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Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R3-ES-2009-N270; 30120-1113-0000-F6]

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of permit applications; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (Act) prohibits activities with endangered and threatened species unless a Federal permit allows such activity. The Act requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

DATES: We must receive any written comments on or before January 27, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments by U.S. mail to the Regional Director, Attn: Peter Fasbender, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, MN 55111-4056; or by electronic mail to permitsR3ES@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Peter Fasbender, (612) 713-5343.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

We invite public comment on the following permit applications for certain activities with endangered species authorized by section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and our regulations governing the taking of endangered species in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17. Submit your written data, comments, or request for a copy of the complete application to the address shown in **ADDRESSES**. When submitting comments, please refer to the appropriate permit application number.

Permit Applications

Permit Application Number: TE120259-1

Applicant: Missouri Department of Conservation, Chillicothe, Missouri.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (capture and release, temporarily hold for propagation) Pallid Sturgeon (*Scaphirhynchus albus*) in the Missouri River, including its tributaries, and the Upper Mississippi River within the State of Missouri, and the Kansas River within the State of Kansas. Activities will be conducted in conjunction with long-term population assessment and recovery work. Proposed activities are aimed at enhancement of the survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Application Number: TE151107

Applicant: Redwing Ecological Services, Louisville, Kentucky.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (capture and release) the following endangered bat species: Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*), gray bat (*Myotis grisescens*), Virginia big-eared bat (*Corynorhinus townsendii virginianus*), and Ozark big-eared bat (*Corynorhinus townsendii ingens*). The applicant seeks authority throughout the range of the species in Regions 2, 3, 4, and 5 of the Service. Proposed activities are aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Application Number: TE234121

Applicant: Western EcoSystems Technology, Inc., Cheyenne, Wyoming.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and release) Indiana bats, gray bats, Ozark big-eared bats, and Virginia big-eared bats throughout the range of the species, which includes Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, and West Virginia. Proposed activities are aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Application Number: TE120258

Applicant: Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Des Moines, Iowa.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (capture and release, collect voucher specimens) the Topeka shiner (*Notropis topeka*) throughout the State of Iowa to document species presence or absence. Proposed activities are for the enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Application Number: TE023666

Applicant: Eric R. Britzke, Clinton, Mississippi.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (capture and release) Indiana bats, gray bats, Virginia big-eared bats, Ozark big-eared bats, and Northern flying squirrels (*Glaucomys sabrinus*) throughout the range of the species in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. Proposed activities are for the enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Application Number: TE194099

Applicant: Michael A. Hoggarth, Westerville, Ohio.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (capture and release, capture and relocate) purple cat's paw pearly mussel (*Epioblasma obliquata obliquata*), fanshell (*Cyprogenia stegaria*), white cat's paw (*Epioblasma obliquata perobliqua*), pink mucket pearly mussel (*Lampsilis abrupta*), rayed bean (*Villosa fabalis*), sheepsnose (*Plethobasus cyphus*), and clubshell (*Pluerobema clava*) mussels throughout the State of Ohio. Proposed activities are for the enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Application Number: TE235639

Applicant: Jessica Hickey, P.I., Davey Resource Group, Kent, Ohio.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (capture and release) Indiana bats throughout Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. Proposed activities are for the enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Application Number: TE120231

Applicant: John C. Timpone, Ballwin, Missouri.

The applicant requests an amendment and renewal of his permit to take (capture and release) Indiana bats. The amendment seeks to add the gray bat to the species authorized as well as additional states for authorized activities. The applicant seeks authority in Illinois, Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, New Hampshire, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia. Proposed activities are for the enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Application Number: TE181256

Applicant: Lewis Environmental Consulting, LLC, Murray, Kentucky.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (capture and release) clubshell, Northern riffleshell (*Epioblasma torulosa rangiana*), orange-footed pimpleback pearl mussel (*Plethobasus cooperianus*), pink mucket pearl mussel, rough pigtoe (*Pleurobema plenum*), purple cat's paw pearl mussel, white cat's paw pearl mussel, fanshell, fat pocketbook (*Potamilus capax*), Higgins' eye pearl mussel (*Lampsilis higginsii*), winged mapleleaf (*Quadrula fragosa*), scaleshell (*Leptodea leptodon*), ring pink (*Obovaria retusa*), and white wartyback (*Plethobasus cicatricosus*) mussels throughout the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, West Virginia and Wisconsin. Proposed activities are for the enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Public Comments

We seek public review and comments on these permit applications. Please refer to the permit number when you submit comments. Comments and materials we receive are available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail 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 in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

In compliance with NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), we have made an initial determination that the proposed activities in these permits are categorically excluded from the

requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement (516 DM 6 Appendix 1, 1.4C(1)).

Dated: December 16, 2009.

Lynn M. Lewis,

Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Region 3.

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FOREIGN CLAIMS SETTLEMENT COMMISSION

[F.C.S.C. Meeting and Hearing Notice No. 10-09]

Sunshine Act Meeting

The Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, pursuant to its regulations (45 CFR Part 503.25) and the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b), hereby gives notice in regard to the scheduling of open meetings and oral hearings for the transaction of Commission business and other matters specified, as follows:

Date and time	Subject matter
Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2010: 10:30 a.m. 2 p.m.	Issuance of Proposed Decisions in claims against Albania and Libya. Oral hearing on objections to Commission's Proposed Decision in: Claim of Estate of Mostafa F. Karim, Claim No. LIB-I-052.
Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2010: 9 a.m. 10 a.m. 11 a.m.	Oral hearing on objections to Commission's Proposed Decision in: Claim of Richard Melhart, Claim No. LIB-I-005. Claim of David Jodice, Claim No. LIB-I-008. Claim of Salvatore Ferrigno, Claim No. LIB-I-044 and Claim of Francesco Zerilli, Claim No. LIB-I-049.

STATUS: Open.

All meetings are held at the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, 600 E Street, NW., Washington, DC. Requests for information, or advance notices of intention to observe an open meeting, may be directed to: Administrative Officer, Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, 600 E Street, NW., Room 6002, Washington, DC 20579. Telephone: (202) 616-6975.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review: Comment Request

December 18, 2009.

The Department of Labor (DOL) hereby announces the submission of the following public information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35). A copy of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation; including, among other things, a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of response, and estimated total burden may be obtained from the RegInfo.gov Web site at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain> or by contacting Darrin King on 202-693-4129 (this is

not a toll-free number)/E-mail: DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

Interested parties are encouraged to send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for the Department of Labor—Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, *Telephone: 202-395-7316/Fax: 202-395-5806* (these are not toll-free numbers), E-mail: OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**. In order to ensure the appropriate consideration, comments should reference the OMB Control Number (*see below*). The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including