

On October 15, 2021, the sixth plan of action under the Voluntary Agreement—the Plan of Action to Establish a National Strategy for the Coordination of National Multimodal Healthcare Supply Chains to Respond to COVID–19—was finalized.⁷ This plan of action established several sub-committees under the Voluntary Agreement, focusing on different transportation categories.

The meetings are chaired by the FEMA Administrator's delegates from the Office of Response and Recovery (ORR) and Office of Policy and Program Analysis (OPPA), attended by the Attorney General's delegates from the U.S. Department of Justice, and attended by the Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission's delegates. In implementing the Voluntary Agreement, FEMA adheres to all procedural requirements of 50 U.S.C. 4558 and 44 CFR part 332.

Meeting Objectives: The objectives of the meetings are as follows:

1. Convene the Sub-Committee for Oxygen under the Medical Gases Plan of Action to establish priorities related to the COVID–19 response under the Voluntary Agreement.
2. Gather Sub-Committee Participants and Attendees to ask targeted questions for situational awareness related to the Sub-Committee for Oxygen.
3. Identify potential Objectives and Actions that should be completed under the Sub-Committee for Oxygen.
4. Identify pandemic-related information gaps and areas that merit sharing by holding recurring meetings of the Sub-Committee for Oxygen with key stakeholders.

Meetings Closed to the Public: By default, the DPA requires meetings held to implement a voluntary agreement or plan of action be open to the public.⁸ However, attendance may be limited if the Sponsor⁹ of the voluntary agreement finds that the matter to be discussed at a meeting falls within the purview of matters described in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), such as trade secrets and commercial or financial information.

The Sponsor of the Voluntary Agreement, the FEMA Administrator, found that these meetings to implement the Voluntary Agreement involve matters which fall within the purview of matters described in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) and the meetings are therefore closed to the public.

Specifically, these meetings may require participants to disclose trade secrets or commercial or financial information that is privileged or confidential. Disclosure of such information allows for meetings to be closed to the public pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4).

The success of the Voluntary Agreement depends wholly on the willing participation of the private sector participants. Failure to close these meetings to the public could reduce active participation by the signatories due to a perceived risk that sensitive company information could be released to the public. A public disclosure of a private sector participant's information executed prematurely could reduce trust and support for the Voluntary Agreement.

A resulting loss of support by the participants for the Voluntary Agreement would significantly hinder the implementation of the Agency's objectives. Thus, these meeting closures are permitted pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B).

Deanne Criswell,

Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered and Threatened Species; Receipt of Recovery Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

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

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, have received applications for permits to conduct activities intended to enhance the propagation or survival of endangered or threatened species under the Endangered Species Act. We invite the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies to comment on these applications. Before issuing any of the requested permits, we will take into consideration any information that we receive during the public comment period.

DATES: We must receive your written comments on or before February 17, 2022.

ADDRESSES: *Document availability and comment submission:* Submit requests for copies of the applications and related documents, as well as any comments, by one of the following methods. All requests and comments should specify the applicant name(s) and application number(s) (e.g., TExXXXXX; see table in **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**):

- *Email:* permitsR3ES@fws.gov. Please refer to the respective application number (e.g., Application No. TExXXXXX) in the subject line of your email message.

- *U.S. Mail:* Regional Director, Attn: Nathan Rathbun, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, 5600 American Blvd. West, Suite 990, Bloomington, MN 55437–1458.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nathan Rathbun, 612–713–5343 (phone); permitsR3ES@fws.gov (email). Individuals who are hearing or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 1–800–877–8339 for TTY assistance.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), prohibits certain activities with endangered and threatened species unless authorized by a Federal permit. The ESA and our implementing regulations in part 17 of title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) provide for the issuance of such permits and require that we invite public comment before issuing permits for activities involving endangered species.

A recovery permit issued by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA authorizes the permittee to conduct activities with endangered species for scientific purposes that promote recovery or for enhancement of propagation or survival of the species. Our regulations implementing section 10(a)(1)(A) for these 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.

Permit Applications Available for Review and Comment

We invite local, State, and Federal agencies; Tribes; and the public to comment on the following applications:

⁷ See 86 FR 57444 (Oct. 15, 2021).

⁸ See 50 U.S.C. 4558(h)(7).

⁹ “[T]he individual designated by the President in subsection (c)(2) [of section 708 of the DPA] to administer the voluntary agreement, or plan of action.” 50 U.S.C. 4558(h)(7).

Application No.	Applicant	Species	Location	Activity	Type of take	Permit action
ES182436	Illinois Natural History Survey, Champaign, IL.	Indiana bat (<i>Myotis sodalis</i>), gray bat (<i>M. grisescens</i>), and northern long-eared bat (<i>M. septentrionalis</i>).	IL, MO	Conduct presence/absence surveys, conduct studies to document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate potential impacts.	Capture with mist nests, handle, identify, radio-tag, band, conduct wing biopsies, collect samples, and release.	Renew.
TE02365A	Lynn Robbins, Springfield, MO.	Indiana bat (<i>Myotis sodalis</i>), gray bat (<i>M. grisescens</i>), northern long-eared bat (<i>M. septentrionalis</i>), and Ozark big-eared bat (<i>Corynorhinus townsendii ingens</i>).	AL, AR, CT, DE, FL, GA, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, ME, MD, MI, MA, MN, MS, MO, MT, NE, NJ, NH, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, VT, VA, WV, WI, WY.	Conduct presence/absence surveys, conduct studies to document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate potential impacts.	Capture with mist nests, handle, harp trap, identify, radio-tag, band, collect wing biopsy samples, and release.	Renew.
TE77313A	Robert Madej, Athens, OH.	Indiana bat (<i>Myotis sodalis</i>), gray bat (<i>M. grisescens</i>), northern long-eared bat (<i>M. septentrionalis</i>), Hine's emerald dragonfly (<i>Somatochlora hineana</i>), American burying beetle (<i>Nicrophorus americanus</i>), and Mitchell's satyr butterfly (<i>Neonympha mitchelli mitchelli</i>).	AL, AR, CT, DE, GA, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, MD, MI, MA, MS, MO, NJ, NH, NY, NC, OH, OK, PA, RI, SC, TN, VT, VA, WV, WI.	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate potential impacts.	Capture with mist nests, handle, harp trap, identify, radio-tag, band, enter hibernacula, and release. Conduct visual surveys.	Renew.
TE120259	Missouri Dept. of Conservation, Saint Joseph, MO.	Pallid sturgeon (<i>Scaphirhynchus albus</i>).	KS, MO	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate potential impacts.	Capture, handle, hold for propagation, and release.	Amend and renew.
TE94321A	Brian O'Neill, Oak Park, IL.	Relict darter (<i>Etheostoma chienense</i>), Cumberland darter (<i>Etheostoma susanae</i>), palezone shiner (<i>Notropis albizonatus</i>), Scioto madtom (<i>Noturus trautmani</i>), blackside dace (<i>Phoxinus cumberlandensis</i>), pallid sturgeon (<i>Scaphirhynchus albus</i>), and 28 freshwater mussel species.	IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, MO, OH, PA, TN, WI, WV.	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate impacts.	Capture, handle, and release.	Renew.
TE03450B	Erin Basiger, Cloverdale, IN.	Indiana bat (<i>Myotis sodalis</i>), northern long-eared bat (<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>), gray bat (<i>Myotis grisescens</i>), Virginia big-eared bat (<i>Corynorhinus townsendii virginianus</i>), and Ozark big-eared bat (<i>Corynorhinus townsendii ingens</i>).	AL, AR, CT, DC, DE, GA, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, NE, ND, NH, NJ, NY, OK, OH, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, VA, VT, WI, WV, WY.	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate impacts.	Capture with mist nests, handle, identify, radio-tag, and release.	Renew.
TE81968B	Curtis Hart, Hudson, MI	Indiana bat (<i>Myotis sodalis</i>), northern long-eared bat (<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>), gray bat (<i>Myotis grisescens</i>), Virginia big-eared bat (<i>Corynorhinus townsendii virginianus</i>), and Ozark big-eared bat (<i>Corynorhinus townsendii ingens</i>).	AL, AR, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, NE, ND, NH, NJ, NY, OK, OH, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, VA, VT, WI, WV, WY.	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate impacts.	Capture with mist nests, handle, identify, radio-tag, band, collect hair samples, collect fecal samples, and release.	Renew.

Application No.	Applicant	Species	Location	Activity	Type of take	Permit action
TE99051B	Goniela Iskali, Bloomington, IN.	Indiana bat (<i>Myotis sodalis</i>) and northern long-eared bat (<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>). Add new species: Gray bat (<i>Myotis grisescens</i>).	AL, AR, CT, DE, FL, GA, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, NE, ND, NH, NJ, NY, OK, OH, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, VA, VT, WI, WV, WY.	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate impacts.	Capture with mist nests, handle, identify, radio-tag, band, and release.	Amend and renew.
TE217351	Katrina Schultes, Nelsonville, OH.	Indiana bat (<i>Myotis sodalis</i>), northern long-eared bat (<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>), and gray bat (<i>Myotis grisescens</i>).	IL, KY, OH	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate impacts.	Capture with mist nests and harp traps, enter hibernacula, handle, identify, radio-tag, bio sample, and release.	Renew.
TE03495B	Kristina Hammond, Cheyenne, WY.	Indiana bat (<i>Myotis sodalis</i>), northern long-eared bat (<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>), and gray bat (<i>Myotis grisescens</i>).	AL, AR, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, NE, ND, NH, NJ, NY, OK, OH, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, VA, VT, WI, WV, WY.	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate impacts.	Capture with mist nests and harp traps, handle, identify, radio-tag, and release.	Renew.
TE049738	Third Rock Consultants, LLC, Lexington, KY.	Indiana bat (<i>Myotis sodalis</i>), northern long-eared bat (<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>), gray bat (<i>Myotis grisescens</i>), Virginia big-eared bat (<i>Corynorhinus townsendii virginianus</i>), Ozark big-eared bat (<i>Corynorhinus townsendii ingens</i>), Big Sandy crayfish (<i>Cambarus callainus</i>), American burying beetle (<i>Nicrophorus americanus</i>), multiple mussel species, and multiple fish species.	AL, AR, FL, GA, IA, IL, IN, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, NC, OH, PA, SC, TN, VI, WI, WV.	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate impacts.	Capture bats with mist nests and harp traps, handle, identify, radio-tag, band, and release. Capture, handle, and release mussels, fish, Big Sandy crayfish, and American burying beetle.	Renew.

Public Availability of Comments

Written comments we receive become part of the administrative record associated with this action. 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 request in your comment that we withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Moreover, 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.

Next Steps

If we decide to issue permits to any of the applicants listed in this notice,

we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register**.

Authority

We publish this notice under section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2021-0141; FXIA1671090000-212-FF09A30000]

Foreign Endangered Species; Receipt of Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

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

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on applications to conduct certain activities with species that are listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). With some exceptions, the ESA prohibits activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is issued that allows such activities. The ESA also requires that we invite public comment before issuing permits for any activity otherwise prohibited by the ESA with respect to any endangered species.

DATES: We must receive comments by February 17, 2022.

ADDRESSES:

Obtaining Documents: The applications, application supporting materials, and any comments and other materials that we receive will be available for public inspection at <http://www.regulations.gov> in Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2021-0141.