

Deregulation suggestions

If you have ideas for cutting existing rules or regulations, we want to hear from you.

A red asterisk (* (required)) indicates a required field.

Which agency/agencies promulgated the regulation? * (required)

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

98 characters left

Which title, parts, and/or sections of the Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) should be rescinded? * (required)

Please include the relevant CFR section(s) and the Federal Register citation for the final rule. If you are proposing a repeal of a particular rulemaking, it should note the relevant portions of the C.F.R. that are implicated.

Title 50, Chapter I, Subchapter B, Part 14, Subpart I, § 14.94 What fees apply to me?

What is your name?

Only answer if you would like the rescission to be named after you or your organization. Providing your name does not guarantee that it will appear on any final agency action, and we reserve the right to refrain from using names that are inappropriate or offensive.

National Aquaculture Association

96 characters left

Is your proposed rescission a notice of proposed rulemaking, final rule, direct final rule, interim final rule, or interpretive rule? * (required)

A notice of proposed rulemaking is appropriate where the rescission is likely to be controversial and where the agency has not yet proposed rescinding the rule. (You may submit a final rule at a later time). A final rule is appropriate where the agency has already issued a proposal to rescind the regulation. A direct final rule is appropriate where the rescission is unlikely to be controversial and where the agency has not yet proposed rescinding the rule. An interim final rule is appropriate where there is good cause for the effective date of the rescission to be immediate and where the agency has not yet proposed rescinding the rule. An interpretive rule explains a regulation or the meaning of a statute the agency administers.

Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

Final Rule

Direct Final Rule

Interim Final Rule

Interpretive Rule

What is the name of the regulation being rescinded, if applicable? * (required)

This could be the name of the part of the C.F.R. or the name of a previous rulemaking.

Title 50, Chapter I, Subchapter B, Part 14, Subpart I, § 14.94 What fees apply to me?

Please provide a short summary of the justifications for the rescission. * (required)

B **I** **U**  

International trade is a 24/7/365 commercial activity not predicated on an 8am to 5pm, five-day work week. We request the elimination of various overtime and premium inspection fees to accommodate the inspection of internationally imported and exported products and animals, live or dead, to reduce

Give Feedback

the costs and meet the needs of the public and businesses engaged in international trade.

Please insert the address of the agency. [NPRM, DFR, and IFR only]

This information can be found on the most recent agency notice of proposed rulemaking, direct final rule, or interim final rule.

Office of Law Enforcement, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church VA, 22041

Please insert the contact information for the agency. * (required)

This information can be found on the most recent agency rulemaking.

Doug Ault, Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

What is the background for the regulation being rescinded? * (required)

You should discuss the current state of the regulation, how it operates, and its history. A high level of detail is preferred.

B I U  

Under the authority of the Endangered Species Act, Lacey Act, and the Convention on Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) inspects incoming and outgoing shipments for any wild animal, whether alive or dead, including without limitation any wild mammal, bird, reptile, amphibian, fish, mollusk, crustacean, arthropod, coelenterate, or other invertebrate, whether or not bred, hatched, or born in captivity, and including any part, product, egg, or offspring thereof. Inspection services are provided at 39 Designated Wildlife Ports. The quantification of the total trade of live and dead specimens has not been attempted. Two independent analyses of a FWS trade records database estimated during a 15-year period (2000-2014) greater than 2.2 million import shipments consisting of more than 3.2 billion live organisms (Eskew et al. 2020) and during a 22-year period (2000-2022) 2.85 billion live individuals were imported (Michael et al. 2025). We believe the lower volume of live imports during 2020-2022 reflects the severely reduced airline schedules during the pandemic. These analyses do not quantify the number of shipments or individual dead animal products (skins, personal leather goods, souvenirs made of bone or teeth, taxidermy items, etc.) that were imported.

As proscribed in 50 CFR § 14.94, FWS charges inspection fees, including travel time, that begin before normal working hours, that extend beyond normal working hours, or are on a Federal holiday, Saturday, or Sunday.

Eskew, E.A., White, A.M., Ross, N., Smith, K.M., Smith, K.F., Rodríguez, J.P., Zambrana-Torrelío, C., Karesh, W.B. and Daszak, P. 2020. United States wildlife and wildlife product imports from 2000–2014. *Scientific Data*, 7(1), p. 22.

Michael, M.B., Alamshah, A.L., Cardoso, P., Cassey, P., Chekunov, S., Eskew, E.A., Fukushima, C.S., García-Díaz, P., Gore, M.L., Lockwood, J.L. and Rhyne, A.L. 2025. The magnitude of legal wildlife trade and implications for species survival. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 122(2), p.e2410774121.

Explain the reasons for the rescission. * (required)

This is the analysis part of the rule. You should provide as much detail as possible. Possible reasons for rescission include, but are not limited to: (1) the regulation is inconsistent with a statute; (2) the regulation is inconsistent with the Constitution; (3) the regulation's costs outweigh its benefits; (4) the regulation no longer reflects the current state of technology; or (5) the regulation is bad policy, unreasoned, or unsound. If this is a final rule, you should respond to any relevant and timely comments. If there are other requirements for repealing a rule, please address those here.

B I U  

We suggest, like any business that serves customers that work 24/7/365, FWS inspectors should work rotational shifts during a 24-hour period at normal working hour rates to complete their inspections. And, we suggest, the premium inspection fees, live versus dead products, require similar knowledge, skills and abilities that are not an adequate rationale for charging higher inspection fees.

Describe the text of the relevant C.F.R. provisions as it will exist after the rescission. * (required)
This is usually contained in the List of Subjects section of a regulation.

B I U  

Title 50 § 14.94 would be changed by removing paragraphs (f) and (g). Paragraph (h) Fee Schedule would be changed by removing lines (4) and (5). Throughout § 14.94 the terms related to overtime, holiday, premium or special fees would be removed.

Please insert the name of the current agency head. * (required)

Paul Souza

Please insert the title of the agency head. * (required)


Regional Director, Pacific Southwest Region, exercising the delegated authority of the Director, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

By clicking Agree and Continue, I consent to the government using all or part of my submission in future rulemakings or other governmental activities as it sees fit. I am submitting my proposal gratuitously, with no expectation of payment or other consideration, and I waive any future claims against the government related to its use of my submission. I also understand that any material submitted via this portal may be publicly available, and I agree not to submit confidential, copyrighted, trade secret, or personal information. * (required)

Agree and Continue



Submit

 An official form of the United States government. Provided by Touchpoints

