

materials, and any comments and other materials that we receive will be available for public inspection at <https://www.regulations.gov> in Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2022-0168.

**Submitting Comments:** When submitting comments, please specify the name of the applicant and the permit number at the beginning of your comment. You may submit comments by one of the following methods:

- **Internet:** <https://www.regulations.gov>. Search for and submit comments on Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2022-0168.

- **U.S. Mail:** Public Comments Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2022-0168; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Headquarters, MS: PRB/3W; 5275 Leesburg Pike; Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.

For more information, see Public Comment Procedures under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brenda Tapia, by phone at 703-358-2185 or via email at [DMAFR@fws.gov](mailto:DMAFR@fws.gov). 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:**

### **I. Public Comment Procedures**

#### **A. How do I comment on submitted applications?**

We invite the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies to comment on these applications. Before issuing any of the requested permits, we will take into consideration any information that we receive during the public comment period.

You may submit your comments and materials by one of the methods in **ADDRESSES**. We will not consider comments sent by email, or to an address not in **ADDRESSES**. We will not consider or include in our administrative record comments we receive after the close of the comment period (see **DATES**).

When submitting comments, please specify the name of the applicant and the permit number at the beginning of your comment. Provide sufficient information to allow us to authenticate any scientific or commercial data you include. The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are: (1) Those supported by

quantitative information or studies; and (2) those that include citations to, and analyses of, the applicable laws and regulations.

#### **B. May I review comments submitted by others?**

You may view and comment on others' public comments at <https://www.regulations.gov> unless our allowing so would violate the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) or Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

#### **C. Who will see my comments?**

If you submit a comment at <https://www.regulations.gov>, your entire comment, including any personal identifying information, will be posted on the website. If you submit a hardcopy comment that includes personal identifying information, such as your address, phone number, or email address, you may request at the top of your document that we withhold this information from public review. However, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Moreover, all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety.

### **II. Background**

To help us carry out our conservation responsibilities for affected species, and in consideration of section 104(c) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), we invite public comments on permit applications before final action is taken. With some exceptions, this Act prohibits certain activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is issued that allows such activities. Service regulations regarding permits for any activity otherwise prohibited by the MMPA with respect to any foreign or native marine mammal species are available in title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations in part 18.

Concurrent with publishing this notice in the **Federal Register**, we are forwarding copies of the marine mammal applications to the Marine Mammal Commission and the Committee of Scientific Advisors for their review.

### **III. Permit Applications**

We invite comments on the following applications.

#### **Marine Mammal Protection Act**

Applicant: North Slope Borough, Department of Wildlife Management, Anchorage, AK; Permit No. PER0046206

The applicant requests a reissuance of their permit to collect fecal samples, to collect tissue samples from dead individuals, and to conduct non-invasive sampling of wild walrus (*Odobenus rosmarus*) and polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: BBC Studios Ltd., Bristol, UK; Permit No. PER0031742

The applicant requests a permit to photograph (video and still photography) West Indian manatees (*Trichechus manatus*) in Florida, for the purpose of commercial photography. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

### **IV. Next Steps**

After the comment period closes, we will make decisions regarding permit issuance. If we issue permits to any of the applicants listed in this notice, we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register**. You may locate the notice announcing the permit issuance by searching <https://www.regulations.gov> for the permit number listed above in this document. For example, to find information about the potential issuance of Permit No. 12345A, you would go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for "12345A".

### **V. Authority**

We issue this notice under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*).

**Timothy MacDonald,**

*Government Information Specialist, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

### **Fish and Wildlife Service**

[DOI-2022-0009; FF10T03000/234/FXGO16640970500]

### **Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Rescindment of a system of records notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Interior (DOI) is issuing a public notice of its intent to rescind the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) Privacy Act system of records, INTERIOR/FWS–25, Contract and Procurement Records, from its existing inventory.

**DATES:** These changes take effect on December 2, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** You may send comments identified by docket number [DOI–2022–0009] by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for sending comments.

- *Email:* [DOI\\_Privacy@ios.doi.gov](mailto:DOI_Privacy@ios.doi.gov). Include docket number [DOI–2022–0009] in the subject line of the message.

- *U.S. mail or hand-delivery:* Teri Barnett, Departmental Privacy Officer, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW, Room 7112, Washington, DC 20240.

**Instructions:** All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number [DOI–2022–0009]. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

**Docket:** For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

You should be aware your entire comment including your personally identifiable information, such as your address, phone number, email address, or any other personal information in your comment, may be made publicly available at any time. While you may request to withhold your personally identifiable information from public review, we cannot guarantee we will be able to do so.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Jennifer L. Schmidt, Associate Privacy Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS: IRTM, Falls Church, VA 22401, *FWS Privacy@fws.gov* or (703) 358–2291.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, 5 U.S.C. 552a, FWS is rescinding the INTERIOR/FWS–25, Contract and Procurement Records, system of records notice (SORN) and removing it from its system of records inventory. This system was used by FWS contracting officers and technical representatives to evaluate contract proposals submitted by members of the public. During a routine review, FWS determined that INTERIOR/FWS–25 SORN was superseded by INTERIOR/DOI–87, Acquisition of Goods and Services: FBMS, 73 FR 43766 (July 28,

2008), modification published at 86 FR 50156 (September 7, 2021), a Department-wide SORN for the Financial and Business Management System (FBMS), which supports DOI business and financial management functions for all bureaus and offices, including all procurement and contracting activity. Therefore, DOI is rescinding this FWS notice to avoid duplication of another SORN in accordance with the Office of Management and Budget Circular A–108, *Federal Agency Responsibilities for Review, Reporting, and Publication under the Privacy Act*.

Rescinding the INTERIOR/FWS–25, Contract and Procurement Records, SORN will have no adverse impacts on individuals as the records are covered under the INTERIOR/DOI–87, Acquisition of Goods and Services: FBMS, SORN. This rescindment will also promote the overall streamlining and management of DOI Privacy Act systems of records.

**SYSTEM NAME AND NUMBER:**

INTERIOR/FWS–25, Contract and Procurement Records.

**HISTORY:**

48 FR 54721 (December 6, 1983); modification published at 73 FR 31877 (June 4, 2008).

**Teri Barnett,**

*Departmental Privacy Officer, Department of the Interior.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### U.S. Geological Survey

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#### Advisory Council for Climate Adaptation Science Establishment; Request for Nominations

**AGENCY:** U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) is establishing and seeking nominations for the Advisory Council for Climate Adaptation Science (Council). The Council will advise the Secretary of the Interior on the establishment and operations of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) National Climate Adaptation Science Center (NCASC) and its nine regional Climate Adaptation Science Centers (CASCs).

**DATES:** Comments regarding the establishment of this Council must be submitted no later than December 19,

2022. Nominations for the Council must be submitted by January 16, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments and/or nominations by any of the following methods:

- Mail nominations to Janet Cushing, U.S. Geological Survey, National Climate Adaptation Science Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive Mailstop 516, Reston, VA 20192; or
- Email nominations to: [jcushing@usgs.gov](mailto:jcushing@usgs.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Janet Cushing, Council Designated Federal Officer, by U.S. mail at the U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive Mailstop 516, Reston, VA 20192; by telephone at 703–648–4015; or by email at [jcushing@usgs.gov](mailto:jcushing@usgs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Council is established under the authority of the Secretary and regulated by the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2). The Council's duties are strictly advisory and consist of, but are not limited to, providing recommendations on: (a) advising on the contents of a national strategy identifying key climate adaptation science priorities to advance the management of natural and cultural resources in the face of climate change; (b) advising on the nature, extent, and quality of relations with and engagement of key partners at the regional/CASC level; (c) advising on the nature and effectiveness of mechanisms to effectively deliver science information and tools, and build capacity, to aid the natural and cultural resource management community and decision-makers in adapting to a changing climate; (d) advising on mechanisms that may be employed by the NCASC to ensure high standards of scientific quality and integrity in its products, and to review and evaluate the performance of individuals CASCs, in advance of opportunities to re-establish expiring agreements; and (e) advising on the integration of equity, particularly for historically underserved communities, in the operation of the NCASC and regional CASCs.

The Council will meet approximately one to two times per year. The Secretary of the Interior will appoint members and their alternates to the Council to a 2- to 3-year term. The members of the Council shall comprise approximately 18 members who represent the diversity of this nation's constituencies, and include the following interests:

- State and local governments, including state membership entities
- Non-governmental organizations whose primary mission is