

P.O. Box 49
Nondalton, AK 99640
Phone: (907) 294-2234
Grant: \$313,784
Activity: Public Facility Health Clinic

Arctic Village Council
Marjorie Gommill
1st Chief
P.O. Box 69
Arctic Village, AK 99722
Phone: (907) 587-5523
Grant: \$400,000
Activity: Housing Construction Construct 4
New Homes

Gakona Village Council
Darin Gene
President
P.O. Box 102
Gakona Village, AK 99586
Phone: (907) 822-5777
Grant: \$499,789
Activity: Public Facility Multi-Purpose
Service Center

Native Village of Deering
Emerson Moto
President
P.O. Box 50089
Deering, AK 99736
Phone: (907) 363-2138
Grants: \$500,000
Activity: Housing Rehabilitation Rehab of 15
to 20 Homes

Nanwalek IRA Council
Emilie Swenning
1st Chief
P.O. Box 8065
Nanwalek, AK 99603-6665
Phone: (907) 281-2274
Grant: \$500,000
Activity: Public Facility New Health Services
Center

Twin Hills Village Council
George Pleasant
President
P.O. Box TWA
Twin Hills, AK 99576-8996
Phone: (907) 525-4821
Grant: \$276,000
Activity: Public Facility Health Clinic

Kipnuk Village Council
Charlie Paul
Chief
P.O. Box 57
Kipnuk, AK 99614-0057
Phone: (907) 896-5515
Grant: \$198,215
Activity: Public Facility Health Clinic

Kotlik Traditional Council
Reynold Okitkun
President
P.O. Box 20210
Kotlik, AK 99620
Phone: (907) 899-4326
Grant: \$198,215
Activity: Public Facility Health Clinic

Marshall Traditional Council
Lynn Chambers
Grant Writer
P.O. Box 110
Marshall, AK 99585
Phone: (907) 243-8212
Grant: \$500,000
Activity: Public Facility Water/Sewer
Expansion

Hogamiut Traditional Council
Lynn Chambers
Grant Writer
P.O. Box 49
Marshall, AK 99585
Phone: (907) 243-8212
Grant: \$500,000
Activity: Public Facility Water/Sewer
Expansion

Sitka Tribe of Alaska
Lawrence Widmark
Chairman
465 Katlian Street
Sitka, AK 99835
Phone: (907) 747-3207
Grant: \$480,000
Activity: Land Acquisition to Construct New
Housing

Organized Village of Kwethluk
Martin Andrew
President
P.O. Box 129
Kwethluk, AK 99621-0129
Phone: (907) 757-6714
Grant: \$196,479
Activity: Public Facility Health Clinic

Tribal Government of
St. Paul Island
Richard Zacharof
President
P.O. Box 86
St. Paul Island, AK 99660
Phone: (907) 546-3221
Grant: \$500,000
Activity: Housing Rehabilitation Rehab 10 or
more existing homes.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Receipt of Five Applications for Incidental Take Permits for Construction of Single-Family Homes in Brevard County, FL

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Robert Catlow, Ali Markieh, Dustin Stone, Pete Knudsen, and Peter Intoccia (Applicants) each request an incidental take permit (ITP) pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The requested term for each is one year, except for Markieh who requests a two-year permit term. The Applicants anticipate taking a total of about 1.21 acres of Florida scrub-jay (*Aphelocoma coerulescens*)(scrub-jay) foraging and sheltering habitat incidental to lot preparation for the construction of five single-family homes and supporting infrastructure in Brevard County, Florida (Project). The destruction of 1.21 acres of foraging and sheltering habitat is expected to result in the take of three

families of scrub-jays. The Applicants' Habitat Conservation Plans (HCPs) describe the mitigation and minimization measures proposed to address the effects of the Projects to the Florida scrub-jay. These measures are outlined in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below.

DATES: Written comments on the ITP applications and HCPs should be sent to the Service's Regional Office (see **ADDRESSES**) and should be received on or before August 24, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the applications and HCPs may obtain a copy by writing the Service's Southeast Regional Office, Atlanta, Georgia. Please reference permit number TE111876-0, for Catlow, number TE111609-0, for Markieh, number TE111610-0, for Stone, number TE111875-0, for Knudsen, and number TE111608-0, for Intoccia in such requests. Documents will also be available for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours at the Regional Office, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia 30345 (Attn: Endangered Species Permits), or Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 6620 Southpoint Drive South, Suite 310, Jacksonville, Florida 32216-0912.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Dell, Regional HCP Coordinator, (see **ADDRESSES** above), telephone: 404/679-7313, facsimile: 404/679-7081; or Erin Gawera, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, Jacksonville Field Office, Jacksonville, Florida (see **ADDRESSES** above), telephone: 904/232-2580, ext. 121.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: If you wish to comment, you may submit comments by any one of several methods. Please reference permit number TE111876-0, for Catlow, number TE111609-0, for Markieh, number TE111610-0, for Stone, number TE111875-0, for Knudsen, and number TE111608-0, for Intoccia in such requests. You may mail comments to the Service's Regional Office (see **ADDRESSES**). You may also comment via the Internet to "david_dell@fws.gov". Please include your name and return address in your Internet message. If you do not receive a confirmation from us that we have received your Internet message, contact us directly at either telephone number listed below (see **FURTHER INFORMATION**). Finally, you may hand deliver comments to either Service office listed below (see **ADDRESSES**). Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours.

Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the administrative record. We will honor such requests to the extent allowable by law. There may also be other circumstances in which we would withhold from the administrative record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. We will not, however, consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

The Florida scrub-jay (scrub-jay) is geographically isolated from other species of scrub-jays found in Mexico and the western United States. The scrub-jay is found exclusively in peninsular Florida and is restricted to xeric uplands (predominately in oak-dominated scrub). Increasing urban and agricultural development has resulted in habitat loss and fragmentation which has adversely affected the distribution and numbers of scrub-jays. The total estimated population is between 7,000 and 11,000 individuals.

Residential construction for Catlow would take place within section 05, Township 29 South, Range 37 East, Palm Bay, Brevard County, Florida on lot 17, Block 307. Residential construction for Markieh would take place within section 05, Township 29 South, Range 37 East, Palm Bay, Brevard County, Florida on lot 01, Block 357. Residential construction for Stone would take place within Section 05, Township 29 South, Range 37 East, Palm Bay, Brevard County, Florida on Lot 15, Block 352. Residential construction for Knudsen would take place within section 05, Township 29 South, Range 37 East, Palm Bay, Brevard County, Florida on Lot 06, Block 349. Residential construction for Intoccia would take place within Section 16, Township 29 South, Range 37 East, Palm Bay, Brevard County, Florida on Lot 7, Block 793. Each of these lots are within 438 feet of locations where scrub-jays were sighted during surveys for this species from 1999 to 2003.

Scrub-jays using the subject residential lots and adjacent properties are part of a larger complex of scrub-jays located in a matrix of urban and natural settings in areas of southern Brevard and northern Indian River counties. Within the City of Palm Bay, 20 families of scrub-jays persist in habitat fragmented by residential development.

Scrub-jays in urban areas are particularly vulnerable and typically do not successfully produce young that survive to adulthood. Persistent urban growth in this area will likely result in further reductions in the amount of suitable habitat for scrub-jays. Increasing urban pressures are also likely to result in the continued degradation of scrub-jay habitat as fire exclusion slowly results in vegetative overgrowth. Thus, over the long-term, scrub-jays within the City of Palm Bay are unlikely to persist, and conservation efforts for this species should target acquisition and management of large parcels of land outside the direct influence of urbanization.

The lots combined encompass about 1.21 acres and the footprint of the homes, infrastructure, and landscaping preclude retention of scrub-jay habitat. On-site minimization may not be a biologically viable alternative due to increasing negative demographic effects caused by urbanization. Therefore, no on-site minimization measures are proposed to reduce take of scrub-jays.

In combination, the Applicants propose to mitigate for the loss of 1.21 acres of scrub-jay habitat by contributing a total of \$17,024 (\$3,236 for Catlow, \$4,080 for Markieh, \$3,236 for Stone, \$3,236 for Knudsen, and \$3,236 for Intoccia) to the Florida Scrub-jay Conservation Fund administered by The Nature Conservancy. Funds in this account are ear-marked for use in the conservation and recovery of scrub-jays and may include habitat acquisition, restoration, and/or management. The \$17,024 is sufficient to acquire and perpetually manage 2.42 acres of suitable occupied scrub-jay habitat based on a replacement ratio of two mitigation acres per one impact acre. The cost is based on previous acquisitions of mitigation lands in southern Brevard County at an average \$5,700 per acre, plus a \$1,000 per acre management endowment necessary to ensure future management of acquired scrub-jay habitat. In addition, a 5 percent operating cost of \$335 per acre will be included.

The Service has determined that the Applicants' proposal, including the proposed mitigation and minimization measures, will individually and cumulatively have a minor or negligible effect on the species covered in the HCP. Therefore, the ITP is a "low-effect" project and qualifies as a categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), as provided by the Department of Interior Manual (516 DM 2, Appendix 1 and 516 DM 6, Appendix 1). This preliminary information may be revised based on

our review of public comments that we receive in response to this notice. Low-effect HCPs are those involving: (1) Minor or negligible effects on federally listed or candidate species and their habitats, and (2) minor or negligible effects on other environmental values or resources.

The Service will evaluate the HCPs and comments submitted thereon to determine whether the application meets the requirements of section 10(a) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). If it is determined that those requirements are met, the ITPs will be issued for incidental take of the Florida scrub-jay. The Service will also evaluate whether issuance of the section 10(a)(1)(B) ITPs comply with section 7 of the Act by conducting an intra-Service section 7 consultation. The results of this consultation, in combination with the above findings, will be used in the final analysis to determine whether or not to issue the ITPs. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10 of the Endangered Species Act and National Environmental Policy Act regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

Dated: July 12, 2006.

Cynthia K. Dohner,

Acting Regional Director, Southeast Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Izembek, Togiak, Tetlin, and Kanuti National Wildlife Refuges, Alaska

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Revised notice of intent to revise comprehensive conservation plans and to prepare environmental assessments; request for comments.

SUMMARY: With this notice, we, the Fish and Wildlife Service, revise our previously published notices of intent to revise comprehensive conservation plans (CCPs) for Togiak, Izembek, Kanuti, and Tetlin National Wildlife Refuges, all in Alaska. Our previous notices stated our intent to document decisions in these CCP revisions with environmental impact statements. However, we now believe that an environmental assessment is the appropriate level of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance. We seek public comments.

ADDRESSES: Address comments, questions, and requests to Ken Rice, Planning Team Leader, by mail at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1011 East