  
accordance with the Paperwork  
Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA, 44 U.S.C.  
3501 *et seq.*) and 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), 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.

On June 30, 2023, we published in the  
**Federal Register** (88 FR 42382) 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 29, 2023. In  
an effort to increase public awareness  
of, and participation in, our public  
commenting processes associated with  
information collection requests, the  
Service also published the **Federal  
Register** notice on *Regulations.gov*  
(Docket No. FWS-HQ-NWRS-2023-  
0098) to provide the public with an  
additional method to submit comments.  
We did not receive any comments in  
response to that notice.

As part of our continuing effort to  
reduce paperwork and respondent  
burdens, we are again soliciting  
comments from the public and other  
Federal agencies on the proposed ICR  
that is described below. We are  
especially interested in public comment  
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 personal identifying  
information in your comment, you  
should be aware that your entire  
comment—including your personal  
identifying information—may be made  
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:** The Secretary of the Interior  
is authorized to ensure that we provide  
opportunities within the Service for  
compatible wildlife-dependent  
recreational uses across the National  
Wildlife Refuge System (System).  
Furthermore, the Secretary is authorized  
to award concessions contracts under  
the following Acts:

- The National Wildlife Refuge  
System Administration Act of 1966  
(Administration Act, 16 U.S.C. 668dd–  
668ee), as amended by the National  
Wildlife Refuge System Improvement  
Act of 1997, authorizes the Secretary of  
the Interior to negotiate and award  
contracts and issue regulations to carry  
out the Administration Act.

- The Refuge Recreation Act of 1962  
(16 U.S.C. 460k–460k–3) allows the use  
of refuges for public recreation when  
such use is not inconsistent with or  
does not interfere with the primary  
purpose(s) of the refuge.

- The Refuge Revenue Sharing Act  
(16 U.S.C. 715s) authorizes the Secretary  
to grant privileges and collect revenues  
from leases for public accommodations  
or facilities established for the System.

Specifically, the Administration Act  
provides that, with respect to the Refuge  
System, it is the policy of the United  
States that—

- a. Each refuge shall be managed to  
fulfill the mission of the System, as well  
as the specific purposes for which that  
refuge was established;

- b. Compatible wildlife-dependent  
recreation is a legitimate and  
appropriate general public use of the  
System, directly related to the mission  
of the System and the purposes of many  
refuges, and which generally fosters  
refuge management and through which  
the American public can develop an  
appreciation for fish and wildlife;

- c. Compatible wildlife-dependent  
recreational uses are the priority general  
public uses of the System and shall  
receive priority consideration in refuge  
planning and management; and

- d. When the Secretary determines that  
a proposed wildlife-dependent  
recreational use is a compatible use  
within a refuge, that activity should be  
facilitated, subject to such restrictions or  
regulations as may be necessary,  
reasonable, and appropriate.

The Administration Act also provides  
that, in administering the Refuge  
System, the Secretary shall—

- a. Recognize compatible wildlife-  
dependent recreational uses as the  
priority general public uses of the  
System, through which the American  
public can develop an appreciation for  
fish and wildlife;

- b. Ensure that opportunities are  
provided within the System for

compatible wildlife-dependent recreational uses;

c. Ensure that priority general public uses of the System receive enhanced consideration over other general public uses in planning and management within the System; and

d. Provide increased opportunities for families to experience compatible wildlife-dependent recreation, particularly opportunities for parents and their children to safely engage in traditional outdoor activities, such as fishing and hunting.

Private businesses and non-profit organizations under contract to the Service provide recreational, educational, and interpretive enjoyment of our lands and waters by managing lodging, food, transportation, and supplies and equipment for the enjoyment of the visiting public. These services gross approximately \$3,000,000 every year and provide jobs for more than 100 people annually.

The regulations at 50 CFR subpart F (section 25.61) primarily implement the authorities governing public use facilities operated by concessionaires or cooperators under appropriate contract or legal agreement on national wildlife refuges where there is a demonstrated justified need for services or facilities, including but not limited to boat rentals, swimming facilities, conducted tours of special natural attractions, shelters, tables, trailer lots, food, lodging, and related services.

Service Manual chapters 630 FW 6–8 discuss the Service's current policy for concession management and provide guidance for permitting and administering concessions operations on Service lands. We use concessions contracts to assist us in providing wildlife-dependent recreation activities to the visiting public by using contracts between the Service and private entities, where each private entity is allowed to charge a fee for services provided at a field station to the visiting public.

We collect information in a narrative (non-form) format. Details concerning the specific information required are contained in 50 CFR 25.61 and the recently updated Service Manual chapters available to the public on the Service's website at <https://www.fws.gov/policy/manuals/part.cfm?series=600&seriestitle=LAND%20USE%20AND%20MANAGEMENT%20SERIES>. The amount of information or degree of detail requested varies widely, depending upon the size and

scope of the business opportunity. For example, a much greater amount of detailed information would be required for a multi-unit camping and food service operation than would be required for a small bait sales operation. We use the information provided by prospective concessionaires to objectively evaluate offers received for a particular business opportunity, assure adequate protection of refuge resources, and to determine which offeror will provide the best service to visitors.

Below are examples of types of information the Service collects from a potential or current concessionaire.

#### General Concessionaire Information

- Description of how the respondent will conduct operations to minimize disturbance to wildlife; protect refuge resources; and provide visitors with a high-quality, safe, and enjoyable visitor experience.
- Proposal to protect, conserve, and preserve resources of the refuge. The proposal must respond to specific resource management objectives and issues at the refuge and regarding the contract in question.
- Proposal to provide necessary and appropriate visitor services at reasonable rates. This proposal must respond to specific visitor service questions at the refuge and regarding the contract in question.
- Experience and related background of the offeror, including past performance and expertise of the offeror in providing the same or similar visitor services as those to be provided under the draft concession contract.
- Financial capability of the offeror to carry out its proposal. In particular, we require projected financials, including initial investments, startup expenses, income statement, operating assumptions, cash flow statement, recapture of investments, and all associated assumptions.
- The amount of the proposed minimum franchise fee and other forms of financial consideration.

#### Proposal for Concession Opportunity

- Offeror's transmittal letter, including the name and contact information of the entity offering a proposal to operate a concession contract.
- Business type of the offeror, such as corporation, limited liability company, partnership, etc.

- Business history information, including adverse history that could impact future operations under a concession contract.

- Credit report, so that we can understand the offeror's credit history and any risks of contracting with the entity.

- Proposed staffing/management operation information, including organization charts and delegations of authority, to ensure adequate staffing.

- Proof of indemnification, including public liability insurance that co-names the Government as co-insured.

#### Reporting Requirements

- Annual financial reports providing concessioner financial information, as required by each concession contract.
- Quarterly and annual progress reports to monitor performance.
- Inspections and inspection reports conducted in concert with the on-site concession manager.

#### Approval to Sell or Transfer Concession Operation

- Information to assess the transferee's ability to manage the business successfully and fulfill the terms of the concession contract, in order for the Regional Director to grant approval.

#### Recordkeeping Requirements

- In accordance with Service Manual chapter 630 FW 8.3, a concessioner (and any subconcessioner) must keep and make available to the Service records for the term of the concession contract.

*Title of Collection:* U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Concessions.

*OMB Control Number:* 1018–0181.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* Private sector (profit and nonprofit organizations).

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

*Frequency of Collection:* On occasion for proposals, amendments, and appeals; annually for financial reports; quarterly for progress reports; and ongoing for recordkeeping.

*Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost:* \$69,900 (associated with administrative overhead, as well as costs associated with the development of proposals in response to concessions opportunities).

Requirement	Average number of annual respondents	Average number of responses each	Average number of annual responses	Average completion time per response (hours)	Estimated annual burden hours *
<i>Approval to Sell/Transfer A Concession Operation</i> .....	1	1	1	8	8
<i>General Concessionaire Information—Inspection Form</i> .....	80	1	80	8	640
<i>Proposal for Concessions Opportunities—Large Concessions</i> .....	3	2	6	40	240
<i>Proposal for Concessions Opportunities—Small Concessions</i> .....	3	1	3	16	48
<i>Recordkeeping Requirements—Large Concession</i> .....	5	1	5	40	200
<i>Recordkeeping Requirements—Small Concession</i> .....	5	1	5	20	100
<i>Reporting Requirements—Annual Financial Report</i> .....	10	1	10	16	160
<i>Reporting Requirements—Annual Progress Report</i> .....	10	1	10	16	160
<i>Reporting Requirements—Quarterly Progress Report</i> .....	3	4	12	4	48
Totals .....	120	.....	132	.....	1,604

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.*).

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## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation Nos. 701–TA–684 and 731–TA–1597 (Final)]

### Gas Powered Pressure Washers From China; Supplemental Schedule for Final Phase of Countervailing Duty and Antidumping Duty Investigations

**AGENCY:** United States International Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**DATES:** December 21, 2023.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nitin Joshi ((202) 708–1669), Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436. Hearing-impaired persons can obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202–205–1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202–205–2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its internet server (<https://www.usitc.gov>). The public record for these investigations may be viewed on

the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <https://edis.usitc.gov>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Effective June 8, 2023, the Commission established a general schedule for the conduct of the final phase of its countervailing duty and antidumping duty investigations on gas powered pressure washers from China and Vietnam (88 FR 40865, June 22, 2023), following preliminary determinations by the U.S. Department of Commerce (“Commerce”) that imports of gas powered pressure washers from China were being subsidized by the government of China (88 FR 36531, June 5, 2023) and that imports of gas powered pressure washers from Vietnam are being sold in the United States at less than fair value (88 FR 39221, June 15, 2023). Subsequently, on August 3, 2023, Commerce issued a preliminary affirmative antidumping duty determination with respect to gas powered pressure washers from China (88 FR 51279). Notice of the scheduling of the final phase of the Commission's investigations and of a public hearing held in connection therewith was given by posting copies of the notice in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, Washington, DC, and by publishing the notice in the **Federal Register** on June 22, 2023 (88 FR 40865). All persons who requested the opportunity were permitted to participate.

Commerce issued a final affirmative antidumping duty determination with respect to gas powered pressure washers from Vietnam (88 FR 59503, August 29, 2023). The Commission subsequently issued its final determination that an industry in the United States was materially injured by reason of imports of gas powered pressure washers from Vietnam provided for in subheadings 8424.30.90 and 8424.90.90 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the

United States (“HTSUS”) that have been found by Commerce to be sold in the United States at less than fair value (88 FR 71885, October 18, 2023).

Commerce has issued a final affirmative antidumping duty determination (88 FR 88365, December 21, 2023) and a final affirmative countervailing duty determination (88 FR 88578, December 22, 2023) with respect to gas powered pressure washers from China. Accordingly, the Commission currently is issuing a supplemental schedule for its countervailing duty and antidumping duty investigations on imports of gas powered pressure washers from China.

This supplemental schedule is as follows: the deadline for filing supplemental party comments on Commerce's final countervailing duty and antidumping duty determinations is 5:15 p.m. on January 5, 2024. Supplemental party comments may address only Commerce's final countervailing duty and antidumping duty determinations regarding imports of gas powered pressure washers from China. These supplemental final comments may not contain new factual information and may not exceed five (5) pages in length. The supplemental staff report in the final phase of the current investigations will be placed in the nonpublic record on January 17, 2024, and a public version will be issued thereafter.

For further information concerning this proceeding see the Commission's notice cited above and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, part 201, subparts A and B (19 CFR part 201), and part 207, subparts A and C (19 CFR part 207).

Additional written submissions to the Commission, including requests pursuant to section 201.12 of the Commission's rules, shall not be accepted unless good cause is shown for