

notice. Bureaus and offices are directed to publish by July 1, 2002, a notice of availability of their guidelines in the **Federal Register** for public comment, with at least a 30-day comment period.

Dated: May 10, 2002.

**P. Lynn Scarlett,**

*Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Applications

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

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of application.

The following applicants have applied for scientific research permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species pursuant to sections 10(a)(1)(A) and 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*).

#### Permit Number TE023664

*Applicant:* Virgil Brack, Jr., Cincinnati, Ohio.

The applicant currently possesses a permit to take (survey and hold) Gray bat (*Myotis grisecens*), Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*), Ozark big-eared bat (*Corynorhinus townsendii ingens*), and the Virginia big-eared bat (*Corynorhinus townsendii virginianus*) throughout the majority of the species ranges in 27 States. The applicant requests to expand activities into the States of Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, and Nebraska. The scientific research is aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

#### Permit Number TE056081

*Applicant:* EnviroScience, Inc., Stow, Ohio.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and release) the following listed unionid mussel species: fanshell (*Cyprogenia stegaria*), purple catspaw (*Epioblasma obliquata obliquata*), white catspaw (*E. o. perobliqua*), northern riffleshell (*E. torulosa rangiana*), pink mucket pearl mussel (*Lampsilis abrupta*), Higgins' eye pearl mussel (*L. higginsii*), white wartyback (*Plethobasus cicatricosus*), orange-foot pimpleback pearl mussel (*P. cooperianus*), clubshell (*Pleurobema clava*), rough pigtoe (*P. plenum*), fat pocketbook (*Potamilus capax*), and winged mapleleaf mussel (*Quadrula fragosa*). Activities are

proposed within the States of Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, and Missouri. The scientific research is aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

#### Permit Number TE056264

*Applicant:* John Shuey, Indianapolis, Indiana.

The applicant requests a permit to take male Mitchell's satyr (*Neonympha mitchellii mitchellii*) in Indiana for genetic analysis. The scientific research is aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Operations, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111-4056, and must be received within 30 days of the date of this publication.

Documents and other information submitted with this application are available for review by any party who requests a copy from the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Operations, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111-4056, peter\_fasbender@fws.gov, Telephone (612) 713-5343, or Fax (612) 713-5292.

Dated: May 2, 2002.

**T.J. Miller,**

*Acting Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Region 3, Fort Snelling, Minnesota.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Assessment for the Delta Management at Fort St. Philip Project, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana

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

**ACTION:** Notice of document availability.

**SUMMARY:** We, the Fish and Wildlife Service, announce the availability of the draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Delta Management at Fort St. Philip Project. A more detailed description of the project is outlined in the Supplementary Information section below. A copy of the draft EA may be obtained by sending a written request to our Louisiana Field Office (see **ADDRESSES** section). Requests must be made in writing to be processed. This notice is provided pursuant to National

Environmental Policy Act regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

We specifically request information, views, and opinions from the public through this Notice on the Federal action, including the identification of any other aspects of the human environment not already identified in the our EA.

**DATES:** Written comments on the draft EA must be received on or before June 24, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Persons wishing to review the draft EA may obtain a copy by writing to the Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 646 Cajundome Boulevard, Suite 400, Lafayette, Louisiana 70506. If you wish to comment, you may submit comments by any one of several methods. You may mail comments to the Louisiana Field Office at the address listed above. You also may comment via the Internet to "kevin\_roy@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 us that we have received your internet message, contact us directly at the telephone numbers listed below (see **FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section). Finally, you may hand deliver comments to the Louisiana Field Office. Data or comments regarding the draft EA should be submitted in writing to the Louisiana Field Office to be adequately considered in the our decision-making process. Documents will be available for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours at our Louisiana Field Office (Attn: Kevin Roy).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Kevin Roy, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, (see **ADDRESSES** section), telephone: 337/291-3120 or 337/291-3100, facsimile: 337/291-3139.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Background**

The Delta Management at Fort St. Philip Project, is being funded through the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act on the Tenth Priority Project List. The project purpose is to promote the formation of emergent marsh through the construction of artificial crevasses and earthen terraces. The project is located near the east bank of the Mississippi River adjacent to Fort St. Philip in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana. The project area has experienced extensive marsh loss since the mid 1970s, with loss rates as high as 8 percent per year.