



## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

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### Endangered and Threatened 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. 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., **TEXXXXXX**).

- *Email:* [permitsr8es@fws.gov](mailto:permitsr8es@fws.gov).
- *U.S. Mail:* Susie Tharratt, Regional Recovery Permit Coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2800 Cottage Way, Room W-2606, Sacramento, CA 95825.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Susie Tharratt, via phone at 916-414-6561, via email at [permitsr8es@fws.gov](mailto:permitsr8es@fws.gov), or via 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.

<b>Application Number</b>	<b>Applicant, City, State</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Take activity</b>	<b>Permit Action</b>
TE-115370	Gage Dayton, Santa Cruz, California	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ohlone tiger beetle (<i>Cicindela ohlone</i>)</li> </ul>	CA	Capture, handle, release, habitat enhancement, mark burrows, and translocation	Amend
TE-88650D	Joshua Goodwin, Rocklin, California	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• California tiger salamander (Santa Barbara County and Sonoma County Distinct Population Segments (DPSs)) (<i>Ambystoma californiense</i>)</li> </ul>	CA	Capture, handle, and release	New
TE-72045A	Alisa Zych, Oceanside, California	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>)</li> </ul>	CA	Play taped vocalizations	Renew
TE-52816B	David Davis, Barstow, California	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>)</li> </ul>	CA	Play taped vocalizations	Renew and Amend
TE-829554	Barbara Kus, San Diego, California	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>)</li> <li>• Least Bell's vireo (<i>Vireo bellii pusillus</i>)</li> </ul>	CA, NV, NM, AZ	Play taped vocalizations, monitor nests, capture, collect genetic samples, handle, band, conduct training workshops, and remove brown-headed cowbird ( <i>Molothrus ater</i> ) eggs and chicks from parasitized nests	Renew
TE-29522A	Kenneth Gilliland, Ventura, California	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• California tiger salamander (Santa Barbara County)</li> </ul>	CA	Capture, handle, release, monitor nests, remove brown-headed	Renew and amend

		<p>and Sonoma County Distinct Population Segments (DPSs) (<i>Ambystoma californiense</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Least Bell's vireo (<i>Vireo bellii pusillus</i>)</li> <li>• California least tern (<i>Sterna antillarum browni</i>)</li> <li>• Arroyo (=arroyo southwestern) toad (<i>Anaxyrus californicus</i>)</li> </ul>		<p>cowbird (<i>Molothrus ater</i>) eggs and chicks from parasitized nests, translocate, erect nest exclosures, collect infertile eggs, swab, mark, and attach radio transmitters</p>	
PER0002114	Scott Whitman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• California tiger salamander (Santa Barbara County and Sonoma County Distinct Population Segments (DPSs) (<i>Ambystoma californiense</i>)</li> <li>• Conservancy fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta conservatio</i>)</li> <li>• Longhorn fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta longiantenna</i>)</li> <li>• Vernal pool tadpole shrimp (<i>Lepidurus packardi</i>)</li> </ul>	CA	Capture, handle, release, and collect vouchers	New

TE-67253D	City of Eureka, Eureka, California	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Behren's silverspot butterfly (<i>Speyeria zerene behrensii</i>)</li></ul>	CA	Capture, handle, captive breed, captive rear, translocate, and release	Amend
PER0002166	Danielle Dillard, College Station, Texas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Giant kangaroo rat (<i>Dipodomys ingens</i>)</li></ul>	CA	Capture, handle, examine for mites, collect fecal samples, and humanely euthanize for disease research	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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