

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Nominations of New Members to the Invasive Species Advisory Committee (ISAC)**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, National Invasive Species Council.

**ACTION:** Request for Nominations for the Invasive Species Advisory Committee.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of the Interior, on behalf of the interdepartmental National Invasive Species Council, proposes to appoint new members to the Invasive Species Advisory Committee (ISAC). The Secretary of the Interior, acting as administrative lead, is requesting nominations for qualified persons to serve as members of the ISAC.

**DATES:** Nominations must be postmarked by June 3, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Nominations should be sent to Lori Williams, Executive Director, National Invasive Species Council (OS/NISC), Regular Mail: 1849 C Street, NW. (MS 1201 EYE), Washington, DC 20240; Express Mail: 1201 Eye Street, NW., 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20005.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kelsey Brantley, Program Specialist and ISAC Coordinator, at (202) 513-7243, fax: (202) 371-1751, or by e-mail at [Kelsey\\_Brantley@ios.doi.gov](mailto:Kelsey_Brantley@ios.doi.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Advisory Committee Scope and Objectives**

The purpose and role of the ISAC are to provide advice to the National Invasive Species Council (NISC), as authorized by Executive Order 13112, on a broad array of issues including preventing the introduction of invasive species, providing for their control, and minimizing the economic, ecological, and human health impacts that invasive species cause. NISC is Co-chaired by the Secretaries of the Interior, Agriculture, and Commerce, and is charged with providing coordination, planning and leadership regarding invasive species issues. Pursuant to the Executive Order, NISC developed a 2008–2012 National Invasive Species Management Plan (Plan), which is available on the Web at [http://www.invasivespecies.gov/main\\_nav/mn\\_NISC\\_ManagementPlan.html](http://www.invasivespecies.gov/main_nav/mn_NISC_ManagementPlan.html). NISC is responsible for effective implementation of the Plan including any revisions of the Plan, and also coordinates Federal agency activities concerning invasive species; encourages planning and action at local, tribal, State, regional and ecosystem-based levels; develops recommendations for

international cooperation in addressing invasive species; facilitates the development of a coordinated network to document, evaluate, and monitor impacts from invasive species; and facilitates establishment of an information-sharing system on invasive species that utilizes, to the greatest extent practicable, the Internet.

The role of ISAC is to maintain an intensive and regular dialogue regarding the aforementioned issues. ISAC provides advice in cooperation with stakeholders and existing organizations addressing invasive species. The ISAC meets up to twice per year.

Terms for 13 of the current members of the ISAC will expire in September 2011. After consultation with the other members of NISC, the Secretary of the Interior will actively solicit new nominees and appoint members to ISAC. Prospective members of ISAC should be knowledgeable in and represent one or more of the following communities of interests: Weed science, fisheries science, rangeland management, forest science, entomology, nematology, plant pathology, veterinary medicine, the broad range of farming or agricultural practices, biodiversity issues, applicable laws and regulations relevant to invasive species policy, risk assessment, biological control of invasive species, public health/epidemiology, industry activities, international affairs or trade, tribal or state government interests, environmental education, ecosystem monitoring, natural resource database design and integration, and internet-based management of conservation issues.

Prospective nominees should also have practical experience in one or more of the following areas: Representing sectors of the national economy that are significantly threatened by biological invasions (*e.g.*, agriculture, fisheries, public utilities, recreational users, tourism, etc.); representing sectors of the national economy whose routine operations may pose risks of new or expanded biological invasions (*e.g.*, shipping, forestry, horticulture, aquaculture, pet trade, etc.); developing natural resource management plans on regional or ecosystem-level scales; addressing invasive species issues, including prevention, control and monitoring, in multiple ecosystems and on multiple scales; integrating science and the human dimension in order to create effective solutions to complex conservation issues including education, outreach, and public relations experts; coordinating diverse groups of stakeholders to resolve

complex environmental issues and conflicts; and complying with NEPA and other Federal requirements for public involvement in major conservation plans. Members will be selected in order to achieve a balanced representation of viewpoints, so to effectively address invasive species issues under consideration. No member may serve on the ISAC for more than two (2) consecutive terms. All terms will be limited to three (3) years in length.

Members of the ISAC and its subcommittees serve without pay. However, while away from their homes or regular places of business in the performance of services of the ISAC, members shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in the government service, as authorized by section 5703 of Title 5, United States Code. Employees of the Federal Government ARE NOT eligible for nomination or appointment to ISAC.

The Obama administration prohibits individuals who are currently federally registered lobbyists to serve on all FACA and non-FACA boards, committees or councils.

**Submitting Nominations**

Nominations should be typed and must include each of the following:

1. A brief summary of no more than two (2) pages explaining the nominee's suitability to serve on the ISAC.
2. A resume or curriculum vitae.
3. At least two (2) letters of reference.

All required documents must be compiled and submitted in one complete nomination package. This office will NOT assemble nomination packages from documentation sent piecemeal. Incomplete submissions (missing one or more of the items described above) will not be considered. Nominations should be postmarked no later than June 3, 2011, to Lori Williams, Executive Director, National Invasive Species Council (OS/NISC), Regular Mail: 1849 C Street NW. (MS 1201 EYE), Washington, DC, 20240; Express Mail: 1201 Eye Street, NW., 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20005.

The Secretary of the Interior, on behalf of the other members of NISC, is actively soliciting nominations of qualified minorities, women, persons with disabilities and members of low income populations to ensure that recommendations of the ISAC take into account the needs of the diverse groups served.

Dated: March 30, 2011.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

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### Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Permits

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

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

**SUMMARY:** We announce our receipt of applications to conduct certain activities pertaining to enhancement of survival of endangered species. The Endangered Species Act requires that we invite public comment on these permit applications.

**DATES:** Written comments on this request for a permit must be received by May 4, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written data or comments to the Assistant Regional Director—Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 25486, Denver Federal Center, Denver, CO 80225-0486; facsimile 303-236-0027.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Public Availability of Comments

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.

#### Document Availability

Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) and Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552), by any party who submits a request for a copy of such documents within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice to Kris Olsen, by mail (see **ADDRESSES**) or by telephone at 303-236-4256. All comments we receive from individuals become part of the official public record.

### Applications

The following applicants have requested issuance of enhancement of survival permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species pursuant to Section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

#### Renewals

*Applicants:* Rockford Plettner, Nebraska Public Power District, Columbus, Nebraska, TE-039100; Kathleen Triby, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bowdoin National Wildlife Refuge, Malta, Montana, TE-127250; and Chadwin Smith, Headwaters Corp., Kearney, Nebraska, TE-183430. These applicants request renewed permits to take interior least terns (*Sterna antillarum athalassos*) and piping plovers (*Charadrius melodus*) in conjunction with recovery activities throughout the species' ranges for the purpose of enhancing their survival and recovery.

*Applicants:* Brian Holmes, Bureau of Land Management, Meeker, Colorado, TE-121911; Ben Janis, Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, Lower Brule, South Dakota, TE-131398; and Duane Shroufe, Arizona Game and Fish Department, Phoenix, Arizona, TE-163125. These applicants request renewed permits to take black-footed ferrets (*Mustela nigripes*) in conjunction with recovery activities throughout the species' range for the purpose of enhancing its survival and recovery.

*Applicants:* U.S. Geological Survey, South Dakota Coop Unit, Brookings, South Dakota, TE-104580; Patrick Braaten, U.S. Geological Survey, Ft. Peck, Montana, TE-047285; Rob Holm, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Garrison Dam National Fish Hatchery, Riverdale, North Dakota, TE-062035; and Jeffery Powell, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Gavins Point National Fish Hatchery, Yankton, South Dakota, TE-109048. These applicants request renewed permits to take pallid sturgeons (*Scaphirhynchus albus*) in conjunction with recovery activities throughout the species' range for the purpose of enhancing its survival and recovery.

*Applicants:* Melvin Coonrod, EIS Environmental and Engineering Consulting, Helper, Utah, TE-044836; Jim Friedley, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Ignacio, Colorado, TE-047381; William Butler, ERO Resources Corp., Denver, Colorado, TE-040510; and Peter Smith, Smith Environmental and Engineering, Westminster, Colorado, TE-044780. These applicants request renewed permits to take Southwestern willow flycatchers (*Empidonax traillii extimus*)

in conjunction with recovery activities throughout the species' range for the purpose of enhancing its survival and recovery.

*Applicant:* National Park Service, Prairie Cluster Ecological Monitoring, Republic, Missouri, TE-047288. The applicant requests a renewed permit to take Topeka shiner (*Notropis topeka*) in conjunction with recovery activities throughout the species' range for the purpose of enhancing its survival and recovery.

*Applicant:* Claire Crow, National Park Service, Zion National Park, Springdale, Utah, TE-057485. The applicant requests a renewed permit to take Southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*), *Arctomecon humilis* (Dwarf bear-poppy), *Astragalus holmgreniorum* (Holmgren milk-vetch), and *Astragalus ampullarioides* (Shivwitz milk-vetch) in conjunction with recovery activities throughout the species' range for the purpose of enhancing their survival and recovery.

*Applicant:* Rabby Chapo, Lincoln Children's Zoo, Lincoln, Nebraska, TE-210754. The applicant requests a renewed permit to take Salt Creek tiger beetle (*Cicindela nevadica lincolniiana*) in conjunction with recovery activities throughout the species' range for the purpose of enhancing its survival and recovery.

#### Display Renewal

*Applicant:* Robert Brynda, Landry's Downtown Aquarium, Denver, Colorado, TE-046427. The applicant requests a renewed permit to possess bonytail chub (*Gila elegans*), humpback chub (*Gila cypha*), Colorado pikeminnow (*Ptychocheilus lucius*), razorback sucker (*Xyrauchen texanus*), desert pupfish (*Cyprinodon macularius*), and green sea turtle (*Chelonia mydas agassisi*) for public display and propagation in conjunction with recovery activities for the purpose of enhancing their survival and recovery.

*Applicant:* Tony Korth, Ak-sar-ben Aquarium, Gretna, Nebraska, TE-039090. The applicant requests a renewed permit to possess pallid sturgeon (*Scaphirhynchus albus*) for public display and propagation in conjunction with recovery activities for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival and recovery.

*Applicant:* Tracy Brower-Thessing, Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, Colorado Springs, Colorado, TE-040748. The applicant requests a renewed permit to possess black-footed ferret (*Mustela nigripes*) and Wyoming toad (*Bufo baxteri*) for public display and