

to include New Mexico and Nevada for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. TE-023250

Applicant: The Department of the Navy, San Diego, California.

The applicant requests a permit amendment to take (attach radio transmitters) the San Clemente loggerhead shrike (*Lanius ludovicianus mearnsi*) in conjunction with scientific research on San Clemente Island, California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. TE-789266

Applicant: Tricia Campbell, Temecula, California.

The applicant requests a permit amendment to take (harass by survey, capture and band) the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) and least Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*) in conjunction with surveys and research throughout the species' range in California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. TE-043631

Applicant: Curtis Cash, Reseda, 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*), vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*), San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*), and the Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*) in conjunction with surveys throughout each species' range in California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. TE-043630

Applicant: San Francisco Estuary Institute, Richmond, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey) the California clapper rail (*Rallus longirostris obsoletus*) in conjunction with ecological research in Alameda, San Mateo, and Santa Clara Counties, California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. TE-043102

Applicant: Janelle N. Nolan-Summers, Antelope, 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*), vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*), San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*), and the Riverside fairy

shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*) in conjunction with surveys throughout each species' range in California and Oregon for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. TE-007581

Applicant: Tito Alejandro Marchant, Newport Beach, California.

The applicant requests a permit amendment to take (survey by pursuit) the El Segundo blue butterfly (*Euphilotes battoides allyni*) in conjunction with population monitoring in Los Angeles County, California; and take (harass by survey, collect and sacrifice) the San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*) and the Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*) in conjunction with surveys throughout each species range in California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. TE-007520

Applicant: Julie Simonsen-Marchant, Newport Beach, California.

The applicant requests a permit amendment to take (survey by pursuit) the El Segundo blue butterfly (*Euphilotes battoides allyni*) in conjunction with population monitoring in Los Angeles County, California, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. Permit No. TE-702631

Applicant: Assistant Regional Director-Ecological Services, Region 1, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Portland, Oregon.

The permittee requests a permit amendment to remove/reduce to possession *Astragalus pycnostachyus* var. *lanosissimus* (Ventura marsh milk vetch) throughout the species' range in conjunction with recovery efforts for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. TE-040833

Applicant: Nancy Kay Cione, Angelus Oaks, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture, mark, and release) the Stephens' kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys stephensi*) in conjunction with surveys and population monitoring throughout the species' range in California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

DATES: Written comments on these permit applications must be received on or before July 23, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the Chief, Endangered Species, Ecological Services, Fish and Wildlife Service, 911 NE. 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: June 13, 2001.

Rowan W. Gould,

Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Availability of an Environmental Assessment on the Proposal To Establish Operational/Experimental General Swan Hunting Seasons in the Pacific Flyway

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This Notice advises the public that an Environmental Assessment on the Continuation of General Swan Hunting Seasons in Portions of the Pacific Flyway is available for public review.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the Environmental Assessment can be obtained by writing to Robert Trost, Pacific Flyway Representative, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Migratory Bird Management, 911 N.E. 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-4181. The Environmental Assessment may also be viewed via the Fish and Wildlife Service Home Page at <http://migratorybirds.fws.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert Trost at: Pacific Flyway Representative, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Migratory Bird Management, 911 N.E. 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-4181, (503) 231-6162.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Environmental Assessment includes a review of the 5-year experimental general swan hunting seasons which

took place from 1995 to 2000 as well as a summary of the results of the 2000 hunting season. Information from the most recent breeding season and wintering populations surveys is also included in the new Environmental Assessment. Three alternatives were considered to address the future of operational and experimental swan hunting seasons in Utah, Nevada and Montana. The issuance of a new Environmental Assessment was prompted by controversy over current management and the need to incorporate experience from the 2000 hunting season and the results of recent population surveys. There were also many requests from individuals, States, and various conservation organizations for a thorough examination of alternatives for swan hunting in the Pacific Flyway in light of continuing concerns for the Rocky Mountain Population of trumpeter swans. The Environmental Assessment focuses on the issue of whether or not to establish an operational approach for swan hunting. Related efforts to address population status and distributional concerns regarding the Rocky Mountain Population of trumpeter swans are also discussed. Three alternatives, including the proposed action, were considered.

Dated: June 14, 2001.

Kevin R. Adams,

Acting Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

National Wildlife Refuge System: Mission Goals and Purposes: Policy: Reopening of Comment Period: Draft Policy on National Wildlife Refuge System: Mission, Goals, and Purposes (Notice); Draft Appropriate Refuge Uses Policy Pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (Notice); Draft Wildlife-Dependent Recreational Uses Policy Pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (Notice); and Draft Wilderness Stewardship Policy Pursuant to the Wilderness Act of 1964 (Notice)

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; further reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: We are reopening the comment period on the **Federal Register** notice dated January 16, 2001, that

invites the public to comment on the following draft policies: National Wildlife Refuge System: Mission, Goals, and Purposes; Appropriate Refuge Uses Policy Pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997; Wildlife-Dependent Recreational Uses Policy Pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997; and Wilderness Stewardship Policy Pursuant to the Wilderness Act of 1964.

DATES: The comment period will reopen on June 18 and close midnight, June 30, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in the following ways: in writing to Acting Chief, Division of Conservation Planning and Policy, National Wildlife Refuge System, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 670, Arlington, Virginia 22203; by FAX to (703) 358-2248; or by e-mail to one of the following addresses:

Mission And Goals Policy

Comments@fws.gov;

Appropriate

Uses

Policy_Comments@fws.gov;

Wildlife_Dependent

Recreational_Uses

Policy_Comments@fws.gov; or

Wilderness_Policy_Comments@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Barry Stieglitz, Acting Chief, Division of Conservation Planning and Policy, National Wildlife Refuge System (703) 358-1744.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a **Federal Register** notice dated January 16, 2001 (66 FR 3668) we published draft policies for: National Wildlife Refuge System: Mission, Goals, and Purposes (Notice); Appropriate Refuge Uses Policy Pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (Notice); Wildlife-Dependent Recreational Uses Policy Pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (Notice); and Wilderness Stewardship Policy Pursuant to the Wilderness Act of 1964 (Notice). These policies, affecting management and use of the National Wildlife Refuge System, represent the culmination of our initial policy development in response to the landmark National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997.

In a subsequent **Federal Register** notice dated March 15, 2001 (66 FR 15136) we extended the comment period until April 19, 2001, to ensure that the public had an adequate opportunity to review and comment on our draft policies.

To allow for continued discussion with the States on these policies, we

reopened the comment period for an additional 30 days in a **Federal Register** notice dated May 15, 2001 (66 FR 26879). As a correction to the May 15, 2001, notice, comments received between April 19, 2001, and May 15, 2001, will be considered and do not need to be resubmitted.

To allow for further discussion with the States on these policies, we are extending the comment period until June 30, 2001.

Dated: June 8, 2001.

Marshall P. Jones, Jr.,

Acting Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Locations and Dates of Public Hearings for Delineation Drilling Activities in Federal Waters Offshore Santa Barbara County, CA

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the draft EIS and announcement of locations and dates of public hearings.

SUMMARY: The MMS announces the availability of the draft EIS on Delineation Drilling Activities in Federal Waters Offshore Santa Barbara County, California. This draft EIS evaluates the potential environmental impacts associated with drilling 4 or 5 separate Federal Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) oil and gas delineation wells on existing OCS leases located offshore southern California. Delineation is a type of exploration drilling activity that involves drilling a well to gather additional information about the nature and extent of the hydrocarbon reservoirs in areas where a discovery has already been made.

DATES: Comments on the draft EIS will be accepted until August 13, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions concerning the draft EIS should be directed to Mr. Maurice Hill, Minerals Management Service, Office of Environmental Evaluation, Pacific OCS Region, 770 Paseo Camarillo, Camarillo, California 93010-6064. He may be reached by telephone at (805) 389-7815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this document is to provide information for Federal, State, and local agencies, and the public to evaluate the effects of the proposed delineation