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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Comment Procedures

A. How do I comment on submitted applications?

We invite the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies to comment on this application. Before issuing the requested permit, we will take into consideration any information that we receive during the public comment period.

You may submit your comments and materials by one of the methods in **ADDRESSES**. We will not consider comments sent by email or to an address not in **ADDRESSES**. We will not consider or include in our administrative record comments we receive after the close of the comment period (see **DATES**).

When submitting comments, please specify the name of the applicant and the permit number at the beginning of your comment. Provide sufficient information 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.

B. May I review comments submitted by others?

You may view and comment on others' public comments at <https://www.regulations.gov> unless our allowing so would violate the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) or Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

C. Who will see my comments?

If you submit a comment at <https://www.regulations.gov>, your entire comment, including any personal identifying information, will be posted on the website. If you submit a hardcopy comment that includes personal identifying information, such as your address, phone number, or email address, you may request at the top of your document that we withhold this information from public review. However, 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.

II. Background

To help us carry out our conservation responsibilities for affected species, and in consideration of section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), we invite public comments on permit applications before final action is taken. With some exceptions, the ESA prohibits certain activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is issued that allows such activities. Permits issued under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA allow otherwise prohibited activities for scientific purposes or to enhance the propagation or survival of the affected species. Service regulations regarding prohibited activities with endangered species, captive-bred wildlife registrations, and permits for any activity otherwise prohibited by the ESA with respect to any endangered species are available in title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations in part 17.

III. Permit Application

We invite comments on the following application.

Applicant: Cornell University Museum of Vertebrates, Ithaca, NY; Permit No. PER3849508

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples taken from saffron-cowled blackbirds (*Xanthopsar flavus*) from Argentina for the purpose of scientific research. This notification is for a single import.

IV. Next Steps

After the comment period closes, we will make decisions regarding permit issuance. If we issue permits to the applicant listed in this notice, we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register**. You may locate the notice announcing the permit issuance by searching <https://www.regulations.gov> for the permit number listed above in this document. For example, to find information about the potential issuance of Permit No. 12345A, you would go to [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) and search for "12345A".

V. Authority

We issue this notice under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and its implementing regulations.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Incidental Take of Endangered Species; PacifiCorp Klamath Hydroelectric Project Interim Operations Habitat Conservation Plan in OR and CA; Permit Transfer

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of permit transfer.

SUMMARY: In 2014, under the Endangered Species Act, we, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), issued an incidental take permit (ITP) authorizing take of two federally endangered fish species incidental to otherwise lawful activities associated with implementation of the PacifiCorp Klamath Hydroelectric Project Interim Operations Habitat Conservation Plan. Subsequently, the Klamath River Renewal Corporation and the States of Oregon and California acquired ownership of lands covered by the ITP. We now announce that the Service has carried out a partial transfer of the ITP to these entities.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Rachel Henry, Regional Habitat Conservation Planning Coordinator, by email at rachel_henry@fws.gov or by telephone at 805-448-7484. 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: On January 28, 2013, we, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, published a **Federal Register** notice announcing the availability for public comment of a draft environmental assessment (EA) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the interim operations of the Klamath Hydroelectric Project on the Klamath River, in Klamath County, Oregon, and Siskiyou County, California (78 FR 5830; January 28, 2013).

The EA was in association with an incidental take permit (ITP) application we received from PacifiCorp under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), for take of two fish species, the Lost River sucker (*Deltistes luxatus*) and the shortnose sucker (*Chasmistes*

brevirostris), both of which are federally listed as endangered. After considering comments, on February 20, 2014, we issued the ITP to PacifiCorp, authorizing take of the species incidental to otherwise lawful activities associated with implementation of the PacifiCorp Klamath Hydroelectric Project Interim Operations Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP).

Subsequently, the Klamath River Renewal Corporation (KRRRC) and the States of Oregon and California acquired ownership of lands covered by the ITP for the HCP. The KRRRC and the States of Oregon and California expressed the desire to continue implementing pertinent provisions of the HCP on these lands and to continue to be covered by an ITP.

Partial transfer of an ITP is expressly authorized at 50 CFR 13.25. On November 30, 2023, KRRRC and the States of Oregon and California submitted to the Service an application for an ITP, along with the assignment and assumption agreement to fulfill the requirements of processing the partial transfer of the HCP to KRRRC and the States of Oregon and California.

On December 19, 2023, the Service, the KRRRC, the States of Oregon and California, and PacifiCorp entered into an assignment and assumption agreement to facilitate the transfer of all relevant obligations to the KRRRC and the States of Oregon and California and the partial transfer of permit TE52096A from PacifiCorp to KRRRC and the States of Oregon and California, pursuant to 50 CFR 13.25.

Notice is hereby given that, on December 19, 2023, as authorized by the provisions of the ESA, the Service issued an ITP (PER 6149438) to KRRRC and the States of Oregon and California subject to certain conditions set forth

therein. The permit was granted only after the Service determined that it was applied for in good faith, that granting the permit would not be to the disadvantage of the endangered species, and that it will be consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in the ESA.

Authority

The Service provides this notice under section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.32) and the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (40 CFR 1500–1508 and 43 CFR 46).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[Docket No. FWS–HQ–IA–2024–0038; FXIA1671090000–245–FF09A30000]

Endangered Species; Issuance of Permits

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of permits.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), have issued permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species. We issue these permits under the Endangered Species Act.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), have issued permits to conduct certain activities with endangered and threatened species in response to permit applications that we received under the authority of section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*)

After considering the information submitted with each permit application and the public comments received, we issued the requested permits subject to certain conditions set forth in each permit. For each application for an endangered species, we found that (1) the application was filed in good faith, (2) the granted permit would not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species, and (3) the granted permit would be consistent with the purposes and policy set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Availability of Documents

The permittees’ original permit application materials, along with public comments we received during public comment periods for the applications, are available for review. To locate the application materials and received comments, go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for the appropriate permit number (e.g., PER12345) provided in the following table.

Permit No.	Applicant	Permit issuance date
PER4621221	Shawn Dooley	2024–01–24
PER3088762	Deborah Holland	2024–01–25
37949D	Marianne Kelley	2024–02–16
PER4147647	Donald Detweiler	2024–02–19
PER5176185	George Ready	2024–02–19
PER5176234	James Frash	2024–02–19
PER5225407	John Bethany	2024–02–26
PER5581670	George H. Wulff	2024–02–27

Authority

We issue this notice under the authority of the Endangered Species

Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and its implementing regulations.