



BULLETIN

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Subject: NIGC Fee Rate and Fingerprint Fees

This Bulletin explains the National Indian Gaming Commission's annual fee rates and fingerprint fee. This year the annual fee rate remains the same as last year, maintaining the lowest rate of the last nine years. This year's fingerprint fee will increase for the first time since 2016 in order to comply with Federal Bureau of Investigation requirements. The annual fee rates and fingerprint fee being adopted here are effective November 1, 2019, and will remain in effect until the Commission adopts new rates and fee.

The National Indian Gaming Commission (Commission) has adopted its annual fee rates of 0.00% for tier 1 and 0.062% (.00062) for tier 2, which remain the same as current fee rates. These rates shall apply to all assessable gross revenues from each gaming operation under the jurisdiction of the Commission. If a tribe has a certificate of self-regulation under 25 CFR part 518, the fee rate on Class II revenues shall be 0.031% (.00031), which is one-half of the annual fee rate.

On January 22, 2018, the Commission published changes to the fees regulations 25 C.F.R. Part 514 in the Federal Register (83 FR 2903) which simplify the fee rate analysis and publication process by providing that the Commission will adopt a fee rate no later than November 1st of each year.

The NIGC has implemented an electronic payment system through Pay.gov in 2014. The system can be used for the quarterly payment of annual fees and submission of associated worksheets. Tribes interested in using the new Pay.gov electronic payment system should visit www.pay.gov and select the NIGC using the tab *Find an Agency*. Additionally, tribes can visit the Commission's website at www.nigc.gov for details on how to sign into the system, what information is required to be submitted and how to handle changes or corrections to submissions. Use of this system is optional and paper worksheets and fee payments by check will still be accepted. Please provide the following identifying information: name, address, and telephone number of the gaming operation; name of licensing tribe; and the name, telephone number, and email address of contact person, and remit quarterly fee payments to:

National Indian Gaming Commission
Attn.: Division of Finance
1849 C Street NW
Mail Stop #1621

Washington, DC 20240

Pursuant to 25 C.F.R. 514.4, please be sure to use the appropriate fiscal year as the base period for determining fee payments. Please note the new regulations define the fiscal year used in calculating the annual fee so that one fee rate is applied consistently to a gaming operation's assessable gross revenues for one fiscal year.

The National Indian Gaming Commission has also adopted its fingerprint processing fee of \$22 per card effective November 1, 2019. The new fee represents a \$4 increase from the current fingerprint processing fee of \$18 per card which has been in effect since October 1, 2016. Pursuant to 25 C.F.R. Part 514, the Commission regularly reviews the cost of processing fingerprint cards and sets a fee based on the amount charged by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and costs incurred by the Commission. Commission costs include Commission personnel, supplies, equipment costs, and postage to submit the results to the requesting tribe. The increase for this year's fingerprint fee is a result of bolstering information security systems and additional measures necessary to ensure compliance with Federal Bureau of Investigation requirements.

The announcement of the fee rate and fingerprint fee will be published in the Federal Register and posted to the NIGC website as soon as it is available.

Should you have any questions, please contact Yvonne Lee, National Indian Gaming Commission, 1849 C Street NW, Mail Stop #1621, Washington, DC 20240; telephone (202) 632-7003; fax (202) 632-7066; email fee_questions@nigc.gov.

We are soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is the collection necessary to the proper functions of the Service; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Service enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Service minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

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 ICR. 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: This information collection includes requirements associated with specified oil and gas industry activities and their incidental taking of polar bears, Pacific walruses, and northern sea otters in Alaska. The Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), imposed, with certain exceptions, a moratorium on the taking of marine mammals. Section 101(a)(5)(A) of the MMPA directs the Secretary of the Interior to allow, upon request by citizens of the United States, the taking of small numbers of marine mammals incidental to specified activities (other than commercial fishing) if the Secretary makes certain findings and prescribes specific regulations that, among other things, establish permissible methods of taking.

Applicants seeking to conduct activities must request a Letter of Authorization (LOA) for the specific activity and submit on-site monitoring reports and a final report of the activity to the Secretary. This is a nonform collection. Respondents must comply with the regulations at 50 CFR 18.27, which outline the procedures and requirements for submitting a request. Specific regulations governing authorized incidental take of marine mammals activities are contained in 50

CFR 18, subparts J (Beaufort Sea) and K (Cook Inlet). These regulations provide the applicant with a detailed description of information that we need to evaluate the proposed activity and determine if it is appropriate to issue specific regulations and, subsequently, LOAs.

We use the information to verify the findings required to issue incidental take regulations, to decide if we should issue an LOA, and (if an LOA is issued) what conditions should be included in the LOA. In addition, we analyze the information to determine impacts to polar bears, Pacific walruses, northern sea otters, and the availability of those marine mammals for subsistence purposes of Alaska Natives.

Title of Collection: Incidental Take of Marine Mammals During Specified Activities, 50 CFR 18.27 and 50 CFR 18, Subparts J and K.

OMB Control Number: 1018–0070.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Oil and gas industry companies.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit.

Frequency of Collection: On occasion.

Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost: None.

Type of action	Number of annual respondents	Number of responses each	Total annual responses	Average completion time (hours)	Total annual burden hours
Polar Bear Den Detection Report: Private Sector	4	1	4	50	200
Incidental Take of Marine Mammals—Final Monitoring Report: Private Sector	20	1.25	25	10	250
Incidental Take of Marine Mammals—Onsite Monitoring and Observation Reports: Private Sector	20	15	300	1.5	450
Incidental Take of Marine Mammals—Application for Regulations: ¹ Private Sector	20	0.1	2	150	300
Incidental Take of Marine Mammals—LOA Requests: Private Sector	20	1.25	25	24	600
Total	84	356	1,800

¹ Occurs once every 5 years.

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.*).

Dated: November 4, 2019.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Indian Gaming Commission

Fee Rate and Fingerprint Fees

AGENCY: National Indian Gaming Commission, DOI.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, that the National Indian Gaming Commission has adopted its annual fee rates of 0.00% for tier 1 and 0.062%

(.00062) for tier 2, which remain the same as current fee rates. The tier 2 annual fee rate maintains the lowest fee rate of the last nine years. These rates shall apply to all assessable gross revenues from each gaming operation under the jurisdiction of the Commission. If a tribe has a certificate of self-regulation, the fee rate on Class II revenues shall be 0.031% (.00031) which is one-half of the annual fee rate.

The National Indian Gaming Commission has also adopted its fingerprint processing fee of \$22 per card effective November 1, 2019. These new fee represent a \$4 increase from the current fingerprint processing fee of \$18 per card which have been in effect since 10/1/2016. The increase for this year's fingerprint fee is a result of bolstering information security systems and additional measures necessary to ensure compliance with Federal Bureau of Investigation requirements. The annual fee rates and fingerprint fee being adopted here are effective November 1, 2019, and will remain in effect until the Commission adopts new rates and fee.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Yvonne Lee, National Indian Gaming Commission, 1849 C Street NW, Mail Stop #1621, Washington, DC 20240; telephone (202) 632-7003; fax (202) 632-7066.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) established the National Indian Gaming Commission, which is charged with regulating gaming on Indian lands.

Commission regulations (25 CFR 514) provide for a system of fee assessment and payment that is self-administered by gaming operations. Pursuant to those regulations, the Commission is required to adopt and communicate assessment rates and the gaming operations are required to apply those rates to their revenues, compute the fees to be paid, report the revenues, and remit the fees to the Commission. All gaming operations within the jurisdiction of the Commission are required to self-administer the provisions of these regulations, and report and pay any fees that are due to the Commission.

Pursuant to 25 CFR 514, the Commission must also review regularly the costs involved in processing fingerprint cards and set a fee based on fees charged by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and costs incurred by the Commission. Commission costs include Commission personnel, supplies, equipment costs, and postage to submit the results to the requesting tribe.

Dated: November 1, 2019.

Kathryn C. Isom-Clause,
Vice Chair.

Dated: November 1, 2019.

E. Sequoyah Simermeyer,
Associate Commissioner.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[USITC SE-19-039]

Sunshine Act Meetings

Agency Holding the Meeting: United States International Trade Commission.

TIME AND DATE: November 14, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

PLACE: Room 101, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436, Telephone: (202) 205-2000.

STATUS: Open to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. *Agendas for future meetings:* None.
2. Minutes.
3. Ratification List.
4. Vote on Inv. Nos. 731-TA-1438 and 1440 (Final) (Acetone from Singapore and Spain). The Commission is currently scheduled to complete and file its determinations and views of the Commission by November 29, 2019.

5. *Outstanding action jackets:* None. The Commission is holding the meeting under the Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552(b). In accordance with Commission policy, subject matter listed above, not disposed of at the scheduled meeting, may be carried over to the agenda of the following meeting.

By order of the Commission:

Issued: November 4, 2019.

William Bishop,
Supervisory Hearings and Information Officer.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[USITC SE-19-040]

Sunshine Act Meetings

Agency Holding the Meeting: United States International Trade Commission.

TIME AND DATE: November 15, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

PLACE: Room 101, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436, Telephone: (202) 205-2000.

STATUS: Open to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. *Agendas for future meetings:* None.
2. Minutes.
3. Ratification List.
4. Vote on Inv. No. 731-TA-1444 (Final) (Carbon and Alloy Steel Threaded Rod from Thailand). The Commission is currently scheduled to complete and file its determination and views of the Commission by December 5, 2019.

5. *Outstanding action jackets:* None.

The Commission is holding the meeting under the Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552(b). In accordance with Commission policy, subject matter listed above, not disposed of at the scheduled meeting, may be carried over to the agenda of the following meeting.

By order of the Commission:

Issued: November 4, 2019.

William Bishop,
Supervisory Hearings and Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

[OMB Number 1122-0031]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection eComments Requested; Extension of a Currently Approved Collection

AGENCY: Office on Violence Against Women, Department of Justice.

ACTION: 30-Day notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** allowing for a 60 day comment period.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for 30 days until December 9, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Written comments and/or suggestion regarding the items contained in this notice, especially the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to Cathy Poston, Office on Violence Against Women, at 202-514-5430 or Catherine.poston@usdoj.gov. Written comments and/or suggestions can also be sent to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory