



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 scientific research to promote conservation or other activities intended to enhance the propagation or survival of endangered or threatened species under the Endangered Species Act. We invite local, State and Federal agencies, Tribes, and the public 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 any written comments on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

ADDRESSES: Use one of the following methods to request documents or submit comments. Requests and comments should specify the applicant's name and application number (e.g., PER0001234).

- *Email:* permitsR5ES@fws.gov.
- *U.S. Mail:* Abby Goldstein, Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 300 Westgate Center Dr. Hadley, MA 01035.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Abby Goldstein, 413-253-8212 (phone), or permitsR5ES@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 local, State and Federal agencies, Tribes, and the public to review and comment on applications we have received 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.), and our implementing regulations in part 17 of title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations. The requested permits would allow the applicants to conduct activities intended to promote recovery of species that are listed as endangered under the ESA. Documents and other information submitted with the applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552a) and the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

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 constituting or resulting in take of endangered or threatened species for scientific purposes that promote recovery or for enhancement of propagation or survival of the species. 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.

Permit Applications Available for Review and Comment

In accordance with the ESA, we invite local, State, and Federal agencies; Tribes; and the public to submit written data, views, or arguments with respect to the applications in table 1.

Table 1—Permit Applications Received						
Application Number	Applicant	Species	Location	Activity	Type of Take	Permit Action
CS13141785	Dylan Parry; Syracuse, NY.	Bog buck moth (<i>Hemileuca maia menyanthevora</i> (= <i>H. iroquois</i>))	New York	Survey, capture, propagation, and release	Capture	New
PER0030365-2	Gregory A. Myers; Wheeling, WV.	Add: Cumberland elktoe (<i>Alasmidonta atropurpurea</i>), Appalachian elktoe (<i>Alasmidonta raveneliana</i>), fanshell (<i>Cyprogenia stegaria</i>), dromedary pearlymussel (<i>Dromus dromas</i>), altamaha spinymussel (<i>Elliptio spinosa</i>), cumberlandian combshell (<i>Epioblasma brevidens</i>), oyster mussel (<i>Epioblasma capsaeformis</i>), tan riffleshell (<i>Epioblasma florentina walkeri</i>), northern riffleshell (<i>Epioblasma rangiana</i>), longsolid (<i>Fusconaia subrotunda</i>), crackling pearlymussel (<i>Hemistena lata</i>), Higgin’s eye pearlymussel (<i>Lampsilis higginsii</i>), Carolina heelsplitter (<i>Lasmigona decorata</i>), birdwing pearlymussel (<i>Lemoix rimosus</i>), scaleshell (<i>Leptodea leptodon</i>), ring pink (<i>Obovaria retusa</i>), James spinymussel (<i>Parvaspina</i>	Add: Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, and Vermont	Presence/probable absence surveys, and release	Capture	Amend

		<p><i>collina</i>), Tar River spiny mussel (<i>Parvaspina steinstansana</i>), littlewing pearly mussel (<i>Pegias fabula</i>), orange-foot pimpleback (<i>Plethobasus cooperianus</i>), clubshell (<i>Pleurobema clava</i>), rough pigtoe (<i>Pleurobema plenum</i>), fluted kid shell (<i>Ptychobranhus subtentus</i>), winged mapleleaf (<i>Quadrula fragosa</i>), rough rabbitsfoot (<i>Quadrula cylindrica strigillata</i>), Cumberland monkeyface pearly mussel (<i>Theliderma intermedia</i>), Appalachian monkeyface pearly mussel (<i>Theliderma sparsa</i>), dwarf wedgemussel (<i>Alasmidonta heterodon</i>), shiny pigtoe (<i>Fusconaia cor</i>), and Cumberland bean pearly mussel (<i>Villosa trabalis</i>)</p>				
PER1745522-2	Zeinab M. Hadar; Arcata, CA.	Indiana bat (<i>Myotis sodalis</i>), gray bat (<i>Myotis grisescens</i>), and northern long-eared bat (<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>)	Add: Oklahoma and Texas	Add: Hibernacula survey, harp trapping, and research	Capture, collect	Amend
CS13884066	Meagan Lout; Colchester, VT.	Indiana bat (<i>Myotis sodalis</i>), gray bat (<i>Myotis grisescens</i>), northern long-eared bat (<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>), and Virginia big-eared bat (<i>Corynorhinus (=Plecotus) townsendii virginianus</i>)	Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan,	Presence/probable absence survey, mist net, harp trap, hibernacula survey, telemetry, and release	Capture	New

			Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and District of Columbia			
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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. Moreover, 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 the applicants listed in this notice, we will publish a notice in the *Federal Register*.

Authority

Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

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