

Please refer to permit number PRT-809218 when submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joseph E. Johnston or Mary Orms at the above Austin Ecological Service Field Office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 9 of the Act prohibits the "taking" of endangered species such as the golden-cheeked warbler. However, the Service, under limited circumstances, may issue permits to take endangered wildlife species incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Regulations governing permits for endangered species are at 50 CFR 17.22.

APPLICANT: Robert C. Paris plans to construct a single family residence on Lots 9 and 10, Block C, Lake Georgetown Estates, located at 1720 and 1730 County Road 262, Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas. This action will eliminate less than one-half acre of land and indirectly impact less than one-half additional acres of golden-cheeked warbler habitat. The applicant proposes to compensate for this incidental take of golden-cheeked warbler habitat by placing \$1,500 into the city of Austin Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Fund to acquire/manage lands for the conservation of the golden-cheeked warbler.

Alternatives to this action were rejected because selling or not developing the subject property with federally listed species present was not economically feasible.

Nancy M. Kaufman,

Regional Director, Region 2, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Meeting

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) Task Force. A number of subjects will be discussed during the meeting including: Ruffe control program, ANS legislative update, ballast water technology project, Michigan ANS Plan, ANS Digest, Chicago Ship and Sanitary Canal, round goby, exotic weeds, and upcoming events.

DATES: The ANS Task Force will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 25, 1996.

ADDRESSES: The ANS Task Force meeting will be held at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Building, Room 200AB,

4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jay Troxel, ANS Task Force Coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, at (703) 358-1718.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. I), this notice announces a meeting of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force established under the authority of the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 (P.L. 101-646, 104 Stat. 4761, 16 U.S.C. 4701 *et seq.*, November 29, 1990). Minutes of the meetings will be maintained by the Coordinator, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Room 840, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203 and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Friday within 30 days following the meeting.

Dated: April 1, 1996.

Gary Edwards,

Assistant Director, Fisheries, Co-Chair, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force.

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Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Brown Tree Snake Control Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Brown Tree Snake Control Committee, a Committee of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force. The Committee will meet to review the final draft Brown Tree Snake Control Plan and approve a final version. The Committee also will discuss potential implementation strategies for the plan, the interrelationship of the Brown Tree Snake Control Committee and the multi-agency members of the Memorandum of Agreement regarding brown tree snake control efforts, and the future of the Brown Tree Snake Control Committee.

DATES: The Brown Tree Snake Control Committee will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 30, 1996, and 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 1, 1996.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Ilikai Hotel, 1777 Ala Moana Boulevard, in Honolulu, Hawaii. Minutes will be maintained by Robert P. Smith, Chair, Brown Tree Snake Control Committee, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Islands Ecoregion, 300 Ala Moana Boulevard, Room 3108, Box

50088, Honolulu, Hawaii 96850. The minutes will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, within 30 days following the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert P. Smith, Chair, Brown Tree Snake Control Committee, at (808) 541-2749 or Jay Troxel, Coordinator, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, at (703) 358-1718.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. I), this notice announces a meeting of the Brown Tree Snake Control Committee, a committee of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force established under the authority of the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 (P.L. 101-646, 104 Stat. 4761, 16 U.S.C. 4701 *et seq.*, November 29, 1990).

A native of Indonesia, New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, and Australia, the brown tree snake (*Boiga irregularis*) has caused or been a factor in the extirpation of most of Guam's native terrestrial vertebrates, including fruit bats, lizards, and some of the island's forest birds. In addition, brown tree snakes in Guam have caused more than a thousand power outages, damaged agricultural interests by preying on poultry, killed many pets, and envenomated numerous children.

Several governmental agencies and private entities have been working to prevent similar ecological disasters on other Pacific islands, since the threat of the brown tree snake's dispersal to other islands and continents is significant. The brown tree snake is a major threat to the biodiversity of the Pacific region and other areas at risk. High densities of snakes occur in many urban areas on Guam where cargo is loaded for transport by air and sea to other Pacific islands, and dispersal has been documented by snakes discovered on islands in Hawaii and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and even in the continental United States.

In recognition of this threat, the United States Congress included a section in the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 that authorizes a cooperative program to control the brown tree snake outside of its historic range. Representatives of the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, and the Interior; the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; the Territory of Guam; and the State of Hawaii formed the Brown Tree Snake Control Committee in May 1993 to develop an