
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: BOEMRE developed the Final Supplemental EIS for WPA Lease Sale 218 in order to consider new circumstances and information arising from, among other things, the Deepwater Horizon event and spill. This Final Supplemental EIS provides updates on the baseline conditions and potential environmental effects of oil and natural gas leasing, exploration, development, and production in the WPA. BOEMRE conducted an extensive search for new information made available since completion of the Multisale EIS and the 2009–2012 Supplemental EIS and in consideration of the Deepwater Horizon event, including scientific journals; interviews with personnel from academic institutions and Federal, State, and local agencies; and available scientific data and information from academic institutions and Federal, State, and local agencies. BOEMRE has reexamined potential impacts of routine activities and accidental events, including a possible large-scale event, associated with the proposed WPA lease sale and the proposed lease sale’s incremental contribution to the cumulative impacts on environmental and socioeconomic resources. Like the Multisale EIS and the 2009–2012 Supplemental EIS, the oil and gas resource estimates and scenario information for this Final Supplemental EIS are presented as ranges that would likely be involved as a result of this proposed lease sale.

Final Supplemental EIS Availability: To obtain a single printed or CD-ROM copy of the Final Supplemental EIS for WPA Lease Sale 218, you may contact the BOEMRE, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, Public Information Office (MS 5410), 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, Room 250, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123–2394 (1–800–200–GULF). An electronic copy of the Final Supplemental EIS (as well as links to the Multisale EIS and the 2009–2012 Supplemental EIS) is available at BOEMRE’s Internet Web site at http://www.boem.gov/homepg/ regulate/environ/nepa/nepaprocess.html. The CD-ROM version of the Final Supplemental EIS also contains copies of the Multisale EIS and the 2009–2012 Supplemental EIS. Several libraries along the Gulf Coast have been sent copies of the Final Supplemental EIS. To find out which libraries, and their locations, have copies of the Final Supplemental EIS for review, you may contact BOEMRE’s Public Information Office or visit BOEMRE’s Internet Web site at http://www.gomr.boem.gov/homepg/ regulate/environ/libraries.html.

Comments: Federal, State, and local government agencies and other interested parties are requested to send their written comments on the Final Supplemental EIS in one of the following two ways:

1. In written form enclosed in an envelope labeled “Comments on the WPA Lease Sale 218 Final Supplemental EIS” and mailed (or hand carried) to Gary D. Goeke, Chief, Environmental Assessment Section, Leasing and Environment (MS 5410), Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123–2394.

2. Electronically to the BOEMRE e-mail address: WPASupplementalEIS@boemre.gov. Comments should be submitted no later than 30 days from the publication of this NOA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For more information on the Final Supplemental EIS, you may contact Mr. Gary D. Goeke, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard (MS 5410), New Orleans, Louisiana 70123–2394, or by e-mail at WPASupplementalEIS@boemre.gov. You may also contact Mr. Goeke by telephone at (504) 736–3233.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service


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 September 12, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments by U.S. mail to the Regional Director, Attn: Lisa Mandell, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, 5600 American Blvd, West, Suite 900, Bloomington, MN 55437–1458; or by electronic mail to permitsR3ES@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisa Mandell, (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: TE48832A.

Applicant: Kevin J. Roe, Iowa State University, Ames, IA.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and release; non-destructive sampling) scaleshell mussel (Leptodea leptodon) and pink mucket (Lampsilis abrupta) in Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Missouri, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and West Virginia. Proposed activities are for the enhancement of survival of the species in the wild through scientific study.

Permit Application Number: TE182436.

Applicant: Illinois Natural History Survey, Champaign, IL.

The applicant requests an amendment to permit number TE182436 to take (capture and release; capture and kill) Indiana bats (Myotis sodalis) throughout the State of Illinois. Proposed activities are to monitor and evaluate the
population to enhance the recovery and survival of the species in the wild. Proposed lethal take activities are associated with scientific research of white-nose syndrome in the Indiana bat and its habitats.

**Permit Application Number:** TE48833A.

**Applicant:** Dr. Brian Carver, Tennessee Tech University, Cookeville, TN.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and release) Indiana bats and gray bats (Myotis grisescens) in the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia. Proposed activities are aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

**Permit Application Number:** TE35503A.

**Applicants:** Department of Natural Resources/Department of Conservation, States of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin.

In anticipation of the spread of white-nose syndrome and the possible issuance of permits under section 10(a)(1)(A), we announce the intention to issue such permits, including the possible use of lethal taking to address public health concerns and scientific research aimed at recovery of the species. These permits will address take of Indiana bats and gray bats in the Midwest for these purposes.

**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)).