

- e. Clerical/facility maintenance
- 7. Wetland & Habitat Conservation and Restoration
  - a. Construction
  - b. Planning activities
  - c. Habitat monitoring and management
- 8. Conservation Law Enforcement
  - a. All law enforcement efforts under cross-deputization
- 9. National Wildlife Refuge Operations & Maintenance
  - a. Construction
  - b. Farming
  - c. Concessions
  - d. Maintenance
  - e. Comprehensive management planning
  - f. Biological program efforts
  - g. Habitat management
  - h. Fire Management

Locations of Refuges and Hatcheries with close proximity to Indian Tribes

1. Alaska National Wildlife Refuges—AK
2. Alchesay National Fish Hatchery—AZ
3. Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge—CA
4. Kootenai National Wildlife Refuge—ID
5. Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge—MN
6. Mille Lacs National Wildlife Refuge—MN
7. Rice Lake National Wildlife Refuge—MN
8. National Bison Range—MT
9. Ninepipe National Wildlife Refuge—MT
10. Pablo National Wildlife Refuge—MT
11. Mescalero National Fish Hatchery—NM
12. Sequoyah National Wildlife Refuge—OK
13. Tishomingo National Wildlife Refuge—OK
14. Bandon Marsh National Wildlife Refuge—OR
15. Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge—WA
16. Makah National Fish Hatchery—WA
17. Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge—WA
18. Quinault National Fish Hatchery—WA
19. San Juan Islands National Wildlife Refuge—WA

For questions regarding self-governance contact Michael Smith, Deputy Assistant Director—External Affairs, Fish and Wildlife Service (MS3012), 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240-0001, telephone: (202) 208-4131, fax: (202) 208-7407.

#### *G. Eligible Programs of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)*

The mission of the U.S. Geological Survey is to provide information on biology, geology, hydrology, and cartography that contributes to the wise management of the nation's natural resources and to the health, safety, and well-being of the American people. Information includes maps, data bases, and descriptions and analyses of the water, plants, animals, energy, and mineral resources, land surface, underlying geologic structure and dynamic processes of the earth. Information on these scientific issues is developed through extensive research, field studies, and comprehensive data collection to: Evaluate natural hazards such as earthquakes, volcanoes, landslides, floods, droughts, subsidence and other ground failures; assess energy, mineral, and water resources in terms of their quality, quantity, and availability; evaluate the habitats of animals and plants; and produce geographic, cartographic, and remotely-sensed information in digital and non-digital formats. No USGS programs are specifically available to American Indians or Alaska Natives. Components of programs may have a special geographic, cultural, or historical connection with a self-governance tribe.

**1. Mineral, Environmental, and Energy Assessments.** Components of this program that involve geologic research, data acquisition, and predictive modeling may be available for inclusion in an annual funding agreement.

**2. USGS Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program.** Components of this program that involves research, data acquisition, and modeling related to earthquakes and seismically active areas may be available for inclusion in an annual funding agreement.

**3. Water Resources Data Collection and Investigations.** Components of this program may be available for inclusion in an annual funding agreement if a self-governance tribe demonstrates a special geographic, cultural, or historical connection.

**4. Biological Resources Inventory, Monitoring, Research and Information Transfer Activities.** Components of this program may be available for inclusion in an annual funding agreement if a self-governance tribe demonstrates a special geographic, cultural or historical connection.

For questions regarding self-governance contact Sue Marcus, American Indian/Alaska Native Liaison, U.S. Geological Survey, 107 National

Center, Reston, VA 20192, telephone: (703) 648-4437, fax: (703) 648-5470.

#### **IV. Programmatic Targets**

During Fiscal Year 2001, upon request of a self-governance tribe each non-BIA bureau will negotiate annual funding agreements for its eligible programs beyond those already negotiated.

Dated: February 17, 2000.

**William A. Sinclair,**

*Director, Office of Self-Governance.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

### **Fish and Wildlife Service**

#### **Notice of Intent To Prepare a Comprehensive Plan for Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge in Williamson, Jackson and Union Counties, IL**

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises the public that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) intends to gather information necessary to prepare a comprehensive conservation plan and an environmental assessment for the Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge in Williamson, Jackson and Union counties, Illinois. The Service is furnishing this notice in compliance with Service comprehensive conservation plan policy and the National Environmental Policy Act, and implementing regulations to achieve the following:

(1) Advise other agencies and the public of our intentions, and

(2) Obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues, opportunities, and concerns for inclusion in the environmental documents.

**DATES:** The Service will hold public scoping meetings in Spring 2000, and additional public meetings will be held to review the draft comprehensive conservation plan. It is anticipated that the draft plan will be available for public review by November 2000. An announcement of availability of the draft plan will appear in the **Federal Register** and on the Crab Orchard Refuge Comprehensive Conservation Plan web page ([www.fws.gov/r3pao/planning/cotop.htm](http://www.fws.gov/r3pao/planning/cotop.htm)).

**ADDRESSES:** Address comments and requests for more information to: Refuge Manager, Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge, 8588 Route 148, Marion, Illinois 62959; or E-mail: [conwr-ccp@fws.gov](mailto:conwr-ccp@fws.gov)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** It is the policy of the Service to have all lands

within the National Wildlife Refuge System managed in accordance with an approved comprehensive conservation plan. The plan guides management decisions and identifies refuge goals, objectives and strategies for achieving refuge purposes. Public input into this planning process is encouraged. The plan will provide other agencies and the public with a clear understanding of the desired conditions of the refuge and how the Service will implement management strategies. Some of the issues to be addressed in the plan include the following:

- (a) Habitat management;
- (b) Public use management;
- (c) Wildlife population management;
- (d) Wilderness management;
- (e) Industrial facilities management; and
- (f) Cultural resource identification and protection.

The environmental assessment will include several alternatives that address the issues and management strategies with these topics.

Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge was established on August 5, 1947, by Public Law 80-361. This Act of Congress transferred certain Federal lands acquired in connection with the Crab Orchard Creek project and the Illinois Ordnance Plant to the Secretary of the Interior. This legislation mandated these lands be administered by the Secretary through the Service "for the conservation of wildlife, and for the development of the agricultural, recreational, industrial, and related purposes specified in this Act."

The 43,890-acre refuge contains three large manmade lakes totaling 8,700 acres; 21,000 acres of forestland, 5,000 acres of cropland, and 2,000 acres of grassland. The refuge supports an extensive variety of plant and animal species, hosts 1.2 million recreational visitors per year, provides facilities for industrial tenants who generate \$100 million in annual revenue, and sponsors cooperative farmers and permittee graziers. The 4,050-Crab Orchard Wilderness, the first wilderness area designed in the State of Illinois, is within the refuge.

Dated: February 15, 2000.

**William F. Hartwig,**

*Regional Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Availability of Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan for Ouray National Wildlife Refuge. Vernal, UT

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Refuge Improvement Act of 1997, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has published the Ouray National Wildlife Refuge Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan. This Plan describes how the FWS intends to manage the Ouray NWR for the next 10-15 years.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the Plan may be obtained by writing to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 266 West 100 North, Suite 2, Vernal, UT 84078; or download from <http://www.r6.fws.gov/larp/>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Allison Banks, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 25486 DFC, Denver, CO 80225, 303/236-8145 extension 626; fax

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Ouray NWR is located in northeast Utah. Implementation of the Plan will focus on adaptive resource management of wetland, grassland, and semidesert shrubland habitats, restoration and improved management of riparian bottomlands, recovery of endangered fish species of the Upper Colorado River Ecosystem, and opportunities for compatible wildlife-dependent recreation. Habitat monitoring and evaluation will be emphasized as the Plan is implemented. Opportunities for compatible wildlife-dependent recreation will continue to be provided.

Dated: February 16, 2000.

**Terry T. Terell,**

*Deputy Regional Director, Denver, Colorado.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Applications

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of applications.

**SUMMARY:** The following applicants have applied for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*).

## PERMIT NO. TE-797466

**Applicant:** Champion International Corporation, Huntsville, Texas.

Applicant requests authorization to conduct endangered species activities for the red-cockaded woodpecker (*Picoides borealis*) and the Houston toad (*Bufo houstonensis*) in Texas.

## PERMIT NO. TE-22749

**Applicant:** SWCA, Phoenix, Arizona.

Applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys for the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*), cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum*), and Yuma clapper rail (*Rallus longirostris yumanensis*) in Maricopa, Pima, and Pinal Counties, Arizona.

## PERMIT NO. TE-837751

**Applicant:** Bureau of Reclamation, Phoenix Area Office, Phoenix, Arizona.

Applicant requests authorization for recovery purposes to conduct activities for the Pima pineapple cactus (*Coryphantha scheeri var. robustispina*) in the San Javier District of the Tohono O'Odham Reservation and the Tucson metropolitan area of Arizona.

## PERMIT NO. TE-814841

**Applicant:** Desert Botanical Garden, Phoenix, Arizona.

Applicant requests authorization for research and recovery purposes to collect seeds and voucher specimens from the Pima pineapple cactus (*Coryphantha scheeri var. robustispina*) in El Paso, Texas.

## PERMIT NO. TE-23152

**Applicant:** Michael Baker Jr., Inc., Midvale, Utah.

Applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys for the cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum*) in Pima and Maricopa Counties, Arizona.

## PERMIT NO. TE-23159

**Applicant:** Southwestern Ornithological Research and Adventures, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys for the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) within New Mexico.

## PERMIT NO. TE 822998

**Applicant:** Coronado National Forest, Tucson, Arizona.

Applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys for the Yaqui chub (*Gila purpurea*) within lands of the Coronado National Forest.