

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 May 9, 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](mailto: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](mailto:permitsR3ES@fws.gov) (email). Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

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:

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Application No.	Applicant	Species	Location	Activity	Type of take	Permit action
PER0036813.....	Adam Benshoff, Kent, OH.	Roanoke logperch (Percina rex); 27 freshwater mussel species.	AL, AR, CT, DC, GA, IA, KS, KY, IL, IN, LA, MA, MD, MI, MN, MO, MS, NC, NE, NH, NJ, NY, OH, OK, PA, SC, TN, VA, VT, WI, WV.	Conduct presence/ absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate impacts.	Capture, handle, release, and relocate due to stranding.	New.
ES28570D.....	Midwest Natural Resources, Inc., St. Paul, MN.	Add rusty patched bumble bee ( <i>Bombus affinis</i> ) to existing authorized species; Dakota skipper ( <i>Hesperia dacotae</i> ).	MN, WI.....	Conduct presence/ absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate impacts.	Capture, handle, and release.	Amend.
TE60999A.....	Ohio Department of Natural Resources (Levi Miller), Logan, OH.	Indiana bat ( <i>Myotis sodalis</i> ) and northern long-eared bat ( <i>M. septentrionalis</i> ).	OH.....	Conduct presence/ absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate impacts.	Capture with mist nets and harp traps, handle, identify, radio-tag, band, collect non-intrusive measurements, release, enter hibernacula, and bio- sample.	Renew.
PER0037601.....	Jeremiah Van	Indiana bat ( <i>Myotis</i>	AL, AR, CT, DE, FL,	Conduct presence/	Capture with mist nets	New.

	Deventer, Moneta, VA.	sodalis), northern long-eared bat (M. septentrionalis), and gray bat (M. grisescens).	GA, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, NE, NH, NJ, NY, OH, OK, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, VA, VT, WI, WV, WY.	absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate impacts.	and harp traps, handle, identify, radio-tag, band, collect non-intrusive measurements, and release.	
PER0037956.....	Cory Murphy, Granger, IN.	Indiana bat (Myotis sodalis), gray bat (M. grisescens), northern long-eared bat (M. septentrionalis), Virginia big-eared bat (Corynorhinus townsendii virginianus), and Ozark big-eared bat (C. townsendii ingens).	AL, AR, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NY, OH, PA, RI, SD, SC, TN, UT, VA, VT, WI, WV, WY.	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate impacts.	Capture with mist nets and harp traps, enter hibernacula, handle, identify, radio-tag, band, collect non-intrusive measurements, and release.	New.
TE38842A.....	Sanders Environmental, Inc., Bellefonte, PA.	Indiana bat (Myotis sodalis) and northern long-eared bat (M. septentrionalis); Add gray bat (M. grisescens), Virginia big-eared bat (Corynorhinus townsendii virginianus), and Ozark big-eared bat (C. townsendii ingens).	AL, AR, CO, FL, GA, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, OK, OH, SC, SD, TN, UT, WI, WY.	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate impacts.	Capture with mist nets and harp traps, capture with hand nets, handle, identify, radio-tag, light-tag, band, collect non-intrusive measurements, mark, collect bio-samples, and release.	Amend.
TE38821A.....	Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. Louisville, KY.	Indiana bat (Myotis sodalis), gray bat (M. grisescens), northern long-eared bat (M. septentrionalis), Virginia big-eared bat (Corynorhinus townsendii virginianus), and Ozark big-eared bat (C. townsendii ingens); copperbelly water snake (Nerodia erythrogaster neglecta); Big Sandy crayfish (Cambarus callainus); relict darter (Etheostoma chienense), duskytail darter (E. percnurum), Kentucky arrow darter (E. spilotum), palezone shiner (Notropis albizonatus), blackside dace (Phoxinus Cumberlandensis), pallid sturgeon (Scaphirhynchus albus); 41 freshwater mussel species.	AL, AR, CO, CT, DE, GA, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, NE, ND, NH, NJ, NY, OH, OK, 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 nets and harp traps, enter hibernacula, handle, identify, radio-tag, band, collect non-intrusive measurements, collect intrusive samples, relocation, electrofish, and release.	Renew and Amend.
PER0037865.....	Mark Hove, Saint Paul, MN.	Higgins eye pearlymussel (Lampsilis higginsii), winged mapleleaf (Quadrula fragosa).	MN, WI.....	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate impacts.	Capture, handle, transport, relocate due to stranding, and release.	New.
PER0037923.....	Thomas Estrem, Valparaiso, IN.	Clubshell (Pleurobema clava), snuffbox mussel (Epioblasma triquetra).	IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, WI	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate impacts.	Capture, handle, relocate, and release.	New.

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Public Availability of Comments

All comments we receive become part of the administrative record associated with this action. Requests for copies of comments will be handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, National Environmental Policy Act, and Service and Department of the Interior policies and procedures. 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 to withhold your personal identifying 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.

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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