

format of information) that it believes should be considered by the medical specialty panels of the MCAC at future public meetings.

**Procedure and Agenda**

This meeting is open to the public. The Committee will hear oral presentations from the public for approximately one hour. The Committee may limit the number and duration of oral presentations to the time available. If you wish to make a formal presentation, you must notify the For Further Information Contact, and submit the following by the Deadline for Presentations and Comments date listed in the DATES section of this notice: a brief statement of the general nature of the evidence or arguments you wish to present, the names and addresses of proposed participants, and an estimate of the time required to make the presentation. We will request that you declare at the meeting whether or not you have any financial involvement with manufacturers of any items or services being discussed (or with their competitors).

After the public presentation, we will make a presentation to the Committee. After our presentation, the Committee will deliberate openly on the topic. Interested persons may observe the deliberations, but the Committee will not hear further comments during this time except at the request of the chairperson. At the end of the Committee deliberations, the Committee will allow a 30-minute open public session for any attendee to address issues specific to the topic. After which, the members will vote and the Committee will make its recommendation.

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. App. 2, section 10(a)(1) and (a)(2).  
(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.774, Medicare-Supplementary Medical Insurance Program)

Dated: January 18, 2000.

**Jeffrey L. Kang,**  
*Director, Office of Clinical Standards and Quality, Health Care Financing Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration**

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 concerning opportunity for public comment on proposed collections of information, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the information collection plans, call the SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer on (301) 443-7978.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the

quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

*Proposed Project:* State Prevention Needs Assessments: Alcohol and Other Drugs, Cohort V (New)—SAMHSA's Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) has awarded contracts to several States (Cohort V) to collect data to assess the nature and extent of substance abuse prevention services needs. The data collection by these States will bring to 30 (Cohorts I-V) the number of States that have implemented a family of prevention needs assessment studies, and will constitute the third cohort to apply the core set of measures, instruments, and methodologies developed and standardized under prior State needs assessment State contracts.

Data will be collected in school surveys and community resource assessments (CRA). The information collected in this project will be combined with existing information from other sources; States may use multiple approaches to assess statewide and substate distributions of risk and protective factors for substance use, of prevention resources, and of prevention services needs. These needs assessment studies will permit cross-State comparison of risk and protection variables to assist State services planning and allocation of State Block Grant funds, and to assist Federal response to the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA). The estimated annualized burden for the three-year project is shown below.

Respondents	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Average burden per response (hours)	Annualized burden hours
Students .....	137,500	1	0.75	103,125
Program Providers .....	1,410	1	1.00	1,410
Total .....	138,910	.....	.....	104,535
3-year Average .....	46,303	.....	.....	34,845

Send comments to Nancy Pearce, SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer, Room 16-105, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Dated: January 24, 2000.  
**Richard Kopanda,**  
*Executive Officer, SAMHSA.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**Receipt of Application for Endangered Species Permit**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Receipt of Application for Endangered Species Permit.

**SUMMARY:** The following applicants have applied for permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

If you wish to comment, you may submit comments by any one of several methods. You may mail comments to the Service's Regional Office (see **ADDRESSES**). You may also comment via the internet to

"kenneth\_graham@fws.gov". Please submit comments over the internet as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Please also include your name and return address in your internet message.

If you do not receive a confirmation from the Service that we have received your internet message, contact us directly at either telephone number listed below (see **FURTHER INFORMATION**). Finally, you may hand deliver comments to either Service office listed below (see **ADDRESSES**). Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the administrative record. We will honor such requests to the extent allowable by law. There may also be other circumstances in which we would withhold from the administrative record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. We will not, however, consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

**DATES:** Written data or comments on these applications must be received, at the address given below, by March 3, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, *subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act*, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875

Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia 30345 (Attn: Ken Graham, Permit Biologist). Telephone: 404/679-7358; Facsimile: 404/679-7081.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ken Graham, Telephone: 404/679-7358; Facsimile: 404/679-7081.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Applicant:* Frances C. James, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida, TE020826-0.

The applicant requests authorization to take (harass during nest monitoring, temporary nest occlusion research, and stomach flush/dietary analysis research) the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker, *Picoides borealis*, on the Apalachicola National Forest, in Leon, Liberty, and Wakulla Counties, Florida for the purpose of enhancement of survival of the species.

*Applicant:* Forest Supervisor, National Forests in North Carolina, Asheville, North Carolina, TE020891-0.

The applicant requests authorization to take (capture, band, and harass during nest monitoring and construction of artificial cavities) the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker, *Picoides borealis*, throughout the species range in North Carolina, for the purpose of enhancement of survival of the species.

*Applicant:* Forest Supervisor, National Forests in Mississippi, Jackson, Mississippi, TE020890-0.

The applicant requests authorization to take (capture, band, translocate, and harass during nest monitoring, construction of artificial cavities, placement of restrictor plates, and augmentation) the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker, *Picoides borealis*, throughout the species range in Mississippi, for the purpose of enhancement of survival of the species.

*Applicant:* Stanley B. Rudzinski, Jr., Law Engineering and Environmental Consultants, Nashville, Tennessee, TE021030-0.

The applicant requests authorization to take (capture, identify, and relocate) the endangered Nashville Crayfish, *Orconectes shoupi*, throughout the species range in Tennessee, for the purpose of enhancement of survival of the species.

*Applicant:* Nancy E. Jordan, South Carolina Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, Clemson University, Clemson, South Carolina, TE022019-0.

The applicant requests authorization to take (capture, band, monitor and collect unhatched eggs for hatching success research) the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker, *Picoides borealis*, in the Norfolk Southern Railroad Brosnan Forest, South

Carolina, for the purpose of enhancement of survival of the species.

*Applicant:* Kimberly Morgan Hicks, Oxford, North Carolina, TE022046-0.

The applicant requests authorization to take (capture, identify, and release) five species of endangered freshwater molluscs throughout the species' ranges in North Carolina and South Carolina, for the purpose of enhancement of survival of the species.

*Applicant:* Peter G. David, South Florida Water Management District, Canal Point, Florida, TE020654-0.

The applicant requests authorization to take (capture, band, translocate, and harass during nest monitoring and augmentation) the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker, *Picoides borealis*, throughout the species range in Florida for the purpose of enhancement of survival of the species.

Dated: January 26, 2000.

**H. Dale Hall,**

*Acting Regional Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Endangered Species Permit Applications

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of permit applications.

**SUMMARY:** The following applicants have applied for a scientific research permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 USC 1531 *et seq.*).

**Permit No. TE-021929**

*Applicant:* The Native Plant Society, Sacramento Valley Chapter, Sacramento, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey, collect, and sacrifice) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), and vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardi*) throughout each species range in California, in conjunction with surveys, population monitoring, and education for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

**Permit No. TE-702631**

*Applicant:* Assistant Regional Director-Ecological Services, Region 1,