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Fw: public comment on federal register AMERICAN TAXPAYER GETTING BIASED SKEWED INFORMATION FROM THIS COLLECTION

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this collection of information has completely inaccurate [information.it](#) attempts to all of the time bind in the declining activity of wildlife murdering hunting with fishing so that the numbers look largers. the fact is there are declining numbers of wildlife murdering hunters and their figures on what they spend and how much they spend are wildlife off the mark and inaccurate and in fact completely fake and false. the fact that the usfws is headed by a wildlife killer and so are most state agencies in this country have allowed this flouting of truth in the responses. they ask on ly hnnters what they do and spend. they have wildlife biased information presented to the public and this agency that they use has complex insider stuff going on with the wildlife murdering hunter population. it is wildlife off the mark as to what 325 million americans do in the forest. most of us are compassionate people who do not intend to kill when we go into the woods and we go into the woods as families for recreation without killing. this survey collection attempts to hijack that fact. this comment is for the public record. please receipt. jean publi jeanpublic1@yahoo.com

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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FVWF54200900000-XXX-FFO9W13000]

Proposed Information Collection; National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation (FHWAR)

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the information collection (IC) described below. As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and as part of our continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, we invite the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on this IC. We 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.

DATES: To ensure that we are able to consider your comments on this IC, we must receive them by April 20, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments on the IC to the Service Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS BPHC, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803 (mail); or hope_grey@fws.gov (email). Please include "1018-0088" in the subject line of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this IC, contact Hope Grey at hope_grey@fws.gov (email) or 703-358-2482 (telephone).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The information collected for the National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation (FHWAR) assists the Fish and Wildlife Service in administering the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration grant programs. The 2016 FHWAR will provide up-to-date information on the uses and demands for wildlife-related recreation resources, trends in uses of those resources, and a basis for developing and evaluating programs and projects to meet existing and future needs.

We collect the information in conjunction with carrying out our responsibilities under the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 777-777m), commonly referred to as the Dingell-Johnson Act, and the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669-669i), commonly referred to as the Pittman-Robertson Act. Under these acts, as amended, we provide approximately \$1 billion in grants annually to

States for projects that support sport fish and wildlife management and restoration, including:

Improvement of fish and wildlife habitats, Fishing and boating access, Fish stocking, and Hunting and fishing opportunities. We also provide grants for aquatic education and hunter education, maintenance of completed projects, and research into problems affecting fish and wildlife resources. These projects help to ensure that the American people have adequate opportunities for fish and wildlife recreation. We conduct the survey about every 5 years. The 2016 FHWAR will be the 13th conducted since 1955. We sponsor the survey at the States' request, which is made through the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. We contract with the Census Bureau, which collects the information using computer-assisted telephone or in-person interviews. The Census Bureau will select a sample of sportspersons and wildlife watchers from a household screen and conduct three detailed interviews during the survey year. The survey collects information on the number of days of participation, species of animals sought, and expenditures for trips and equipment. Information on the characteristics of participants includes age, income, sex, education, race, and State of residence. Federal and State agencies use information from the survey to make policy decisions related to fish and wildlife restoration and management. Participation patterns and trend information help identify present and future needs and demands. Land managing agencies use the data on expenditures and participation to assess the value of wildlife-related recreational uses of natural resources. Wildlife-related recreation expenditure information is used to estimate the economic impact on the economy and to support the dedication of tax revenues for fish and wildlife restoration programs. II. Data OMB Control Number: 1018-0088. Title: National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation (FHWAR). Service Form Number: None. Type of Request: Reinstatement with change of a previously approved collection. Description of Respondents: Individuals and households. Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary. Frequency of Collection: Pre-screener internet/paper questionnaire data collection will be conducted in January 2016. Household screen interviews and the first detailed sportsperson and wildlife-watcher interviews will be conducted April-June 2016. The second detailed interviews will be conducted September-October 2016. The third and last detailed interviews will be conducted January-March 2017. -----

----- Number of Activity Number of household participant Completion time per Annual burden hours responses respondents response (minutes) -----

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2	Sportsperson	interviews.....	2,580 15 645 Wave 3
	Sportsperson	interviews.....	4,444 35 2,592 Wave 1 Wildlife
	Watching	interviews.....	1,252 11 230 Wave 2 Wildlife Watching
	interviews.....	2,146 11 393	[[Page 8682]] Wave 3 Wildlife
	Watching	interviews.....	3,697 20 1,232 -----

Totals.....	14,010	15,624	6,770 -----

----- III. Comments We invite comments concerning this information collection on: Whether or not the collection of information is necessary, including whether or not the information will have practical utility; The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information; Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on

respondents. Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this IC. 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. Dated: February 11, 2015. Tina A. Campbell, Chief, Division of Policy, Performance, and Management Programs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. [FR Doc. 2015-03237 Filed 2-17-15; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4310-55-P