



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[Docket No. FWS-R5-ES-2026-1321; FXES11130500000-267-FF05E00000]

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

Comments submitted electronically using the Federal eRulemaking Portal (see **ADDRESSES**, below) must be received by 11:59 p.m. eastern time on the closing date.

To ensure your comment is received and considered, you must submit it using one of the methods identified in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document. Comments submitted through any method not authorized in this document, or sent to an address not listed here, will not be considered.

ADDRESSES: *Comment submission:* All submissions must include the docket number [FWS–R5–ES–2026–1321] for this document. You must submit comments using one of the following methods:

- Electronic submission: Federal eRulemaking Portal at: <https://www.regulations.gov>. In the Search box, enter FWS–R5–ES–2026–1321, which is the docket number for this action. Then click the Search button. On the resulting page, you may submit a comment by clicking on “Comment.” Please ensure that you have found the correct document before submitting your comments.
- U.S. mail: Public Comments Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS–R5–ES–2026–1321, Policy and Regulations Branch, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS: PRB (JAO/3W), 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041–3803.

Comments submitted through any method not authorized in this document, or sent to an address not listed here, will not be considered. We will not accept comments via email, fax, or hand delivery. We are not required to consider comments that are submitted after the comment period ends or that are submitted via a method outside of these instructions. Comments containing profanity, vulgarity, threats, or other inappropriate content will not be considered.

We will post all comments at <https://www.regulations.gov>. You may request that we withhold personal identifying information from public review; however, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. See **Public Availability of Comments** for more information.

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(phone), or permitsR5ES@fws.gov (email). Submit requests for copies of the applications and related documents, by one of these methods. All requests should specify the applicant name(s) and application number(s) (e.g., ESXXXXXX; see table in **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**). 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 (CFR). 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
PER31379402-0	Fort Drum Military Reservation, U.S. Army; Fort Drum, NY.	Indiana bat (<i>Myotis sodalis</i>), northern long-eared bat (<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>)	New York	Capture via mistnet, band, telemetry, release	Capture	New
CS18420331	Hillary Mower; Crab Orchard, WV.	Indiana bat (<i>Myotis sodalis</i>), northern long-eared bat (<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>), tricolored bat (<i>Perimyotis subflavus</i>), gray bat (<i>Myotis grisescens</i>), Virginia big-eared bat (<i>Corynorhinus (=Plecotus) townsendii virginianus</i>)	Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina,	Capture via mistnet and harp trap, band, telemetry, release	Capture	New

			Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia			
PER82615D-4	Downeast Salmon Federation; Columbia Falls, ME.	Atlantic salmon (<i>Salmo salar</i>)	Maine	Electrofishing, trap, mark, propagate	Capture, Collect	Renew with amendment
PER12175217-1	Jacob Miller; Hurricane, WV.	Add: Guadalupe Orb (<i>Cyclonaias necki</i>), Rusty patched bumble bee (<i>Bombus affinis</i>), Alabama lampmussel (<i>Lampsilis virescens</i>), Balcones spike (<i>Fusconaia iheringi</i>), Cumberlandian combshell (<i>Epioblasma brevidens</i>), Cumberland monkeyface (<i>Theliderma intermedia</i>), Dromedary pearlymussel (<i>Dromus dromas</i>), Dwarf wedgemussel (<i>Alasmidonta heterodon</i>), False spike (<i>Fusconaia mitchelli</i>), Fluted kidneyshell (<i>Ptychobranchnus subtentus</i>), Guadalupe fatmucket (<i>Lampsilis bergmanni</i>), James Spiny mussel (<i>Parvaspina collina</i>), Oyster Mussel (<i>Epioblasma capsaeformis</i>), Purple Bean (<i>Villosa perpurpurea</i>), Rough Rabbitsfoot (<i>Quadrula cylindrica strigillata</i>), Shiny Pigtoe (<i>Fusconaia cor</i>), Texas Fatmucket (<i>Lampsilis bracteata</i>), Texas Fawnsfoot	Add: Connecticut, Delaware, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, New Jersey, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas	Capture, release	Capture	Amend

		(<i>Truncilla macrodon</i>), Texas Pimpleback (<i>Cyclonaias petrina</i>), Yellow Lance (<i>Elliptio lanceolata</i>)				
PER26044385- 0	Walter Veselka; Reedsville, WV.	Rusty patched bumble bee (<i>Bombus affinis</i>)	West Virginia	Capture, photograph, release	Capture	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. 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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