

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, *Picooides 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, *Picooides 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, *Picooides 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, *Picooides 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, *Picooides 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,

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service,
Portland, Oregon.

The permittee requests an amendment to remove and reduce to possession specimens of the following plant species: *Sidalcea oregana var. calva* (Wenatchee Mountains checker-mallow) and *Fritillaria gentneri* (Gentner's Fritillary) (=Mission-bells). Authorization is also requested to take the following species: Kauai cave wolf spider (*Adelocosa anops*), Kauai cave amphipod (*Spelaeorchestia koloana*), and the Santa Barbara County distinct population segment of the California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*). Collection and take activities will be conducted throughout the species range in conjunction with recovery efforts for the purpose of enhancing their propagation and survival.

Permit No. TE-018909

Applicant: Kelly Rios, Brea, California.

The permittee requests an amendment to take (survey by pursuit) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) in conjunction with presence or absence surveys throughout its range for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. TE-021544

Applicant: Salvatore Zimmitte, San Diego, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (survey by pursuit) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) in conjunction with presence or absence surveys throughout its range for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. TE-00750

Applicant: Julie Simonsen, Newport Beach, California.

The permittee requests an amendment to take (survey by pursuit) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*), El Segundo blue butterfly (*Euphilotes battoides allyni*), and Delhi Sands flower loving fly (*Rhaphiomidas terminatus abdominalis*) in conjunction with presence or absence surveys throughout each species range for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

DATES: Written comments on these permit applications must be received on or before March 3, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the Chief—Endangered Species, Ecological Services, Fish and Wildlife Service, 911 N.E. 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-4181; Fax: (503) 231-6243. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when

submitting comments. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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 within 20 days of the date of publication of this notice to the address above; telephone: (503) 231-2063. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when requesting copies of documents.

Dated: January 26, 2000.

Thomas Dwyer,

Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

[No. CIV90-0957CH/WWD]

Notice of Distribution of Partial Settlement: Ramah Navajo Chapter v. Bruce Babbitt

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: A Notice of the Distribution of Partial Settlement and Hearing is contained in this announcement. The Notice describes procedures for the payment and distribution of the Common Fund, including eligibility for payment, necessary documentation and related information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael P. Gross, Class Counsel, 460 St. Michael's Drive, #300, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505; Telephone No. (505) 983-6686; Fax (505) 989-1096; E-mail address: mpgoss@santa-fe.net; or C. Bryant Rogers, Co-Class Counsel, Roth, VanAmberg, Rogers, Ortiz, Fairbanks & Yepa LLP, 347 East Palace Avenue, Post Office Box 1447, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-1447; Telephone No. (505) 988-8979; Fax (505) 983-7508; E-mail: rogers@trail.com.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Class Distribution Notice in *Ramah Navajo Chapter v. Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the Interior*; *Kevin Gover, Assistant Secretary of the Indian Affairs*; *Robert J. Williams, Acting Inspector General*; *U.S. Department of the Interior and the United States of America* (CIV No. 90-0957 LH/WWD), before the United

States District Court for the District of New Mexico, reads as set forth below.

Class Distribution Notice Number 1

With this notice, Class Counsel are commencing distribution of the partial settlement paid by Defendants on September 8, 1999. The Net Common Fund to be distributed as of September 8, 1999, was \$70,738,749.91, to be augmented by the remaining balance in the Reserve Account to which all interest accruals on the Net Common Fund and Reserve Account are deposited.

The proceeds of the partial settlement were deposited pursuant to Court Order in the Court Registry Investment System administered by the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas (Houston). Since that time, the Class has engaged as the Independent CPA the Albuquerque firm of Rogoff Erickson Diamond & Walker, L.L.P. The purpose of this Notice is:

1. To publish a Provisional List of Class Members believed to be eligible for an allocation from the Net Common Fund.

2. To give notice to any tribe or tribal entity not on the Provisional List of procedures it must follow in order to challenge its omission from the list.

3. To give notice to all Class Members of the requirement to submit a timely Claim Form with requested documents and to submit a Certificate of Lack of Documentation if the "Schedule of Federal Financial Assistance" from its single agency audit cannot be located for any settlement year.

4. To give notice and an opportunity to object to a conditional agreement reached by Class Counsel and a group of tribes or tribal entities which negotiate indirect cost rates with the Division of Cost Allocation of the Department of Health and Human Services (DCA tribes) instead of with the Office of Inspector General of the Department of the Interior (OIG).

5. To give notice and an opportunity to opt out of the Class with respect to additional claims added to the Plaintiffs, complaint to enlarge the scope of damage claims for indirect cost shortfalls beyond those previously litigated in this action.

I. Who Will Qualify for A Share in the Settlement?

To qualify under the Partial Settlement Agreement (PSA) for a share in the current settlement, you must be an eligible Class Member; *i.e.*:

A. Have had a Public Law 93-638 contract or compact or school grant in any or part of any settlement year (FY