



Department of the Interior
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Federal Fish and Wildlife Permit Application Form

Return to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Division of Management Authority (DMA)
Branch of Permits, MS: IA
5275 Leesburg Pike
Falls Church, VA 22041-3803
1-800-358-2104 or 703-358-2104

Type of Activity:
PHOTOGRAPHY OF MARINE MAMMALS FOR EDUCATIONAL
OR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES (MMPA)
REQUESTING RENEWAL/AMENDMENT OF PERMIT#

Complete Sections A or B, and C, D, and E of this application. U.S. address may be required in Section C, see instructions for details.
See attached instruction pages for information on how to make your application complete and help avoid unnecessary delays.

Section A: Complete if applying as an individual. Fields include: 1.a. Last name, 1.b. First name, 1.c. Middle name or initial, 1.d. Suffix, 2. Date of birth, 3. Social Security No., 4. Occupation, 5. Affiliation, 6.a. Telephone number, 6.b. Alternate telephone number, 6.c. Fax number, 6.d. E-mail address.

Section B: Complete if applying on behalf of a business, corporation, public agency, Tribe or institution. Fields include: 1.a. Name of business, 1.b. Doing business as (dba), 2. Tax identification no., 3. Description of business, 4.a. Principal officer Last name, 4.b. Principal officer First name, 4.c. Principal officer Middle name/initial, 4.d. Suffix, 5. Principal officer title, 6. Primary contact name, 7.a. Business telephone number, 7.b. Alternate telephone number, 7.c. Business fax number, 7.d. Business e-mail address.

Section C: All applicants complete address information. Fields include: 1.a. Physical address, 1.b. City, 1.c. State, 1.d. Zip code/Postal code, 1.e. County/Province, 1.f. Country, 2.a. Mailing Address, 2.b. City, 2.c. State, 2.d. Zip code/Postal code, 2.e. County/Province, 2.f. Country.

Section D: All applicants MUST complete. Includes instructions for fee payment, permit history questions, and a certification statement. Signature and date fields at the bottom.

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**E. Photography of Marine Mammals for Educational or Commercial Purposes under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA)**

**Note 1:** Allow *a minimum of 90 days* for the application to be processed. Applications for marine mammal permits must be published in the Federal Register for a 30-day public comment period.

**Note 2:** This application is for a permit for filming (i.e., photography/videography) of marine mammals under the jurisdiction of the Fish & Wildlife Service (sea otters, polar bears, walrus, and manatees) in the United States. A permit may be issued for educational or commercial photography activities in the wild which are limited to Level B harassment. Under the MMPA, **Level B harassment** includes activities that have the potential to disturb a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild by causing disruption of behavioral patterns, including, but not limited to, migration, breathing, nursing, breeding, feeding, or sheltering. Level B harassment does not include any activities that have the potential to injure a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild.

Complete all pages of the application. If needed, use separate sheets of paper. On all attachments or separate sheets you are submitting; please indicate the application question number you are addressing. If you are applying for multiple species, be sure to indicate which species you are addressing in each response.

1. Type of activity requested (mark all that applies):

- PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY (Commercial)
- PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY (Educational)
- AMEND\* current permit
- RENEW\* current/expired permit

(If you are requesting **renewal or amendment\*** of an existing permit between reporting dates, include an update of any activity that has occurred under the permit since the last report)

2. Check the scientific name (genus, species, and, if applicable, subspecies) and common name for each species (“target”) you are applying to film.

- Polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*)
- Pacific walrus (*Odobenus rosmarus*)
- Northern sea otter (non-DPS) (*Enhydra lutris kenyoni*)
- Northern sea otter (DPS) (*Enhydra lutris kenyoni*) (see #10)
- Southern sea otter (*Enhydra lutris nereis*) (see #10)
- West Indian manatee (*Trichechus manatus*) (see #10)

3. For each specimen of each species checked in question 2, provide the following in tabular form:

Species	All age classes*	Dates (see #4)	Quantity of target species (see #5)	Quantity of non-target species (see #6)	Specific location(s) (see #7)

\* Describe the age classes as “cub/pup/calf,” “juvenile”, “adult” and define your criteria for each age class.

4. Provide the **time periods** over which the requested activities will be conducted, including start date, approximate dates and/or field seasons if appropriate, and the duration of the overall filming project.

5. **Target Animals:** Provide:

a) the number of **target** animals that may be filmed (i.e., on a daily basis and a total number per project and/or year) and

b) the number of times these target animals may be approached and filmed within a specified time period.

6. **Non-target Animals:** Provide:

a) A list and estimate of the number of animals of each **non-target marine mammal species** (<http://mmc.gov/species/welcome.shtml>) or other Federally-protected species (<http://www.fws.gov/endangered>) that may be unintentionally harassed during the filming activities.

b) A description of the mitigation measures that will be used to ensure non-target animals are not disturbed.

7. Describe the geographic location(s) where the filming is to be conducted. Locations should be identified as specifically as possible within a general area (*e.g.*, specific islands, bays, and latitude/longitude, within a specified geographic region or state). Include a map of the area if available. Indicate whether the location you will be working in has been given any special status (*e.g.*, National Marine Sanctuary, National Wildlife Refuge, State Reserve, etc.) and provide the contact information of the person with whom you have been in contact with regarding your proposal to film in those areas.
8. Describe the type of filming to be performed and methods to be used. This information must include, but is not limited to the following: dates, time of day (day and/or night), length of each filming session, platforms to be used (*e.g.*, small boat, blind, helicopter), approach distances to the animals depending on platform type, description of filming equipment (*e.g.*, still or video camera with telephoto lens and size of lens), and deployment techniques, if applicable, and associated approach distances. If using archival monitoring cameras, please specify how often those cameras would be serviced and the length of time servicing could last.
9. Provide a justification of how your filming activities will result in only taking by Level B harassment of the **target** marine mammals, and what mitigation measures would be implemented to minimize disturbance, including specific measures for females with cubs/pups/calves.
10. If this species is protected under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), attach a justification for taking an ESA-listed species, and explain why your activities are not appropriate for a similar non-ESA-listed species.

11. Describe the rationale and objectives for your activities and how the products will be made available to the public.
12. For each person, provide a summary of activities that they will be performing and a copy of their curriculum vitae, resume, or summary of qualifications that includes their accomplishments and experience relevant to the proposed activities (e.g., filming marine mammals, operating vessels/vehicles in the presence of marine mammals, etc.).
13. Name and address where you wish permit mailed, **if** different from page 1 (All permits will be mailed via the U.S. Postal Service, unless you identify an alternative means below):
14. If you wish the permit to be delivered by means other than USPS regular mail, provide an air bill, pre-paid envelope, or billing information. If you do not have a pre-paid envelope or air bill and wish to pay for a courier service with your credit card, please check the box below. Please **DO NOT** include credit card number or other information; you will be contacted for this information.
- If a permit is issued, please send it via a courier service to the address on page 1 or question 13. I understand that you will contact me for my credit card information once the application has been processed.
15. Who should we contact if we have questions about the application? (Include name, phone number, and email):
16. **Disqualification Factor.** 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 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.

## PERMIT APPLICATION FORM INSTRUCTIONS

The following instructions pertain to the standard permit form 3-200 that must be completed as an application for a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or CITES permit. The General Permit Procedures in 50 CFR 13 address the permitting process. For simplicity, all licenses, permits, registrations, and certificates will be referred to as a permit.

### GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- Complete all blocks/lines/questions in Sections A or B, C, D, and E.
- **An incomplete application may cause delays in processing or may be returned to the applicant. Be sure you are filling in the appropriate application form for the proposed activity.**
- Print clearly or type in the information. Illegible applications may cause delays.
- Sign the application in [blue](#) ink. Faxes or copies of the original signature will not be accepted.
- Mail the original application to the address at the top of page one of the application or if applicable on the attached address list.
- **Keep a copy of your completed application.**
- **Please plan ahead. Allow at least 90 days for your application to be processed. Some applications may take longer than 90 days to process. (50 CFR 13.11)**
- Applications are processed in the order they are received.
- Additional forms and instructions are available from <http://permits.fws.gov/>.

### COMPLETE EITHER SECTION A OR SECTION B:

#### Section A. Complete if applying as an individual:

- Enter the complete name of the responsible individual who will be the permittee if a permit is issued. Enter personal information that identifies the applicant. ***Fax and e-mail are not required if not available.***
- If you are applying on behalf of a client, the personal information must pertain to the client, and a document evidencing power of attorney must be included with the application.
- **Affiliation/ Doing business as (dba):** business, agency, organizational, Tribe, or institutional affiliation *directly* related to the activity requested in the application (e.g., a taxidermist is an individual whose business can *directly* relate to the requested activity). The Division of Management Authority (DMA) will **not** accept *doing business as* affiliations for individuals.

#### Section B. Complete if applying as a business, corporation, public agency, Tribe, or institution:

- Enter the complete name of the business, agency, Tribe or institution that will be the permittee if a permit is issued. Give a brief description of the type of business the applicant is engaged in. Provide contact phone number(s) of the business.
- **Principal Officer** is the person in charge of the listed business, corporation, public agency, or institution. 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 person at the business, corporation, public agency, or institution who will be available to answer questions about the application or permitted activities. Often this is the preparer of the application.

### ALL APPLICANTS COMPLETE SECTION C:

- For all applications submitted to the Division of Management Authority (DMA) a physical U.S. address is **required**. Province and Country blocks are provided for those USFWS programs which use foreign addresses and are not required by DMA..
- **Mailing address** is address where communications from USFWS should be mailed if different than applicant's physical address.

### ALL APPLICANTS COMPLETE SECTION D:

#### Section D.1 Application processing fee:

- An application processing fee is required at the time of application; unless exempted under 50 CFR 13.11(d)(3). The application processing fee is assessed to partially cover the cost of processing a request. **The fee does not guarantee the issuance of a permit. Fees will not be refunded for applications that are approved, abandoned, or denied.** We may return fees for withdrawn applications prior to any significant processing occurring.
- **Documentation of fee exempt status is not required for Federal, Tribal, State, or local government agencies; but must be supplied by those applicants acting on behalf of such agencies.** Those applicants acting on behalf of such agencies must submit a letter on agency letterhead and signed by the head of the unit of government for which the applicant is acting on behalf, confirming that the applicant will be carrying out the permitted activity for the agency.

#### Section D.2 Federal Fish and Wildlife permits:

- List the number(s) of your most current FWS or CITES permit or the number of the most recent permit if none are currently valid. If applying for re-issuance of a CITES permit, the original permit must be returned with this application.

#### Section D.3 CERTIFICATION:

- **The individual identified in Section A, the principal officer named in Section B, or person with a valid power of attorney (documentation must be included in the application) must sign and date the application in blue ink.** 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.

**DO NOT RETURN THIS PAGE WITH THE APPLICATION**

**APPLICATION FOR A FEDERAL FISH AND WILDLIFE PERMIT**  
**Paperwork Reduction Act, Privacy Act, and Freedom of Information Act – Notices**

**In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) and the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), please be advised:**

1. The gathering of information on fish and wildlife is authorized by:  
(Authorizing statutes can be found at: <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/cfr/index.html> and <http://www.fws.gov/permits/ltr/ltr.html>)
  - a. Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668), 50 CFR 22;
  - b. Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531-1544), 50CFR 17;
  - c. Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703-712), 50 CFR 21;
  - d. Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1361, *et. seq.*), 50 CFR 18;
  - e. Wild Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4901-4916), 50 CFR 15;
  - f. Lacey Act: Injurious Wildlife (18 U.S.C. 42), 50 CFR 16;
  - g. Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (TIAS 8249), <http://www.cites.org/>, 50 CFR 23;
  - h. General Provisions, 50 CFR 10;
  - i. General Permit Procedures, 50 CFR 13; and
  - j. Wildlife Provisions (Import/export/transport), 50 CFR 14.
2. 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. 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
3. Certain applications for permits authorized under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1539) and the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1374) will be published in the **Federal Register** as required by the two laws.
4. Disclosures outside the Department of the Interior may be made without the consent of an individual under the routine uses listed below, if the disclosure is compatible with the purposes for which the record was collected. (Ref. 68 FR 52611, September 4, 2003)
  - a. Routine disclosure to subject matter experts, and Federal, Tribal, State, local, and foreign agencies, for the purpose of obtaining advice relevant to making a decision on an application for a permit or when necessary to accomplish a FWS function related to this system of records.
  - b. Routine disclosure to the public as a result of publishing **Federal Register** notices announcing the receipt of permit applications for public comment or notice of the decision on a permit application.
  - c. Routine disclosure to Federal, Tribal, State, local, or foreign wildlife and plant agencies for the exchange of information on permits granted or denied to assure compliance with all applicable permitting requirements.
  - d. Routine disclosure to Captive-bred Wildlife registrants under the Endangered Species Act for the exchange of authorized species, and to share information on the captive breeding of these species.
  - e. Routine disclosure to Federal, Tribal, State, and local authorities who need to know who is permitted to receive and rehabilitate sick, orphaned, and injured birds under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act; federally permitted rehabilitators; individuals seeking a permitted rehabilitator with whom to place a bird in need of care; and licensed veterinarians who receive, treat, or diagnose sick, orphaned, and injured birds.
  - f. Routine disclosure to the Department of Justice, or a court, adjudicative, or other administrative body or to a party in litigation before a court or adjudicative or administrative body, under certain circumstances.
  - g. Routine disclosure to the appropriate Federal, Tribal, State, local, or foreign governmental agency responsible for investigating, prosecuting, enforcing, or implementing statutes, rules, or licenses, when we become aware of a violation or potential violation of such statutes, rules, or licenses, or when we need to monitor activities associated with a permit or regulated use.
  - h. Routine disclosure to a congressional office in response to an inquiry to the office by the individual to whom the record pertains.
  - i. Routine disclosure to the Government Accountability Office or Congress when the information is required for the evaluation of the permit programs.
  - j. Routine disclosure to provide addresses obtained from the Internal Revenue Service to debt collection agencies for purposes of locating a debtor to collect or compromise a Federal claim against the debtor or to consumer reporting agencies to prepare a commercial credit report for use by the FWS.
5. For individuals, personal information such as home address and telephone number, financial data, and personal identifiers (social security number, birth date, etc.) will be removed prior to any release of the application.
6. The public reporting burden on the applicant for information collection varies depending on the activity for which a permit is requested. The relevant burden for a Photography of Marine Mammals application is 1.5 hours. This burden estimate includes time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data and completing and reviewing the form. You may direct comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of the form to the Service Information Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Mail Stop 2042-PDM, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington D.C. 20240.

**Freedom of Information Act – Notice**

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)].

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