Reclamation’s 1999 Conservation and Efficiency Criteria as the foundation for developing the water management planning requirements or criteria included in these Refuge Criteria. The Refuge Criteria also incorporated comments, ideas, and suggestions from Refuge/District managers, biologists, water conservation specialists, engineers, the CALFED Bay-Delta Program, and other Central Valley stakeholders. The Refuge Criteria were last updated in 2004 and the proposed 2010 update is currently under review. The Refuge Criteria apply to the following areas: Kern National Wildlife Refuge, Merced National Wildlife Refuge, Pixley National Wildlife Refuge, San Luis National Wildlife Refuge, Los Banos State Wildlife Area, Mendota State Wildlife Area, North Grassland State Wildlife Area, Volta State Wildlife Area, Grassland Resource Conservation District, Colusa National Wildlife Refuge, Delevan National Wildlife Refuge, Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge, Sutter National Wildlife Refuge, and Gray Lodge State Wildlife Area.

Public Disclosure: Before including your name, 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.

Dated: October 12, 2010.

Richard J. Woodley,
Regional Resources Manager, Mid-Pacific Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
National Park Service
Notice of Continuation of Concession Contract; 2410–OYC

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Public notice.

DATES: Effective Date: October 1, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jo A. Pendry, Chief, Commercial Services Program, National Park Service, 1201 Eye Street, NW., 11th Floor, Washington, DC 20005, Telephone 202/513–7156.

The listed concession authorization will expire by its terms on September 30, 2010. The National Park Service has determined that the proposed continuation of visitor services is necessary in order to avoid an interruption of visitor services and has taken all reasonable and appropriate steps to consider alternatives to avoid such interruption.

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Katherine H. Stevenson, 
Associate Director, Business Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered Species Recovery Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of permit applications; request for comment.

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 also requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

DATES: Comments on these permit applications must be received on or before December 15, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Endangered Species Program Manager, Region 8, 2800 Cottage Way, Room W–2606, Sacramento, CA 95825 (telephone: 916–414–6464; fax: 916–414–6486). Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when submitting comments.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following applicants have applied for scientific research permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.). We seek review and comment from local, State, and Federal agencies and the public on the following permit requests. 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.

Branchinecta conservatio, the Conservancy fairy shrimp (Branchinecta conservatio), the longhorn fairy shrimp (Branchinecta longiantenna), the Riverside fairy shrimp (Streptocephalus wootoni), the San Diego fairy shrimp (Branchinectas andiegonensis), and the vernal pool tadpole shrimp (Lepidurus packardi) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of each species in California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. TE–25164A

Applicant: Catherine A. Little, Woodland, California. The applicant requests a permit to take (capture, collect, and kill) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (Branchinecta conservatio), the longhorn fairy shrimp (Branchinecta longiantenna), the Riverside fairy shrimp (Streptocephalus wootoni), the San Diego fairy shrimp (Branchinectas andiegonensis), and the vernal pool tadpole shrimp (Lepidurus packardi) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of each species in California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. TE–25404A

Applicant: Summer N. Adleberg, San Diego, California. The applicant
requests a permit to take (survey by pursuit) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (Euphydryas editha quino) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. TE–25864A

Applicant: Richard C. Stolpe, Carlsbad, California. The applicant requests a permit to take (capture, collect, and kill) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (Branchinectaconservatio), the longhorn fairy shrimp (Branchinectalongianetina), the Riverside fairy shrimp (Streptoccephaluswootoni), the San Diego fairy shrimp (Branchinectasandiegonensis), and the vernal pool tadpole shrimp (Lepidurus packardi) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of each species in California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. TE–066621

Applicant: Naval Base Ventura County Point Mugu, Point Mugu, California. The applicant requests an amendment to an existing permit (December 14, 2007, 72 FR 71145) to take (harass by survey and monitor nests) the light-footed clapper rail (Ralluslongirostrislevipes) in conjunction with surveys and monitoring activities throughout the range of the species in Ventura County, California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

We invite public review and comment on each of these recovery permit applications. Comments and materials we receive will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the address listed in the ADDRESSES section of this notice.

Larry Rabin,
Regional Director, Region 8, Sacramento, California.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Final Environmental Impact Statement and Cape Hatteras National Seashore Off-Road Vehicle Management Plan

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.


SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4332 (2) (C), and the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR part 1500–1508), the National Park Service (NPS), Department of the Interior, announces the availability of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) for the proposed Cape Hatteras National Seashore (Seashore) Off-Road Vehicle Management Plan (Plan/FEIS). The Plan/FEIS will enable NPS to develop regulations and procedures to manage off-road vehicle (ORV) use/access in the Seashore consistent with the Executive Orders on ORV use on Federal lands and NPS regulations.

DATES: The NPS will execute a Record of Decision no sooner than 30 days from the date of publication of the Notice of Availability of the FEIS in the Federal Register by the Environmental Protection Agency

ADDRESSES: Electronic copies of the document are available for public review online at http://parkplanning.nps.gov/caha. A limited number of compact disks (CDs) and hard copies of the FEIS are available at the Seashore headquarters, 1401 National Park Drive, Manteo, NC 27954. You may also request a hard copy or CD by contacting Superintendent Mike Murray, Cape Hatteras National Seashore, 1401 National Park Drive, Manteo, NC 27954.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Plan/FEIS is to develop regulations and procedures that manage ORV use and access in the Seashore to protect and preserve natural and cultural resources and natural processes, to provide a variety of visitor use experiences while minimizing conflicts among various users, and to promote the safety of all visitors. Executive Order 11989 of 1972, amended by Executive Order 11989 of 1977, requires certain Federal agencies permitting ORV use on Agency lands to designate specific trails and areas. Title 36, section 4.10 of the Code of Federal Regulations implements the Executive Orders by providing that routes and areas designated for ORV use in units of the National Park System shall be promulgated as special regulations. Therefore, this Plan/FEIS is necessary to bring the Seashore in compliance with Executive Orders 11644 and 11989, address the lack of an approved plan, and provide for protected species management in relation to ORV use. The FEIS evaluates two no action alternatives and four action alternatives for managing ORV use, and identifies their potential environmental consequences. Consistent with NPS laws, regulations, and policies, and the purpose of the Seashore, the FEIS describes Alternative F as the NPS preferred alternative. Alternative F provides a reasonably balanced approach to designating ORV routes and vehicle free areas while providing for the protection of park resources.

Alternative A would manage ORV use and access at the Seashore based on the 2007 Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Interim Protected Species Management Strategy/Environmental Assessment and the Superintendent’s Compendium 2007, as well as elements from the 1978 draft interim ORV management plan that were incorporated in Superintendent’s Order 7. Alternative B would continue management in effect during 2008–2010. Under alternative B, management of ORV use would follow the terms described under alternative A, except as modified by the provisions of the consent decree, as amended. Modifications in the consent decree include changes to resource protection buffers and closures for various species at the Seashore and added restrictions related to night driving. Alternative C emphasizes seasonal designation of ORV routes. It would provide visitors to the Seashore with a degree of predictability regarding areas available for ORV use, as well as vehicle-free areas, based largely on the seasonal resource and visitor use characteristics of various areas in the Seashore.

Alternative D would give visitors to the Seashore the maximum amount of predictability regarding areas available for ORV use and vehicle-free areas for pedestrian use. Restrictions would be applied to larger areas over longer periods of time to minimize changes in designated ORV and non-ORV areas over the course of the year. Alternative E would provide use areas for all types of visitors to the Seashore with a wide variety of access for both ORV and pedestrian users, but often with controls or restrictions in place to limit impacts on sensitive resources. Interdunal road and ramp access would be improved, and more pedestrian access would be provided through substantial additions to parking capacity at various key locations that lend themselves to walking on the beach. Alternative E would provide more miles of ORV routes, shorter hours of ORV night closure during sea turtle nesting season, a park and stay program, and a self-contained vehicle camping program.