

hours at the office below. Send your comments or requests by any one of the following methods.

Email: northflorida@fws.gov. Use "Attn: Permit number TE93592A-0" as your message subject line.

Fax: Dawn Jennings, Acting Field Supervisor, (904) 731-3045, Attn.: Permit number TE93592A-0.

U.S. mail: Dawn Jennings, Acting Field Supervisor, Jacksonville Ecological Services Field Office, Attn: Permit number TE93592A-0, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 7915 Baymeadows Way, Suite 200, Jacksonville, FL 32256.

In-person drop-off: You may drop off information during regular business hours at the above office address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Erin M. Gawera, telephone: (904) 731-3121; email: erin_gawera@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Section 9 of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) and our implementing Federal regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR part 17 prohibit the "take" of fish or wildlife species listed as endangered or threatened. Take of listed fish or wildlife is defined under the Act as "to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct" (16 U.S.C. 1532). However, under limited circumstances, we issue permits to authorize incidental take—i.e., take that is incidental to, and not the purpose of, the carrying out of an otherwise lawful activity.

Regulations governing incidental take permits for threatened and endangered species are at 50 CFR 17.32 and 17.22, respectively. The Act's take prohibitions do not apply to federally listed plants on private lands unless such take would violate State law. In addition to meeting other criteria, an incidental take permit's proposed actions must not jeopardize the existence of federally listed fish, wildlife, or plants.

Applicant's Proposal

The applicant is requesting take of approximately 8.95 ac of occupied sand skink foraging and sheltering habitat incidental to construction of a commercial development, and seeks a 20-year permit. The 18.6-ac project site is located on parcel # 27-22-26-000300000700 within Section 27, Township 22 South, Range 26 East, Lake County, Florida. The applicant proposes to mitigate for the take of the sand skink by the purchase of 17.9 mitigation credits within the Collany Conservation Bank.

Our Preliminary Determination

We have determined that the applicant's proposal, including the proposed mitigation and minimization measures, would have minor or negligible effects on the species covered in the HCP. Therefore, we determined that the ITP is a "low-effect" project and qualifies for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), as provided by the Department of the Interior Manual (516 DM 2 Appendix 1 and 516 DM 6 Appendix 1). A low-effect HCP is one involving (1) Minor or negligible effects on federally listed or candidate species and their habitats, and (2) minor or negligible effects on other environmental values or resources.

Next Steps

We will evaluate the HCP and comments we receive to determine whether the ITP application meets the requirements of section 10(a) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.). If we determine that the application meets these requirements, we will issue ITP # TE93592A-0. We will also evaluate whether issuance of the section 10(a)(1)(B) ITP complies with section 7 of the Act by conducting an intra-Service section 7 consultation. We will use the results of this consultation, in combination with the above findings, in our final analysis to determine whether or not to issue the ITP. If the requirements are met, we will issue the permit to the applicant.

Public Comments

If you wish to comment on the permit application, HCP, and associated documents, you may submit comments by any one of the methods in **ADDRESSES**.

Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, email 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 comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Authority

We provide this notice under Section 10 of the Act and NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

Dated: January 30, 2013.

Dawn Jennings,

Acting Field Supervisor, Jacksonville Field Office, Southeast Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered Species; Receipt of Applications for Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

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 Federal authorization is acquired that allows such activities.

DATES: We must receive comments or requests for documents on or before March 13, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Brenda Tapia, Division of Management Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 212, Arlington, VA 22203; fax (703) 358-2280; or email DMAFR@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brenda Tapia, (703) 358-2104 (telephone); (703) 358-2280 (fax); DMAFR@fws.gov (email).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Comment Procedures

A. How do I request copies of applications or comment on submitted applications?

Send your request for copies of applications or comments and materials concerning any of the applications to the contact listed under **ADDRESSES**. Please include the **Federal Register** notice publication date, the PRT-number, and the name of the applicant in your request or submission. We will not consider requests or comments sent to an email or address not listed under **ADDRESSES**. If you provide an email address in your request for copies of applications, we will attempt to respond to your request electronically.

Please make your requests or comments as specific as possible. Please confine your comments to issues for which we seek comments in this notice,

and explain the basis for your comments. Include sufficient information with your comments to allow us to authenticate any scientific or commercial data you include.

The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are: (1) Those supported by quantitative information or studies; and (2) Those that include citations to, and analyses of, the applicable laws and regulations. We will not consider or include in our administrative record comments we receive after the close of the comment period (see **DATES**) or comments delivered to an address other than those listed above (see **ADDRESSES**).

B. May I review comments submitted by others?

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the street address listed under **ADDRESSES**. The public may review documents and other information applicants have sent in support of the application unless our allowing viewing would violate the Privacy Act or Freedom of Information Act. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, 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 comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

II. Background

To help us carry out our conservation responsibilities for affected species, and in consideration of section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), along with Executive Order 13576, “Delivering an Efficient, Effective, and Accountable Government,” and the President’s Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies of January 21, 2009—Transparency and Open Government (74 FR 4685; January 26, 2009), which call on all Federal agencies to promote openness and transparency in Government by disclosing information to the public, we invite public comment on these permit applications before final action is taken.

III. Permit Applications

A. Endangered Species

Applicant: Miller Equipment Company, Hugo, OK; PRT-66682A

The applicant requests a permit to re-export a captive-born male Asian elephant (*Elephas maximus*) to Bowmanville Zoo, Ontario, Canada, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois, Champaign, IL; PRT-84465A

The applicant requests a permit to import samples from captive-born and wild solenodon species (*Solenodon species*), hutia species (*Mescocapromys species*), African elephant (*Loxodonta Africana*), Asian elephant (*Elephas maximus*), black rhinoceros (*Diceros bicornis*), white rhinoceros (*Ceratotherium simum*), Javan rhinoceros (*Rhinoceros sondaicus*), Indian rhinoceros (*Rhinoceros unicornis*), Northern white rhinoceros (*Ceratotherium s. cottoni*), Sumatran rhinoceros (*Dicerorhinus sumatrensis*), cheetah (*Acinonyx jubatus*), Pakistan sand cat (*Margarita scheffeli*), Black-footed cat (*Felis nigripes*), and Baird’s tapir (*Tapirus bairdii*) from multiple locations for the purpose of enhancement of the species through scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period

Applicant: Hawthorn Corporation, Grayslake, IL; PRT-058735, 059163, 068350, 068353, 154232, 154233, 058658, 058659, 058660, 058662, 058665, 058666, 058667, 058668, 058736, and 182594

On August 17, 2011, we published a **Federal Register** notice inviting the public to comment on 6 applications for permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species (76 FR 51052). We are now reopening the comment period to allow the public the opportunity to review additional information submitted for the re-issuance of their permits to re-export and re-import six captive-born tigers (*Panthera tigris*) and an additional nine tigers and one Bengal tiger (*P.t. altaica*) to worldwide locations for the purpose of enhancement of the species. The permit numbers and animals are: 058735, Sariska; 059163, Kushka; 068350, Segal; 068353, Pashawn; 154232, Sirit; 154233, Shakma; 058658, Sampson; 058659, Neena; 058660, Samira; 058662, Tibor; 058665, Jasmine; 058666, Kiki; 058668, Vijay; 058736, Ravi; Bengal tiger—182594, Sissy; and

058667, Nakita. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 3-year period.

Applicant: Feld Entertainment, Inc., Vienna, VA; PRT-91242A, 91243A, 91244A, 91245A, 91246A, 91247A, 91248A, 91265A, 91266A, 91256A, 91257A, 91258A, 91259A, 91260A, 91261A, 91262A, 91263A, and 91264A

The applicant requests permits to export/re-export and reimport eight captive-born tigers (*Panthera tigris*), one captive-born Siberian tiger (*P. t. altaica*), eight captive-born Asian elephants (*Elephas maximus*), and one Asian elephant born in the wild to worldwide locations for the purpose of enhancement of the species. The permit numbers and animals are:

Tigers

91242A, Max; 91243A, Mariah; 91244A, Kashmere; 91245A, India; 91246A, Bella; 91247A, Suzy; 91248A, Tara; 91265A, Derry; 91266A, Martin

Asian Elephants

91256A, Nicole; 91257A, Bonnie; 91258A, April; 91259A, Sundara; 91260A, Sara; 91261A, Rudy; 91262A, Mable; 91264A, Juliette; and 91263A, Kelly Ann

This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 3-year period.

Applicant: Hawkins Taxidermy, Inc., Palisade, CO; PRT-89704A

The applicant requests a permit to export the sport-hunted trophy/trophies of two scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*) culled from a captive herd maintained in the state of Texas, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Antonio Gutierrez, Coronado, CA; PRT-91208A

The applicant requests a permit to export the sport-hunted trophy/trophies of one scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*) culled from a captive herd maintained in the state of Texas, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Multiple Applicants

The following applicants each request a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Scott Stanislaw, Porter, TX; PRT-95418A;

Applicant: Stuart Nielsen, New England, ND; PRT-95489A.

Program Analyst/Data Administrator, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered Species Recovery Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of permit applications; request for comment.

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 (Act) prohibits activities with endangered and threatened species unless a Federal permit allows such activity. The Act also requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

DATES: Comments on these permit applications must be received on or before March 13, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the Endangered Species Program Manager, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 8, 2800 Cottage Way, Room W-2606, Sacramento, CA 95825 (telephone: 916-414-6464; fax: 916-414-6486). Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel Marquez, Fish and Wildlife Biologist; see **ADDRESSES** (telephone: 760-431-9440; fax: 760-431-9624).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following applicants have applied for scientific research permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.). We seek review and comment from local, State, and Federal agencies and the public on the following permit requests.

Applicants

Permit No. TE-91199A

Applicant: Sean M. Harris, San Diego, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture, collect, and collect vouchers) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*), San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*), and vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of each species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-835365

Applicant: California Department of Water Resources (CDWR), Sacramento, California

The applicant requests a permit renewal and amendment to take (capture, collect, and collect vouchers) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*), San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*), and vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*) throughout the range of each species in California; take (capture, mark, and release) the northern salt marsh harvest mouse (*Reithrodontomys raviventris halicoetes*) in Solano County, California; take (capture, handle, mark, tag, collect tissue, and release) the giant garter snake (*Thamnophis gigas*) throughout the range of the species in California; and take (capture, handle, and release) the California red-legged frog (*Rana draytonii*) (*R. aurora d.*) and the California tiger salamander (central DPS) (*Ambystoma californiense*) in Napa, Solano, Contra Costa, Alameda, San Joaquin, Santa Clara, Stanislaus, Merced, and Fresno Counties, California, in conjunction with survey and scientific research activities throughout the range of each species in California and Nevada for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-809232

Applicant: Bio-West Incorporated, Logan, Utah

The applicant requests an amendment to take (expand the range of authorized activities, and to seine, collect and preserve larva) the Razorback sucker (*Xyrauchen texanus*), take (seine, collect, and preserve larva) the bonytail chub (*Gila elegans*), and take (capture

and release) the humpback chub (*Gila cypha*) in conjunction with surveys and scientific studies in Clark County, Nevada; and Mohave, La Paz, and Pima County, Arizona, for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-78622A

Applicant: Jared P. Taylor, Spring Valley, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (monitor nests) the least Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*) in conjunction with surveys and population monitoring activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-840619

Applicant: Jeffrey D. Priest, Encinitas, California

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (survey by pursuit) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) and take (harass by survey) the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) in conjunction with surveys in San Diego, Riverside, San Bernardino, Los Angeles, and Ventura Counties, California, for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-787037

Applicant: Marie Simovich, San Diego, California

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (capture, collect, and collect vouchers) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*), San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*), and vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*) in conjunction with survey and research activities throughout the range of each species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-103076

Applicant: Transcon Environmental, Mesa, Arizona

The applicant requests a permit renewal and amendment to take (harass by survey) the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of the species in California and Nevada for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.