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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Initiation of 5-Year Status Reviews of Six Listed Animal and Plant Species

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of initiation of reviews; request for information.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, are initiating 5-year status reviews under the Endangered Species Act for two plant and four animal species. A 5-year status review is based on the best scientific and commercial data available at the time of the review; therefore, we are requesting submission of any such information that has become available since the last review for the species.

DATES: To ensure consideration, please send your written information by [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

However, we will continue to accept new information about any listed species at any time.

ADDRESSES: For instructions on how to submit information for each species, see the table in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request information, contact the appropriate person in the table in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section. Individuals who are hearing impaired or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 800–877–8339 for TTY assistance.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We are initiating 5-year status reviews under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), for the Missouri bladderpod (*Physaria filiformis*), decurrent false aster (*Boltonia decurrens*), gray bat (*Myotis grisescens*), grotto sculpin (*Cottus specus*), Ozark hellbender (*Cryptobranchus alleganiensis bishop*), and purple cat's paw pearl mussel (*Epioblasma obliquata obliquata*).

Why Do We Conduct 5-Year Reviews?

Under the ESA, we maintain Lists of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants (which we collectively refer to as the List) in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17.11 (for animals) and 17.12 (for plants). Section 4(c)(2)(A) of the ESA requires us to review each listed species' status at least once every 5 years. Our regulations at 50 CFR 424.21 require that we publish a notice in the *Federal Register* announcing those species under active review. For additional information about 5-year reviews, go to <http://www.fws.gov/endangered/what-we-do/recovery-overview.html>, scroll down to "Learn More about 5-Year Reviews," and click on our factsheet.

What Information Do We Consider in Our Review?

A 5-year review considers the best scientific and commercial data that have become available since the current listing determination or most recent status review of each species, such as:

(A) Species biology, including but not limited to population trends, distribution, abundance, demographics, and genetics;

(B) Habitat conditions, including but not limited to amount, distribution, and suitability;

(C) Conservation measures that have been implemented that benefit the species;

(D) Threat status and trends in relation to the five listing factors (as defined in section 4(a)(1) of the ESA); and

(E) Other new information, data, or corrections, including but not limited to taxonomic or nomenclatural changes, identification of erroneous information contained in the List, and improved analytical methods.

New information will be considered in the 5-year review and ongoing recovery programs for the species.

What Species Are Under Review?

This notice announces our active 5-year status reviews of the species in the following table.

ANIMALS							
Common name	Scientific name	Taxonomic group	Listing status	Where listed	Final listing rule (Federal Register citation and publication date)	Contact person, email, phone	Contact person's U.S. mail address
Missouri bladderpod	<i>Physaria filiformis</i>	Plant	T	MO	68 FR 59337; October 15, 2003	Karen Herrington, Karen_Herrington@fws.gov; 573-234-2132	USFWS, 101 Park De Ville Drive, Suite A, Columbia, MO 65203
Decurrent false aster	<i>Boltonia decurrens</i>	Plant	T	IL, MO	53 FR 43858; November 14, 1988	Kristen Lundh; Kristen_Lundh@fws.gov; 309-757-5800	USFWS, 1511 47th Avenue, Moline, IL 61265
Gray bat	<i>Myotis grisescens</i>	Mammal	E	AL, AR, FL, GA, IL, IN, KA, KY, MO, OK, TN, VA, WV	41 FR 17736 April 28, 1975	Shauna Marquardt; Shauna_Marquardt@fws.gov; 573-234-2132	USFWS, 101 Park De Ville Drive, Suite A, Columbia, MO 65203
Grotto sculpin	<i>Cottus specus</i>	Fish	E	MO	78 FR 58938; September 25, 2013	Laurel Hill; Laurel_Hill@fws.gov; 573-234-2132	USFWS, 101 Park De Ville Drive, Suite A, Columbia, MO 65203
Ozark hellbender	<i>Cryptobranchus alleganiensis bishop</i>	Amphibian	E	AR, MO	76 FR 61956; October 6, 2011	Trisha Crabill; Trisha_Crabill@fws.gov; 573-234-2132	USFWS, 101 Park De Ville Drive, Suite A, Columbia, MO 65203
Purple cat's paw pearlymussel	<i>Epioblasma obliquata obliquata</i>	Clam	E	OH	55 FR 28209; July 10, 1990	Angela Boyer; Angela_Boyer@fws.gov; 614-416-8993	USFWS, 4625 Morse Road, Suite 104, Columbus, OH 43230

Request for Information

To ensure that a 5-year review is complete and based on the best available scientific and commercial information, we request new information from all sources. See **What Information Do We Consider in Our Review?** for specific criteria. If you submit information, please support it with documentation such as maps, bibliographic references, methods used to gather and analyze the data, and/or copies of any pertinent publications, reports, or letters by knowledgeable sources.

How Do I Ask Questions or Provide Information?

If you wish to provide information for any species listed above, please submit your comments and materials to the appropriate contact in the table above. You may also direct questions to those contacts. Individuals who are hearing impaired or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339 for TTY assistance.

Public Availability of Submissions

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.

Comments and materials received will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the offices where the comments are

submitted.

Authority

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

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