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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered Species; Recovery Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of permit applications and availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following applications for a permit to conduct activities intended to recover and enhance the survival of endangered species. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act) prohibits certain activities that may impact endangered species unless a Federal permit allows such activity. The Act also requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

DATES: To ensure consideration, please send your written comments by **[INSERT**

DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Please specify the permit you are interested in by number (e.g., **Permit No. TE-123456**).

- *Email:* permitsR1ES@fws.gov. Please refer to the respective permit number (e.g., **Permit No. TE-123456**) in the subject line of the message.

- *U.S. Mail:* Program Manager, Restoration and Endangered Species Classification, Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Regional Office, 911 NE 11th, Avenue, Portland, OR 97232-4181.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Colleen Henson, Recovery Permits Coordinator, at the above address or email, or by telephone (503–231–6131) or fax (503–231–6243).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) prohibits certain activities with endangered and threatened species unless authorized by a Federal permit. The Act and our implementing regulations in part 17 of title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) provide for the issuance of such permits and require that we invite public comment before issuing permits for activities involving endangered species.

A permit granted by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act authorizes the

permittee to conduct activities with U.S. endangered or threatened species for scientific purposes, enhancement of propagation or survival, or interstate commerce (the latter only in the event that it facilitates scientific purposes or enhancement of propagation or survival). Our regulations implementing section 10(a)(1)(A) for these permits are found at 50 CFR 17.22 for endangered wildlife species, 50 CFR 17.32 for threatened wildlife species, 50 CFR 17.62 for endangered plant species, and 50 CFR 17.72 for threatened plant species.

Applications Available for Review and Comment

We invite local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies and the public to comment on the following applications. Please refer to the permit number for the application when submitting comments.

Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review by any party who submits a written request to the Program Manager for Restoration and Endangered Species Classification at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. Requests must be submitted within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice. Release of documents is subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) and the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

Permit Applications

Proposed activities in the following permit requests are for the recovery and enhancement of survival of the species.

Application Number	Applicant	Species	Location	Activity	Type of Take	Permit Action
TE-014497	Haleakala National Park, Kula, Hawaii	<i>Nothoestrum latifolium</i> (ʻaiea), <i>Joinvillea ascendens ascendens</i> (ʻohe), <i>Cyclosorus boydiae</i> (Boyd's maiden fern), <i>Ochrosia haleakalae</i> (Holei), <i>Ranunculus hawaiiensis</i> (makou), <i>Ranunculus mauiensis</i> (makou), <i>Microlepia strigosa</i> var. <i>mauiensis</i> (Maui fern), <i>Calamagrostis expansa</i> (Maui reedgrass), <i>Gardenia remyi</i> (nanu), <i>Phyllostegia brevidens</i> (no common name (NCN)), <i>Sanicula sandwicensis</i> (NCN), <i>Schiedea diffusa</i> ssp <i>diffusa</i> (NCN), <i>Schiedea diffusa</i> ssp <i>diffusa</i> (NCN)	Island of Maui	Remove and reduce to possession	Survey, collect, propagate, and outplant	Amend

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TE-19239B	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Olympia, Washington	Taylor's checkerspot butterfly (<i>Euphydryas editha taylori</i>)	Oregon and Washington	Assess population genetics and identify/confirm the location of new populations	Capture, handle, release, biosample, collect voucher specimens	Amend
TE-22353B	Center for Natural Lands Management, Temecula, California	Taylor's checkerspot butterfly (<i>Euphydryas editha taylori</i>)	Oregon and Washington	Survey, larval predation monitoring, oviposition monitoring, camera monitoring	Capture, handle, release, survey, monitor	Amend
TE-19045C	Hawaii Division of Forestry and Wildlife, Honolulu, Hawaii	Lanai tree snail (<i>Partulina semicarinata</i>), Lanai tree snail (<i>Partulina variabilis</i>), Newcomb's tree snail (<i>Newcombia cumingi</i>), Oahu tree snail (<i>Achatinella</i> spp.)	Islands of Lanai, Maui, and Oahu	Captive propagation and release	Capture, handle, captive propagate, and release	New
TE-19076C	Guam Department of Agriculture, Mangilao, Guam	Mariana eight-spot butterfly (<i>Hypolimnas octocula marianensis</i>)	Island of Guam	Establish a captive propagation program	Capture, handle, survey, captive propagation, release	New

Public Availability of Comments

All comments and materials we receive in response to these requests will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the address listed in **ADDRESSES**.

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.

Authority

We provide this notice under section 10 of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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