

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: On December 29, 2010, BOEMRE published in the **Federal Register** the RFI in Commercial Wind Energy Leasing Offshore Massachusetts inviting submissions describing commercial leasing interest and providing comments and information pertaining to the RFI area (75 FR 82055). The RFI, requested submissions by February 28, 2011.

Because of requests received from the public and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, we are hereby reopening the comment period until April 18, 2011. As stated in the RFI published December 29, 2010, BOEMRE will use the responses to this RFI to gauge specific interest in commercial development of OCS wind resources in the area described, as required by 43 U.S.C. 1337(p)(3). Parties wishing to obtain a commercial lease for a wind energy project should submit detailed and specific information as described in the section entitled, "Required Indication of Interest Information." Also, with this announcement, BOEMRE invites all interested and affected parties to comment and provide information—including information about multiple uses of the area, environmental issues and data—that will be useful in the consideration of the RFI area for commercial wind energy leasing. Please refer to the RFI, published in the **Federal Register** on December 29, 2010, (75 FR 82055) for further information. Comments already submitted on the RFI need not be resubmitted.

Dated: March 8, 2011.

Michael R. Bromwich,

Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service**

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Receipt of Applications for Endangered Species Permits

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (ESA) prohibits activities with listed

species unless a Federal permit is issued that allows such activities. The ESA requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

DATES: We must receive written data or comments on the applications at the address given below, by *April 18, 2011*.

ADDRESSES: Documents and other information submitted with the 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, GA 30345 (Attn: Cameron Shaw, Permit Coordinator).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cameron Shaw, telephone 904/731-3191; facsimile 904/731-3045.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The public is invited to comment on the following applications for permits to conduct certain activities with endangered and threatened species pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and our regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17. This notice is provided under section 10(c) of the Act. If you wish to comment, you may submit comments by any one of the following methods. You may mail comments to the Fish and Wildlife Service's Regional Office (*see ADDRESSES* section) or via electronic mail (e-mail) to: *permitsR4ES@fws.gov*. Please include your name and return address in your e-mail message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the Fish and Wildlife Service that we have received your e-mail message, contact us directly at the telephone number listed above (*see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT* section). Finally, you may hand deliver comments to the Fish and Wildlife Service office listed above (*see ADDRESSES* section).

Before including your address, telephone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comments to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Applicant: U.S. Forest Service, Montgomery, Alabama, TE-132772. The applicant requests renewal of authorization for taking the following

species during scientific studies and land management activities on National Forest lands in Alabama:

Cahaba shiner *Notropis cahabae*
Cumberlandian Combshell *Epioblasma brevidens*
Upland Combshell *Epioblasma metastrata*
Southern acornshell *Epioblasma othcaloensis*
Coosa moccasinshell *Medionidus parvulus*
Southern clubshell *Pleurobema decisum*
Dark pigtoe *Pleurobema furvum*
Southern pigtoe *Pleurobema geogianum*
Ovate clubshell *Pleurobema perovatum*
Triangular kidneyshell *Ptychobranthus greenii*
Flat pebblesnail *Lepyrium showalteri*
Lacy elimia *Elimia creatella*
Cylindrical lioplax *Lioplax cyclostomaformis*
Tulotoma *Tulotoma magnifica*

Applicant: Stephen Samoray, Nashville, Tennessee, TE 25612A. Applicant requests authorization for non-lethal take of Indiana bats (*Myotis sodalis*), gray bats (*Myotis grisescens*), Virginia big-eared bats (*Corynorhinus townsendii virginianus*) and Ozark big-eared bats (*Corynorhinus townsendii ingens*) for the purpose of conducting presence/absence surveys and collecting scientific data on roost sites.

Applicant: Troy Best, Auburn University, Alabama, TE-77175. Applicant requests authorization to take (capture and release) Indiana bats (*Myotis sodalis*) and gray bats (*Myotis grisescens*) for the purpose of conducting scientific and genetic research, population monitoring, and ecological studies. This work will be conducted throughout Alabama.

Applicant: U.S. Forest Service, Russellville, Arkansas, TE-65972. The applicant requests renewal of authorization for take of the following species during scientific studies and land management activities on National Forest lands of the Ozark-St. Francis National Forest:

Gray bat *Myotis grisescens*
Indiana bat *Myotis sodalis*
Ozark big-eared bat *Corynorhinus townsendii ingens*
Least tern *Sterna antillarum*
Fat pocketbook *Potamilus carpathicus*
Pink mucket *Lampsilis abrupta*
Palid sturgeon *Scaphirhynchus albus*
Cave crayfish *Cambarus aculabrum*
Cave crayfish *Cambarus zophonastes*
American burying beetle *Nicrophorus americanus*
Missouri bladderpod *Lesquerella filiformis*

Applicant: Joseph Alderman, Semora, North Carolina, TE-28597A.

The applicant requests authority for nonlethal take of the following species while conducting presence/absence surveys in North and South Carolina:

Carolina heelsplitter *Lasmigona decorata*

Appalachian elktoe *Alasmidonta raveneliana*

Tar River spiny mussel *Elliptio steinstansana*

Dwarf wedgemussel *Alasmidonta heterodon*

James spiny mussel *Pleurobema collina*

Littlewing pearly mussel *Pegias fibula*

Cape Fear shiner *Notropis mekistocholas*

Applicant: Ecological Solutions, Inc., Roswell, Georgia, TE-70800.

The applicant requests authority for nonlethal take of the following species while conducting presence/absence surveys in Georgia:

Hairy Rattleweed *Baptisia arachnifera*
Alabama Leather Flower *Baptisia arachnifera*

Smooth coneflower *Echinacea laevigata*

Pondberry *Lindera melissifolia*

Candy dropwort *Oxypolis canbyi*

Harperella *Ptilimnium nodosum*

Dwarf sumac *Rhus michauxii*

Green pitcherplant *Sarracenia oreophila*

Chaffseed *Schwalbea Americana*

Fringed campion *Silene polypetal*

Cooley meadowrue *Thalictrum cooleyi*

Persistent trillium *Trillium persistens*

Relict trillium *Trillium reliquum*

Tennessee yellow-eyed grass *Xyris tennesseensis*

Etowah Darter *Etheostoma etowahae*

Amber Darter *Percina antesella*

Applicant: Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina, TE-75925.

The applicant requests renewal of authorization for trapping, banding, translocating and installing artificial nesting cavities for red-cockaded woodpeckers (*Picoides borealis*) on the Poinsett Combat Range, Manchester State Forest, and other Air Force Properties in Sumter County, South Carolina.

Applicant: U.S. Army, Fort Polk, Louisiana, TE-41314.

The applicant requests renewal of authorization for trapping, banding, translocating, and installing artificial nesting cavities for red-cockaded woodpeckers (*Picoides borealis*) on the Ft. Polk Army Base, Louisiana.

Applicant: Dr. J.H. Carter III and Assoc., TE-807672.

The applicant requests renewal of authorization for trapping, banding, translocating, and installing artificial nesting cavities for red-cockaded woodpeckers (*Picoides borealis*) throughout the species' range.

Applicant: North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, TE-31057A.

The applicant requests authority for nonlethal take of the following species for the purposes of research, management, and captive propagation in North Carolina:

Appalachian elktoe *Alasmidonta raveneliana*

Tar River spiny mussel *Elliptio steinstansana*

Dwarf wedgemussel *Alasmidonta heterodon*

James spiny mussel *Pleurobema collina*

Littlewing pearly mussel *Pegias fibula*

Cape Fear shiner *Notropis mekistocholas*

Applicant: Savannah River Ecology Laboratory, Aiken, South Carolina, TE-31066A.

The applicant requests authority to collect seeds from *Echinacea laevigata* (smooth coneflower) for the purpose of establishment of a conservation garden. Plants and seeds from this effort may be used in the future to assist with recovery and reintroduction efforts.

Applicant: Homosassa Springs State Wildlife Park, Homosassa, Florida, TE-40783.

The applicant requests renewal of authorization to take by housing and providing care for Key deer (*Odocoileus virginianus clavium*) for the purpose of public education. This activity will take place in Citrus County, Florida.

Applicant: Eglin Air Force Base, Niceville, Florida, TE-130169.

The applicant requests renewal of authorization to collect *Cladonia perforata* (perforate reindeer lichen), for the purpose of establishing a population at the Bok Tower Garden plant repository to use for re-establishment in the event that the current wild population is lost.

Applicant: North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, TE-31079A.

The applicant requests authorization to take (capture and release) Indiana bats (*Myotis sodalis*), Virginia big-eared bats (*Corynorhinus townsendii virginianus*) and gray bats (*Myotis grisescens*) for the purpose of conducting presence/absence surveys, population monitoring, and ecological studies. This work will be conducted in North Carolina.

Applicant: Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, TE-31141A.

The applicant requests authorization to take (capture and release) Indiana bats (*Myotis sodalis*) and gray bats (*Myotis grisescens*) for the purpose of conducting presence/absence surveys, population monitoring, and ecological studies. This work will be conducted in Tennessee.

Applicant: Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Apopka, Florida, TE-32394A.

The applicant requests authorization to take, by nonlethal means, the Anastasia

Island beach mouse (*Peromyscus polionotus phasma*) for the purpose of scientific study and enhancing management and recovery efforts. This effort will be conducted along the Atlantic coastline of northeast Florida.

Applicant: James Godwin, Auburn, Alabama, TE-32397A.

The applicant requests authorization to take Alabama red-bellied turtles (*Pseudemys alabamensis*) for the purpose of scientific study. This effort will involve trapping, marking, and removing tissue for genetic analysis. The study will take place in Baldwin and Mobile Counties, Alabama, and Harrison and Jackson Counties, Mississippi.

Applicant: USDA, Forest Service, Montgomery, Alabama, TE-33465A.

The applicant requests authorization for trapping, banding, translocating, and installing artificial nesting cavities for red-cockaded woodpeckers (*Picoides borealis*) on National Forests in Alabama, and related activities in cooperating States.

Applicant: Joseph Kirkbride, National Arboretum, Washington DC, TE-33475A.

The applicant is requesting authorization to take plant tissues and flowers from *Chionanthus pygmaeus* (pygmy fringe tree) from Federal lands in Florida, to retain as voucher specimens at the National Arboretum, and to conduct genetic testing on the specimens for species verification.

Applicant: Virginia Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, Blacksburg, Virginia, TE-34778A.

The applicant requests authorization to capture, handle, tag, and track Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*) at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, and Carolina northern flying squirrel (*Glaucomys sabrinus coloratus*) in North Carolina.

Applicant: John Alderman, Pittsboro, North Carolina, TE-065756.

The applicant requests to amend his existing permit to include conducting presence-absence surveys (to include capture, tag, and release) for all endangered and threatened species of freshwater mussels in the United States.

Applicant: Bernard Kuhajda, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, TE-137403.

The applicant requests to amend his existing permit to include presence-absence surveys for and tissue collection from the endangered vermilion darter (*Etheostoma chermocki*) and the proposed endangered rush darter (*E. phytophilum*) in Alabama.

Applicant: Phillip Bettoli, U.S. Geological Survey, Cookeville, Tennessee, TE-34878A.

The applicant is requesting authorization to take (nonlethally) and cracking pearl mussels (*Hemistena lata*) for the purpose of developing sampling protocols and enhancing recovery efforts. This work will be accomplished in the Elk River, Tennessee.

Applicant: Alabama Power Company, Birmingham, Alabama, TE-34880A.

The applicant is requesting authorization for take (nonlethal) of red-cockaded woodpeckers (*Picoides borealis*), southern clubshell

(*Pleurobema decisum*), southern pigtoe (*Pleurobema georgianum*), Georgia pigtoe (*Pleurobema hanleyianum*), interrupted rocksnail (*Leptoxis foreman*), cylindrical lioplax (*Lioplax cyclostomaformis*), rough horn snail (*Pleurocera foreman*), and tulotoma (*Tulotoma magnifica*), for the purpose of conducting presence/absence surveys and to enhance recovery through management activities. This work will be conducted in Alabama.

Applicant: Mark Bailey, Andalusia, Alabama, TE-34882A.

The applicant is requesting authorization for take (non-lethal) of red-cockaded woodpeckers (*Picoides borealis*), Mississippi gopher frog (*Rana capitol sevosa*) and reticulated flatwoods salamander (*Ambystoma bishop*) for the purpose of conducting presence/absence surveys and to assist with recovery activities. This work will be conducted throughout the species ranges.

Applicant: U.S. Army, Ft. Jackson, South Carolina, TE-60988.

The applicant requests authorization for trapping, banding, translocating and installing artificial nesting cavities for red-cockaded woodpeckers (*Picoides borealis*) on Fort Jackson.

Dated: March 3, 2011.

Mark J. Musaus,

Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Alaska Native Claims Selection

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of decision approving lands for conveyance.

SUMMARY: As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

will issue an appealable decision to Bering Straits Native Corporation. The decision will approve the conveyance of the surface and subsurface estates in certain lands pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. The lands are located north of Koyuk, Alaska, and aggregate 4.86 acres. Notice of the decision will also be published four times in the *Nome Nugget*.

DATES: Any party claiming a property interest in the lands affected by the decision may appeal the decision within the following time limits:

1. Unknown parties, parties unable to be located after reasonable efforts have been expended to locate, parties who fail or refuse to sign their return receipt, and parties who receive a copy of the decision by regular mail which is not certified, return receipt requested, shall have until April 18, 2011 to file an appeal.

2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

3. Notices of appeal transmitted by electronic means, such as facsimile or e-mail, will not be accepted as timely filed.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4, subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the decision may be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7504.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The BLM by phone at 907-271-5960, by e-mail at ak.blm.conveyance@blm.gov, or by telecommunication device (TTD) through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Dina L. Torres,

Land Transfer Resolution Specialist, Branch of Preparation and Resolution.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Call for Nominations for Resource Advisory Councils

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Call for nominations.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to request public nominations for the

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Resource Advisory Councils (RAC) that have member terms expiring this year. The RACs provide advice and recommendations to the BLM on land use planning and management of the National System of Public Lands within their geographic areas. The BLM will accept public nominations for 45 days after the publication of this notice.

DATES: All nominations must be received no later than May 2, 2011.

ADDRESSES: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for the address of BLM State Offices accepting nominations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Allison Sandoval, U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Correspondence, International, and Advisory Committee Office, 1849 C Street, NW., MS-MIB 5070, Washington, DC 20240; 202-208-74294.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) (43 U.S.C. 1739) directs the Secretary of the Interior to involve the public in planning and issues related to management of lands administered by the BLM. Section 309 of FLPMA directs the Secretary to establish 10- to 15-member citizen-based advisory councils that are consistent with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). As required by FACA, RAC membership must be balanced and representative of the various interests concerned with the management of the public lands. The rules governing RACs are found at 43 CFR subpart 1784 and include the following three membership categories:

Category One—Holders of Federal grazing permits and representatives of organizations associated with energy and mineral development, timber industry, transportation or rights-of-way, developed outdoor recreation, off-highway vehicle use, and commercial recreation;

Category Two—Representatives of nationally or regionally recognized environmental organizations; archaeological and historic organizations, dispersed recreation activities, and wild horse and burro organizations; and

Category Three—Representatives of state, county, or local elected office; employees of a state agency responsible for management of natural resources; representatives of Indian tribes within or adjacent to the area for which the council is organized; representatives of academia who are employed in natural sciences; and the public-at-large.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others. Nominees must be residents