

recreation resources, trends in uses of those resources, and a basis for developing and evaluating programs and projects to meet existing and future needs.

We collect the information in conjunction with carrying out our responsibilities under the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 777-777M), commonly referred to as the Dingell-Johnson Act, and the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669-669i), commonly referred to as the Pitman-Robertson Act. Under these acts, as amended, we provide approximately \$800 million in grants annually to States for projects that support sport fish and wildlife management and restoration, including:

- Improvement of fish and wildlife habitats,
- Fishing and boating access,
- Fish stocking, and
- Hunting and fishing opportunities.

We also provide grants for aquatic education and hunter education, maintenance of completed projects, and research into problems affecting fish and wildlife resources. These projects help to ensure that the American people have adequate opportunities for fish and wildlife recreation.

We conduct the survey about every 5 years. The 2011 FHWAR will be the 12th conducted since 1955. We sponsor the survey at the States' request, which is made through the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. The Census Bureau collects the information using computer-assisted telephone or in-person interviews. The Census Bureau will select a sample of sportspersons and wildlife watchers from a household screen and conduct three detailed interviews during the survey year. The survey collects information on the number of days of participation, species of animals sought, and expenditures for trips and equipment. Information on the characteristics of participants includes age, income, sex, education, race, and residency.

*Comments:* On February 8, 2010, we published in the **Federal Register** (75 FR 6216) a notice of our intent to request that OMB renew this ICR. In that notice, we solicited comments for 60 days, ending on April 9, 2010. We did not receive any comments.

We again invite comments concerning this information collection on:

- Whether or not the collection of information is necessary, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;
- The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information;

- Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

- Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. 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 OMB in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that it will be done.

Dated: September 2, 2010.

**Hope Grey,**

*Information Collection Clearance Officer,  
Fish and Wildlife Service.*

[FR Doc. 2010-22461 Filed 9-8-10; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 4310-55-S**

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

**[FWS-R3-ES-2010-N193; 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 October 12, 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](mailto: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**.

### Permit Applications

*Permit Application Number:* TE195082.  
*Applicant:* Thomas E. Tomasi, Missouri State University, Springfield, MO.

The applicant requests a permit renewal and amendment to take (capture, temporarily hold, and release) Indiana bats (*Myotis sodalis*) and gray bats (*Myotis grisescens*) in Missouri. Proposed activities include population monitoring, sampling and laboratory experimentation to investigate white-nose syndrome in the interest of enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

*Permit Application Number:* TE151109.  
*Applicant:* Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife, Columbus, OH.

The applicant requests a permit renewal and amendment to take (capture and release; capture and hold in captivity for propagation) American burying beetle (*Nicrophorus americanus*) in Ohio. Propagation of the insects and reintroduction activities are aimed at recovery of the species and enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

*Permit Application Number:* TE697830.  
*Applicant:* Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Twin Cities, MN.

The applicant requests a permit renewal and amendment to take listed species that occur within the States of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin for activities to recover the species and enhance the survival of the species in the wild. The amendment to the permit adds species listed or proposed for listing since January 2005 when the permit was renewed for its current term.

*Permit Application Number:* TE20323A.  
*Applicant:* Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Madison, WI.

The applicant requests a permit for the potential inadvertent take (injury or mortality) of the eastern massasauga rattlesnake (*Sistrurus catenatus catenatus*) should the species become

Federally-listed in the future. The rattlesnake is currently a Federal candidate species. Take associated with the permit may result from habitat management actions for the species at the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' Tiffany State Wildlife Area. These activities are described in the Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances for the Lower Chippewa River Bottoms, Buffalo and Pepin Counties, Wisconsin (EMR CCAA). The EMR CCAA agreement is a 10-year agreement between the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Wisconsin DNR. The permit application, the EMR CCAA, and the Environmental Assessment applicable to this application are available for review on the Service's Web site at: <http://www.fws.gov/midwest/endangered/lists/candidat.html>. The purpose of the proposed activities is enhancement of the survival of the species in the wild. *Permit Application Number*: TE207523. *Applicant*: The Nature Conservancy, Lansing, MI.

The applicant requests a permit amendment to take Karner Blue Butterfly (*Lycaeides melissa samuelis*) and Pitcher's thistle (*Cirsium pitcheri*) on lands within the State of Michigan. Take may occur during habitat management activities designed to enhance the available habitat for the species. Proposed activities are expected to increase habitat for both species and are aimed at 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)), with the exception of Application Number TE20323A, for which an environmental assessment was prepared.

**Lynn M. Lewis,**

*Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Region 3.*

[FR Doc. 2010-22442 Filed 9-8-10; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 4310-55-P**

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R9-IA-2010-N201]  
[96300-1671-0000-P5]

#### Endangered Species Receipt of Applications for Permit

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

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

**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 (ESA) prohibits activities with listed species unless a Federal permit is issued that allows such activities. The ESA laws require that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

**DATES:** We must receive comments or requests for documents or comments on or before October 12, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** Brenda Tapia, Division of Management Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 212, Arlington, VA 22203; fax (703) 358-2280; or e-mail [DMAFR@fws.gov](mailto:DMAFR@fws.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brenda Tapia, (703) 358-2104 (telephone); (703) 358-2280 (fax); [DMAFR@fws.gov](mailto:DMAFR@fws.gov) (e-mail).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Public Comment Procedures

##### A. How Do I Request Copies of Applications or Comment on Submitted Applications?

Send your request for copies of applications or comments and materials concerning any of the applications to the contact listed under **ADDRESSES**. Please include the **Federal Register** notice publication date, the PRT-number, and the name of the applicant

in your request or submission. We will not consider requests or comments sent to an e-mail or address not listed under **ADDRESSES**. If you provide an email address in your request for copies of applications, we will attempt to respond to your request electronically.

Please make your requests or comments as specific as possible. Please confine your comments to issues for which we seek comments in this notice, and explain the basis for your comments. Include sufficient information with your comments 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. We will not consider or include in our administrative record comments we receive after the close of the comment period (see **DATES**) or comments delivered to an address other than those listed above (see **ADDRESSES**).

##### B. May I Review Comments Submitted by Others?

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the address listed under **ADDRESSES**. The public may review documents and other information applicants have sent in support of the application unless our allowing viewing would violate the Privacy Act or Freedom of Information Act. 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.

##### II. Background

To help us carry out our conservation responsibilities for affected species, the Endangered Species Act of 1973, section 10(a)(1)(A), as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) require that we invite public comment before final action on these permit applications.