

identification and refinement of WEAs (areas on the OCS that appear to be suitable for renewable energy development), within which BOEMRE will focus its leasing efforts. In consultation with other Federal agencies and BOEMRE's Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Task Forces, BOEMRE identified WEAs offshore New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia. On February 9, 2011, BOEMRE identified these WEAs in a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an EA for Mid-Atlantic WEAs (76 FR 7226), which requested public input with regard to the identification of the important environmental issues associated with leasing and site assessment within the identified WEAs, and alternatives to be considered in the EA. BOEMRE considered these public comments in drafting the alternatives and assessing the reasonably foreseeable environmental impacts associated with each. Comments received in response to the NOI can be viewed at <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching for Docket ID BOEM-2010-0077.

Comments

Federal, state, and local government agencies, tribal governments, and other interested parties are requested to submit their written comments on the draft EA in one of the following ways:

1. Electronically: <http://www.regulations.gov>. In the entry titled "Enter Keyword or ID," enter BOEM-2011-0053, then click "search." Follow the instructions to submit public comments and view supporting and related materials available for this document.

2. In written form, delivered by hand or by mail, enclosed in an envelope labeled "Comments on Mid Atlantic WEA Draft EA" to Program Manager, Office of Offshore Alternative Energy Programs (MS 4090), Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement, 381 Elden Street, Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817.

Comments should be submitted no later than August 11, 2011. All written comments received during the comment period will be made available to the public and considered during preparation of the final EA.

Dated: June 8, 2011.

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Acting Associate Director for Offshore Energy and Minerals Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R4-ES-2011-N129; 40120-1112-0000-F5]

Receipt of Applications for Endangered Species Permits

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

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 requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

DATES: We must receive written data or comments on the applications at the address given below, by *August 11, 2011*.

ADDRESSES: Documents and other information submitted with the applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, GA 30345 (Attn: Cameron Shaw, Permit Coordinator).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cameron Shaw, telephone 904/731-3191; facsimile 904/731-3045.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The public is invited to comment on the following applications for permits to conduct certain activities with endangered and threatened species pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and our regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR part 17. This notice is provided under section 10(c) of the Act.

If you wish to comment, you may submit comments by any one of the following methods. You may mail comments to the Fish and Wildlife Service's Regional Office (see **ADDRESSES** section) or via electronic mail (e-mail) to: permitsR4ES@fws.gov. Please include your name and return address in your e-mail message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the Fish and Wildlife Service that we have received your e-mail message, contact

us directly at the telephone number listed above (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section). Finally, you may hand deliver comments to the Fish and Wildlife Service office listed above (see **ADDRESSES** section).

Before including your address, telephone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, 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 comments to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Applicant: William Holimon, Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission, Little Rock, Arkansas, TE-142294.

The applicant requests renewal of authorization for trapping, banding, translocating, and installing artificial nesting cavities for red-cockaded woodpeckers (*Picoides borealis*) in Arkansas.

Applicant: Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Social Circle, Georgia, TE-36886A.

Applicant requests renewal of authorization to take (capture and release) Indiana bats (*Myotis sodalist*) and gray bats (*Myotis grisescens*) for the purpose of conducting presence/absence surveys, population monitoring, and ecological studies. This work will be conducted throughout Georgia.

Applicant: CCR Environmental Inc., Atlanta, Georgia, TE-59008.

Applicant requests amendment of permit to add the following species for the purpose of conducting presence/absence surveys in the States of Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Kentucky, and Louisiana: Armored snail (*Pyrgulopsis pachyta*), speckled pocketbook (*Lampsilis streckeri*), and Rabbitsfoot (*Quadrula cylindrical cylindrical*).

Applicant: Avian Research and Conservation Institute, Gainesville, Florida, TE-38642A.

Applicant requests authorization to take snail kites (*Rostrhamus sociabilis*) for the purpose of attaching scientific devices to conduct research. This activity will be conducted in Polk, Osceola, Glades, Okeechobee, Martin, Palm Beach, Hendry, Broward, Collier, Monroe and Dade Counties, Florida.

Applicant: University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, TE-38522A.

Applicant requests authorization to take Indiana bats and gray bats for the purpose of conducting research on these

species within Barren, Edmonson and Hart Counties, Kentucky.

Applicant: Christopher Hintz, PhD., Savannah State University, Savannah, Georgia, TE-40005A.

Applicant requests authorization to take by the use of ground penetrating radar, nests of loggerhead sea turtle (*Caretta caretta*), green sea turtle (*Chelonia mydas*) and leatherback sea turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*) for the purpose of studying nesting success. This work will be conducted throughout the Atlantic coastline of Georgia.

Applicant: Dr. David Nelson, University of South Alabama, Mobile, Alabama, TE-40523A.

Applicant requests authorization to take (trap, take tissue samples) the Alabama red-bellied turtle (*Pseudemys alabamensis*). This study will be conducted in the Blakeley River drainage in Alabama.

Applicant: Dr. Thomas Risch, Arkansas State University, Jonesboro Arkansas, TE-75913.

Applicant requests renewal of authorization to take (capture and release) Indiana bats, Ozark big-eared bats (*Corynorhinus townsendii ingens*), and gray bats for the purpose of conducting presence/absence surveys, population monitoring, and ecological studies. This work will be conducted throughout Arkansas.

Applicant: Stuart McGregor, Geologic Survey of Alabama, Tuscaloosa Alabama, TE-41252A.

Applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys throughout Alabama for 39 listed mussel species.

Applicant: Eglin Air Force Base, Niceville Florida, TE-42183A.

The applicant requests authorization for trapping, banding, translocating and installing artificial nesting cavities for red-cockaded woodpeckers on Eglin Air Force Base, Niceville Florida.

Applicant: David Saugey, Jessieville, Arkansas, TE-43704A.

Applicant requests authorization for non-lethal take of Indiana bats, gray bats, Virginia big-eared bats (*Corynorhinus townsendii virginianus*) and Ozark big-eared bats for the purpose of conducting presence/absence surveys and collecting scientific data on roost sites. This work will be conducted throughout the range of these species.

Applicant: Department of Natural and Environmental Resources, Cupey, Puerto Rico, TE-125521.

Applicant requests a permit amendment to house Puerto Rican parrots (*Amazona vittata*) at the Puerto Rico Zoo in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico.

Dated: June 16, 2011.

Mark J. Musaus,

Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R1-ES-2011-N027; 10120-1112-0000-F2]

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Draft Habitat Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment for Construction and Operations at Kauai Lagoons Resort and Golf Course on Kauai, HI

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; receipt of permit application.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), have received an application from Kauai Lagoons LLC (KL) (applicant) for an incidental take permit (ITP) under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA). The applicant is requesting a 30-year ITP to authorize take of eight bird species—six endangered, one threatened, and one candidate for listing. The ITP application includes a draft habitat conservation plan (HCP) that describes the actions and measures the applicant will implement to minimize, mitigate, and monitor incidental take of the covered species. The ITP application also includes a draft implementing agreement (IA). The Service also announces the availability of a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) that has been prepared in response to the permit application in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The Service is making the permit application materials and draft EA available for public review and comment.

DATES: All comments from interested parties must be received on or before August 26, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Please address written comments to Loyal Mehrhoff, Project Leader, Pacific Islands Fish and Wildlife Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 300 Ala Moana Boulevard, Room 3-122, Honolulu, HI 96850. You may also send comments by facsimile to (808) 792-9581.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michelle Bogardus, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (see **ADDRESSES** above); telephone (808) 792-9400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The applicant is requesting a 30-year ITP to authorize take of six bird species that are federally listed as endangered: the Hawaiian goose (*Branta sandvicensis*), Hawaiian moorhen (*Gallinula chloropus sandvicensis*), Hawaiian coot (*Fulica alai*), Hawaiian duck (*Anas wyvilliana*), Hawaiian stilt (*Himantopus mexicanus knudseni*), and the Hawaiian petrel (*Pterodroma sandwichensis*). The requested ITP would also cover Newell's shearwater (*Puffinus auricularis newelli*), which is federally listed as threatened, and the band-rumped storm petrel (*Oceanodroma castro*), a candidate for listing under the ESA.

KL is also applying for an incidental take license (ITL) from the Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to comply with State endangered species laws.

Availability of Documents

You may request copies of the draft HCP, IA, and EA by contacting the Service's Pacific Islands Fish and Wildlife Office (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** above). These documents are also available electronically for review on the Service's Pacific Islands Fish and Wildlife Office *Web site* at <http://www.fws.gov/pacificislands>. Comments the Service receives, as well as supporting documentation used in preparing the final NEPA document, will become part of the public record and will be available for public inspection by appointment during regular business hours. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, this cannot be guaranteed.

The Service specifically requests information from the public on whether the application meets the statutory and regulatory requirements for issuing a permit, and identification of any aspects of the human environment that should be analyzed in the EA. The Service is soliciting information regarding the adequacy of the HCP to minimize, mitigate, and monitor the proposed incidental take of the covered species and to provide for adaptive management, as evaluated against our permit issuance criteria found in section 10(a) of the ESA, 16 U.S.C. 1539(a), and 50 CFR 13.21, 17.22, and 17.32. In