

4. Identification of any impacts on the human environment that should have been analyzed in the draft EA pursuant to NEPA;

5. Other plans or projects that might be relevant to this action;

6. The proposed term of the enhancement of survival permit; and

7. Any other information pertinent to evaluating the effects of the proposed action on the human environment.

Public Availability of Comments

All comments and materials we receive become part of the public record associated with this action. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personally identifiable information in your comments, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personally identifiable information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personally identifiable information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety. Comments and materials we receive, as well as supporting documentation we used in preparing the draft EA, will be available for public inspection by appointment, during normal business hours, at our Washington Fish and Wildlife Office (see **ADDRESSES**).

Next Steps

After completion of the EA based on consideration of public comments, we will determine whether approval and implementation of the draft programmatic CCAA warrants a finding of no significant impact or whether an environmental impact statement should be prepared pursuant to NEPA. We will evaluate the programmatic CCAA, the permit application, associated documents, and any comments we receive to determine if the permit application meets the criteria for issuance of an EOS permit under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA. We will also evaluate whether the proposed permit action would comply with section 7 of the ESA by conducting an intra-Service section 7 consultation. We will consider the results of this consultation, in combination with the above findings, in our final analysis to determine whether or not to issue an EOS permit to WDFW. We will not make the final NEPA and permit decisions until after the end of the 30-day public comment period

described in this notice, and we will fully consider all comments we receive during the public comment period.

If we determine that the permit issuance requirements are met, the Service will issue an EOS permit to WDFW. The WDFW would then begin enrolling non-Federal landowners that agree to implement the actions described in the CCAA in order to receive coverage for incidental take of fisher in western Washington under the WDFW EOS permit if the species becomes listed under the ESA.

Authority

We provide this notice in accordance with the requirements of section 10 of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and their implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.22 and 40 CFR 1506.6, respectively).

Dated: February 10, 2016.

Stephen Zylstra,

Acting Deputy Regional Director, Pacific Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Portland, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

**[FWS-R2-ES-2016-N003;
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Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications; request for public 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 or threatened species. The Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), prohibits activities with endangered and threatened species unless a Federal permit allows such activities. Both the Act and the National Environmental Policy Act require that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

DATES: To ensure consideration, written comments must be received on or before March 30, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Susan Jacobsen, Chief, Division of Classification and Restoration, by U.S. mail at Division of Classification and Recovery, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, NM 87103; or by telephone at 505-248-6920. Please refer

to the respective permit number for each application when submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Susan Jacobsen, Chief, Division of Classification and Restoration, by U.S. mail at P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, NM 87103; or by telephone at 505-248-6920.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) prohibits activities with endangered and threatened species unless a Federal permit allows such activities. Along with our implementing regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17, the Act provides for permits, and requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

A permit granted by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act authorizes applicants to conduct activities with U.S. endangered or threatened species for scientific purposes, enhancement of survival or propagation, or interstate commerce. Our regulations regarding implementation of section 10(a)(1)(A) permits are found at 50 CFR 17.22 for endangered wildlife species, 50 CFR 17.32 for threatened wildlife species, 50 CFR 17.62 for endangered plant species, and 50 CFR 17.72 for threatened plant species.

Applications Available for Review and Comment

We invite local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies and the public to comment on the following applications. Please refer to the appropriate permit number (*e.g.*, Permit No. TE-123456) when requesting application documents and when submitting comments.

Documents and other information the applicants have submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) and Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

Permit TE-81811B

Applicant: Jeremy Henson, Round Rock, Texas.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for the following species in Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, and Oklahoma:

- Interior least tern (*Sterna antillarum*)
- northern aplomado falcon (*Falco femoralis septentrionalis*)
- red-cockaded woodpecker (*Picoides borealis*)
- Houston toad (*Bufo houstonensis*)
- golden-cheeked warbler (*Dendroica chrysoparia*)
- Navasota ladies'-tresses (*Spiranthes parksii*)

- large-fruited sand-verbena (*Abronia macrocarpa*)

Permit TE-23162B

Applicant: Eric L. Herman, Cochise, Arizona.

Applicant requests an amendment to a current permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence and nest surveys for southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) within Texas, California, and Nevada.

Permit TE-58226B

Applicant: Hall, James A., Dripping Springs, Texas.

Applicant requests an amendment to a current permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for black-capped vireo (*Vireo atricapilla*) within Texas.

Permit TE-094375

Applicant: Azimuth Forestry Services, Inc., Shelbyville, Texas.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys and collect voucher specimens (plants) of the following species within Texas:

- Red-cockaded woodpecker (*Picoides borealis*)
- Texas prairie dawn-flower (*Hymenoxys texana*)
- Navasota ladies'-tresses (*Spiranthes parksii*)
- white bladderpod (*Lesquerella pallida*)
- Texas trailing phlox (*Phlox nivalis* ssp. *texensis*)

Permit TE-82339B

Applicant: Tracy R. White, Austin, Texas.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for golden-cheeked warbler (*Dendroica chrysoparia*) within Texas.

Permit TE-802211

Applicant: Texas State University—San Marcos, San Marcos, Texas.

Applicant requests an amendment to a current permit for research and recovery purposes to collect and display for educational purposes the following species within Texas:

- Austin blind salamander (*Eurycea waterlooensis*)
- Barton Springs salamander (*Eurycea sosorum*)
- Jollyville Plateau salamander (*Eurycea tonkawae*)
- Georgetown salamander (*Eurycea naufragia*)
- Salado salamander (*Eurycea chisholmensis*)

- Pecos assiminea (*Assiminea pecos*)
- Coffin Cave mold beetle (*Batrisodes texanus*)

- Helotes mold beetle (*Batrisodes venyivi*)

- Robber Baron Cave meshweaver (*Cicurina baronia*)

- Madla's Cave meshweaver (*Cicurina madla*)

- Braken Bat Cave meshweaver (*Cicurina venii*)

- Government Canyon Bat Cave meshweaver (*Cicurina vespera*)

- diminutive amphipod (*Gammarus hyalleloides*)

- Pecos amphipod (*Gammarus pecos*)
- Comal Springs riffle beetle (*Heterelmis comalensis*)

- American burying beetle (*Nicrophorus americanus*)

- Diamond tryonia (*Pseudotryonia adamantina*)

- Phantom tryonia (*Tryonia cheatumi*)

- Gonzales tryonia (*Tryonia circumstriata* [= *stocktonensis*])

- ground beetle (*Rhadine exilis*)

- ground beetle (*Rhadine infernalis*)

- Tooth Cave ground beetle (*Rhadine persephone*)

- Peck's Cave amphipod

- (*Stygobromus* [= *Stygonectes*] *pecki*)

- Comal Springs dryopid beetle

- (*Stygoparnus comalensis*)

- Tooth Cave pseudoscorpion

- (*Tartarocreagris texana*)

- Government Canyon Bat Cave spider

- (*Neoleptoneta microps*)

- Tooth Cave spider (*Leptoneta myopica*)

- Kretschmarr Cave mold beetle

- (*Texamaurops reddelli*)

- Cokendolpher Cave harvestman

- (*Texella cokendolpheri*)

- Bee Creek Cave harvestman

- (*Texella reddelli*)

- Bone Cave harvestman (*Texella reyesi*)

- Phantom springsnail (*Pyrgulopsis texana*)

Permit TE-054791

Applicant: Bryce L. Marshall, Flagstaff, Arizona.

Applicant requests an amendment to a current permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for New Mexico meadow jumping mouse (*Zapus hudsonius luteus*) within New Mexico.

Permit TE-84336B

Applicant: Reed Kraemer, Phoenix, Arizona.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for the following species within Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas:

- Black-capped vireo (*Vireo atricapilla*)

- golden-cheeked warbler (*Dendroica chrysoparia*)

- southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*)

Permit TE-798920

Applicant: City of Austin Balcones Canyonlands Preserve, Austin, Texas.

Applicant requests an amendment to a current permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct mist-netting and banding activities for black-capped vireo (*Vireo atricapilla*) within Texas.

Permit TE-61046B

Applicant: Christina Perez, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Applicant requests an amendment to a current permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for American burying beetle (*Nicrophorus americanus*) within Texas, Arkansas, Kansas, and Nebraska.

Permit TE-80165B

Applicant: Kale Wetekamm, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys of American burying beetle (*Nicrophorus americanus*) within Oklahoma.

Permit TE-84375B

Applicant: Mary Elizabeth Johnson, Arlington, Texas.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys of American burying beetle (*Nicrophorus americanus*) within Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Kansas.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

In compliance with NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), we have made an initial determination that the proposed activities in these permits are categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement (516 DM 6 Appendix 1, 1.4C(1)).

Public Availability of Comments

All comments and materials we receive in response to this request will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

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.

Authority

We provide this notice under section 10 of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*)

Dated: February 10, 2016.

Stewart Jacks,

Acting Regional Director, Southwest Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Michigan Department of Natural Resources; Application for Enhancement of Survival Permit; Proposed Programmatic Candidate Conservation Agreement With Assurances for the Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake in Michigan; Correction

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Receipt of application; request for comment; correction.

SUMMARY: On February 23, 2016, we, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, announced receipt from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources of an application for an enhancement of survival permit under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. The notice contained a typographical error in the docket number for interested parties to use to submit comments. The correct docket number is [FWS-R3-ES-2016-0009]. With this notice, we correct that error.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott Hicks, Field Supervisor, East Lansing Field Office, by U.S. mail (see **ADDRESSES**); by telephone (517-351-6274), or by facsimile (517-351-1443). If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf, please call the Federal Information Relay Service at 800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the *Federal Register* of February 23, 2016 (81 FR 8986), in FR Doc. 2016-03692, on page 8986 in the first column, in the **ADDRESSES** section, correct the docket

number for interested parties to use to submit comments in from “FWS-R3-ES-FWS-R3-ES-2016-0009” to “FWS-R3-ES-2016-0009”.

Dated: February 24, 2016.

Tina A. Campbell,

Chief, Division of Policy, Performance, and Management Programs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

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Model Indian Juvenile Code

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Indian Affairs is announcing availability of a draft Model Indian Juvenile Code for comment. The draft Model Indian Juvenile Code is intended as a tool to assist Indian Tribes in creating or revising their juvenile codes.

DATES: Comments are due by midnight ET on May 27, 2016. See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice for dates of Tribal consultation sessions.

ADDRESSES: Please submit comments by email to bia_tribal_courts@bia.gov, or by mail to Natasha Anderson, Deputy Associate Director, Tribal Justice Support Directorate, Office of Justice Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1849 C Street NW., Mail Stop 2603, Washington, DC 20240. The full draft Model Indian Juvenile Code is at: <http://www.bia.gov/cs/groups/xojs/documents/document/idc1-033097.pdf>.

See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice for addresses of Tribal consultation sessions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Natasha Anderson, Deputy Associate Director, Tribal Justice Support Directorate, Office of Justice Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, at telephone (202) 513-0367.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The BIA initially contracted with the National Indian Justice Center to develop the first Code in 1988 after the passage Public Law 99-570, title IV, § 4221, which required the creation of a “Model Indian Juvenile Code” (25 U.S.C. 2454).

Most codes should be updated on a regular basis; and it has been over 25

years since the initial Model Indian Juvenile Code was created. Additionally, after the passage of the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010, a Memorandum of Agreement among DOI, DOJ, and DHHS was developed to establish a framework for collaboration that results in the coordination of resources and programs. The MOA specifically referenced 25 U.S.C. 2454 and the Model Indian Juvenile Code.

Since the creation of the initial Model Indian Juvenile Code, much has changed in the field of juvenile justice. Since the late 1980s, many jurisdictions have engaged in reforms of their juvenile justice systems in response to research finding that the standard juvenile justice system model used in the United States showed no impact to juvenile delinquency and may have, in fact, increased delinquency rates. Research has also found that adolescent brains develop later in life than previously thought. Researchers, advocates and policy makers urge changes to the more punitive models of juvenile justice and encourage systems that are more restorative.

After contracting with the Center of Indigenous Research & Justice (CIRJ), the BIA shepherded an “information gathering phase” beginning with a workshop to discuss a plan of action in updating the Code, at the Office on Victims of Crime’s National Indian Nations Conference in Palm Springs, California on December 12, 2014. In April 2015, BIA made available a Discussion Draft on the BIA Web site for review and comment. The CIRJ contractor presented details on the Discussion Draft at the 2015 Annual Federal Bar Indian Law Conference. The BIA held a listening session on the Discussion Draft at the 2015 National Congress of American Indians’ Mid-Year Conference in Saint Paul, Minnesota. NCAI hosted a follow-up webinar in November 2015 on Juvenile Justice with a focus on the principles of the Model Indian Juvenile Code update.

II. Summary of the Model Indian Juvenile Code

The 2016 Model Indian Juvenile Code is divided into three categories: 1) Delinquency; 2) Child in Need of Services; and 3) Truancy.

The 2015 Model Indian Juvenile Code focuses on several principles including, but not limited to:

- Right to Counsel for Each Child Brought Into the Juvenile Justice System;
- Right to Counsel for Parents;
- Preference for Alternatives to Secure Detention; and