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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered Species; Receipt of Recovery Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

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

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, have received applications for permits to conduct activities intended to enhance the propagation or survival of endangered or threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. We invite the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies to comment on these applications. Before issuing any of the requested permits, we will take into consideration any information that we receive during the public comment period.

DATES: We must receive your written comments on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

ADDRESSES: *Document availability and comment submission:* Submit requests for copies of the applications and related documents and submit any comments by one of the following methods. All requests and comments should specify the applicant name(s) and application number(s) (e.g., **TE-XXXXXX**):

- *Email:* permitsR1ES@fws.gov.
- *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 Permit Coordinator, Ecological Services, (503) 231-6131 (phone); permitsR1ES@fws.gov (email). Individuals who are hearing or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 for TTY assistance.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on applications for permits under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The requested permits would allow the applicants to conduct activities intended to promote recovery of species that are listed as endangered or threatened under the ESA.

Background

With some exceptions, the ESA prohibits activities that constitute take of listed species unless a Federal permit is issued that allows such activity. The ESA's definition of "take" includes such activities as pursuing, harassing, trapping, capturing, or collecting in addition to hunting, shooting, harming, wounding, or killing.

A recovery permit issued by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA authorizes the permittee to conduct activities with endangered or threatened species for scientific purposes that promote recovery or for enhancement of propagation or survival of the species. These activities often include such prohibited actions as capture and collection. Our regulations implementing section 10(a)(1)(A) for these permits are found in the Code of Federal Regulations 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.

Permit Applications Available for Review and Comment

Proposed activities in the following permit requests are for the recovery and enhancement of propagation or survival of the species in the wild. The ESA requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits. Accordingly, we invite local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies and the public to submit written data, views, or arguments with respect to these applications. The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are those supported by quantitative information or studies.

Application Number	Applicant, City, State	Species	Location	Activity	Type of Take	Permit Action
TE-163899-2	Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument, Honolulu, HI	Laysan duck (<i>Anas laysanensis</i>), Short-tailed albatross (<i>Phoebastria albatrus</i>), <i>Pritchardia lanigera</i> (lo`ulu), <i>Sesbania tomentosa</i> (ohai), <i>Solanum nelsonii</i> (popolo).	HI	Animals: Survey/monitor, band, measure, vaccinate, biosample, social attraction, and/or salvage Plants: Collect seeds, fruits, cuttings, and plants; maintain and monitor; propagate, outplant, direct seed, transplant, and/or salvage	Animals: Capture, handle, release, biosample Plants: Remove and reduce to possession	Amend
TE-014497-6	Haleakala National Park, Makawao, HI	Add the following species: Crested honeycreeper or akohekohe (<i>Palmeria dolei</i>), Maui parrotbill or kiwikiu (<i>Pseudonestor xanthophrys</i>), `Tiwi (<i>Drepanis coccinea</i>)	HI	Survey, monitor, and salvage	Playback calls and disturbance	Amend
TE-42195A-2	Naval Facilities Engineering Command Marianas, Apra Heights, GU	Mariana common moorhen (<i>Gallinula chloropus guami</i>), Micronesian megapode (<i>Megapodius laperouse</i>),	GU, MP	Birds: Survey, monitor, and salvage Sea Turtles: Survey and monitor,	Birds: Playback calls and disturbance Sea turtles:	Amend

		<p>Nightingale reed warbler (<i>Acrocephalus luscini</i>), Green sea turtle (<i>Chelonia mydas</i>), Hawksbill sea turtle (<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>),</p> <p><i>Eugenia bryanii</i> (No Common Name (NCN)), <i>Hedyotis megalantha</i> (Pauddo), <i>Heritiera longipetiolata</i> (Ufa-halomtano) <i>Phyllanthus saffordii</i> (NCN), <i>Psychotria malaspinae</i> (Aplokating-palaoan), <i>Serianthes nelsonii</i> (Hayun Iagu (=Guam), Tronkon guafi (Rota)), <i>Solanum guamense</i> (Berenghenas halomtanu), <i>Tinospora homosepala</i> (NCN)</p>		<p>biosample, tag, genetic analysis, capture, handle, release, collect morphometric data, and salvage</p> <p>Plants: Collect seeds and seedlings, propagate, cultivate, outplant, and salvage</p>	<p>Capture, handle, release, survey, monitor, tag, and biosample</p> <p>Plants: Remove and reduce to possession</p>	
TE-45531B-1	Hawaii Division of Forestry and Wildlife, Honolulu, HI	<p>Akekee (<i>Loxops caeruleirostris</i>), Akikiki (<i>Oreomystis bairdi</i>), Maui parrotbill or</p>	HI	<p>Collect eggs, nestlings, subadults, and/or adults for captive breeding and population</p>	<p>Capture, handle, release, captive propagation</p>	Renew

		kiwikiu (<i>Pseudonestor xanthophrys</i>), Palila or honeycreeper (<i>Loxioides bailleui</i>), Small Kauai thrush or puaiuhi (<i>Myadestes palmeri</i>)		management activities		
TE-82868C-0	University of Guam, Marine Laboratory, Mangilao, GU	Rota blue damselfly (<i>Ischnura luta</i>)	MP	Capture, handle, photograph, release, biosample, collect eDNA samples, and genetic analysis	Capture, handle, release, and biosample	New

Public Availability of Comments

Written comments we receive become part of the administrative record associated with this action. 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 request in your comment that we withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety.

Next Steps

If we decide to issue permits to any of the applicants listed in this notice, we will publish a notice in the *Federal Register*.

Authority

We publish this notice under section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

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