



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 and survival of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). We invite the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies to comment on these applications. Before issuing 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 a request 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 and application number (e.g., Dana Ross, ES001705):

- *Email:* permitsR1ES@fws.gov.
- *U.S. Mail:* Tanya Sommer, Threatened and Endangered Species Program Manager, Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Regional Office, 911 NE 11th Avenue, Portland, OR 97232-4181.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Colson, Regional Recovery Permit Coordinator, Ecological Services, (503) 231-6283 (telephone); permitsR1ES@fws.gov (email). Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind,

hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

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 of 1973, 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 a species listed as endangered 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 (CFR) 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 the requested 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	Take Activity	Permit Action
PER10883533	Sea Life Park, Waimanalo, HI	Hawksbill sea turtle (<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>)	Hawai'i	Receive unreleasable individuals; handle, hold, collect biometrics; maintain in captivity for education and outreach; transport; and salvage	New
PER19353559	Maui Ocean Center Marine Institute, Wailuku, HI	Hawksbill sea turtle (<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>), Leatherback sea turtle (<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>), and Loggerhead sea turtle (<i>Caretta caretta</i>)	Hawai'i	Survey; capture, measure, weigh, biosample, mark/tag, ultrasound, lavage; transport; rehabilitate; outreach and education; hold compromised hatchlings; release; necropsy; and salvage	New
ES702631	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Regional Office, Portland, Oregon	All species under the jurisdiction of the Pacific Regional Office. Lists of species for each of the applicable locations (see Location column in this table) can be found at the following website: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/report/species-listings-by-state-totals?	American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Outlying Pacific	Ecological studies and recovery actions, including survey, capture, handle, mark, monitor, collect,	Renew with changes

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		<i>statusCategory=Listed</i>	Islands, Hawaii, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington	propagate, release, and outplant	

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 a permit 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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Threatened and Endangered Species Program Manager, Pacific Region.

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