

Permit TE-798998

Applicant: Horizon Environmental Services, Inc., Austin, Texas.

Applicant requests an amendment to a current permit for research and recovery purposes to allow handling and relocating of interior least tern (*Sternula antillarum athalassos*) chicks during construction projects for Texas Department of Transportation projects within Red River County, Texas and McCurtain County, Oklahoma.

Permit TE-815409

Applicant: New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Applicant requests an amendment to a current permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys, camera surveys, scat collection, and genetic analysis for jaguar (*Panthera onca*) within New Mexico.

Permit TE-88512A

Applicant: New Mexico Department of Transportation—Environmental Bureau, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys of southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) within New Mexico.

Permit TE-205904

Applicant: Heritage Environmental Consultants, Denver, Colorado.

Applicant requests a renewal to a current permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys of black-footed ferret (*Mustela nigripes*) within Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Kansas and Nebraska; Preble's meadow jumping mouse (*Zapus hudsonius preblei*) within Colorado; and southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) within New Mexico and Arizona.

Permit TE-88519A

Applicant: U.S. Forest Service Lincoln National Forest, Alamogordo, New Mexico.

Applicant requests a new permit for Sacramento prickly-poppy (*Argemone pinnatisecta*) to collect, store, and transport seeds, plant materials, and whole plants; establish a seed production garden; establish educational displays; establish a seed production plot in cooperation with Los Lunas Plant Materials Center; grow individuals for transport to the Los Lunas Plant Materials Center; and transplant cultivated plants and seed

within potential range on Forest Service lands within New Mexico.

Permit TE-205717

Applicant: Valerie Collins, San Antonio, Texas.

Applicant requests a renewal to a current permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys of the following species within Texas:

- Bee Creek Cave harvestman (*Texella reddelli*)
- Black-capped vireo (*Vireo atricapilla*)
- Bone Cave harvestman (*Texella reyesi*)
- Braken Bat Cave meshweaver (*Cicurina venii*)
- Coffin Cave mold beetle (*Batrisodes texanus*)
- Cokendolpher Cave harvestman (*Texella cokendolpheri*)
- Golden-cheeked warbler (*Dendroica chrysoparia*)
- Government Canyon Bat Cave meshweaver (*Cicurina vespera*)
- Government Canyon Bat Cave spider (*Neoleptoneta microps*)
- Ground beetle (*Rhadine exilis*)
- Ground beetle (*Rhadine infernalis*)
- Helotes mold beetle (*Batrisodes venyivi*)
- Houston toad (*Bufo houstonensis*)
- Interior least tern (*Sterna antillarum*)
- Jaguarundi (*Herpailurus yagouaroundi*)
- Kretschmarr Cave mold beetle (*Texamaurops reddelli*)
- Madla's Cave meshweaver (*Cicurina madla*)
- Northern aplomado falcon (*Falco femoralis*)
- Ocelot (*Leopardus pardalis*)
- Piping plover (*Charadrius melodus*)
- Red-cockaded woodpecker (*Picoides borealis*)
- Robber Baron Cave meshweaver (*Cicurina baronia*)
- Texas trailing phlox (*Phlox nivalis* ssp. *texensis*)
- Tooth Cave ground beetle (*Rhadine persephone*)
- Tooth Cave pseudoscorpion (*Tartarocreagris texana*)
- Tooth Cave spider (*Neoleptoneta* (= *Leptoneta*) *myopica*)

Permit TE-89061A

Applicant: Arizona State University of Life Sciences, Tempe, Arizona.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes for Kearney's blue state (*Amsonia kearneyana*) to conduct presence/absence surveys, conduct microclimate analysis, and to germinate in the wild

with seed donated by Desert Botanical Garden (Phoenix, Arizona) within Brown Canyon, Pima County, Arizona.

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)).

Public Availability of Comments

All comments and materials we receive in response to this request will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the address listed in the ADDRESSES section of this notice.

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 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.

Authority: We provide this notice under section 10 of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: November 15, 2012.

Michelle Shaughnessy,

Regional Director, Southwest Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**[FWS-R3-ES-2012-N270;
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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 (USFWS), 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 December 21, 2012.

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 990, 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: TE38856A

Applicant: Skelly & Loy, Inc., Harrisburg, PA.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (capture and release) the Indiana bats (*Myotis sodalis*), gray bat (*Myotis grisescens*), and Virginia big-eared bat (*Corynorhinus townsendii virginianus*) throughout the ranges of the species. Proposed activities are for the enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Application Number: TE89557A

Applicant: URS Corporation, Cleveland, OH.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and release) the following endangered mussel species: Clubshell (*Pleurobema clava*), sheepnose (*Plethobasus cyphus*), spectaclecase (*Cumberlandia monodonta*), fanshell (*Cyprogenia stegaria*), snuffbox (*Epioblasma triquetra*), Higgins' eye pearl mussel (*Lampsilis higginsii*), fat pocketbook (*Potamilus capax*), pink mucket pearl mussel (*Lampsilis abrupta*), and rayed bean (*Villosa fabalis*). Proposed activities would occur throughout the States of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, and Wisconsin and include presence/absence surveys to enhance the recovery and survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Application Number: TE89559A

Applicant: URS Corporation, Cleveland, OH.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and release) the Indiana bat throughout Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, and Wisconsin. Proposed activities are for the documentation of presence/probable absence of the species and documentation of habitat use to enhance the recovery and survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Application Number: TE105320

Applicant: Tragus Environmental Consulting, Inc., Akron, OH.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (capture and release) Indiana bats and gray bats throughout the ranges of the species. Proposed activities are for the enhancement of recovery and survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Application Number: TE206781

Applicant: Ecological Specialists, Inc., O'Fallon, MO.

The applicant requests a permit renewal, with amendment, to take (capture and release; capture and relocate) endangered mussels throughout the States of Arkansas, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New York, Pennsylvania, Oklahoma, Ohio, South Dakota, Tennessee, Virginia, Wisconsin, and West Virginia. The following mussel species are included: Clubshell, dwarf wedgemussel (*Alasmidonta heterodon*), fanshell, fat pocketbook, Higgins' eye pearl mussel, northern riffleshell (*Epioblasma torulosa rangiana*), orange-foot pimpleback (*Plethobasus cooperianus*), Ouachita rock pocketbook (*Arkansia wheeleri*), pink mucket pearl mussel, rayed bean, ring pink (*Obovaria retusa*), rough pigtoe (*Pleurobema plenum*), scaleshell (*Leptodea leptodon*), winged mapleleaf (*Quadrula fragosa*), spectaclecase, spectacled pocketbook (*Lampsilis streckeri*), sheepnose, and snuffbox. Proposed activities are for the recovery and enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Application Number: TE07730A

Applicant: Redwing Ecological Services, Inc.

The applicant requests a permit renewal, with amendment, to take (capture and release) the following listed species throughout their ranges, within the States of Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, West

Virginia, and Wisconsin: Palezone shiner (*Notropis albizonatus*), blackside dace (*Phoxinus cumberlandensis*), relict darter (*Etheostoma chienense*), tuxedo darter (*Etheostoma lemniscatum*), cumberland darter (*Etheostoma susanae*), scioto madtom (*Noturus trautmani*), pallid sturgeon (*Scaphirrhynchus albus*), cumberland elktoe (*Alasmidonta atropurpurea*), fanshell, dromedary pearl mussel (*Dromus dromas*), cumberlandian combshell (*Epioblasma brevidens*), oyster mussel (*Epioblasma capsaeformis*), tan riffleshell (*Epioblasma florentina walkeri*), catspaw (*Epioblasma obliquata obliquata*), White catspaw (*Epioblasma obliquata perobliqua*), northern riffleshell, tubercled blossom (*Epioblasma torulosa torulosa*), cracking pearl mussel (*Hemistena lata*), pink mucket, Higgins' eye pearl mussel, scaleshell, ring pink, littlewing pearl mussel (*Pegias fabula*), white wartyback (*Plethobasus cicatricosus*), orangefoot pimpleback, clubshell, rough pigtoe, fat pocketbook, winged mapleleaf, cumberland bean (*Villosa trabalis*), spectaclecase, snuffbox, sheepnose, and rayed bean. Proposed activities are for the recovery and enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Application Number: TE89558A

Applicant: Shannon E. Romeling, Valdez, NM.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and release) the Indiana bat, gray bat, Virginia big-eared bat, and Ozark big-eared bat (*Corynorhinus townsendii ingens*) throughout the ranges of the species. Proposed activities are for the documentation of presence/probable absence of the species and documentation of habitat use to enhance the recovery and survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Application Number: TE06809A

Applicant: U.S. Forest Service, Northern Research Station (Dr. Sybill Amelon, P.I.), Columbia, MO.

The applicant requests a permit amendment to take (collect) gray bats in Missouri for scientific purposes in the interest of recovery of the species through study of white-nose syndrome in the species.

Permit Application Number: TE38785A

Applicant: Merrill B. Tawse, Mansfield, OH.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (capture and release) Indiana bats throughout the range of the species. Proposed activities are for the

documentation of presence/probable absence of the species and documentation of habitat use to enhance the recovery and survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Application Number: TE31310A

Applicant: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, St. Paul, MN.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (capture and release) the Topeka shiner (*Notropis topeka*) within the State of Minnesota. Proposed activities are for the purpose of population monitoring to enhance the recovery and survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Application Number: TE206783

Applicant: Marlo M. Perdicas, Marshallville, OH.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (capture and release) Indiana bats and gray bats throughout the ranges of the species. Proposed activities are for the documentation of presence/probable absence of the species and documentation of habitat use to enhance the recovery and 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, email 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: November 8, 2012.

Lynn M. Lewis,

Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Midwest Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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**North Slope Federal Subsistence
Regional Advisory Council Meeting**

AGENCY: Forest Service, Agriculture; Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting (teleconference).

SUMMARY: This notice informs the public that the North Slope Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council (Council) will hold a public meeting by teleconference on December 7, 2013. The public is invited to participate and to provide oral testimony. The purpose of the Council is to provide recommendations and information to the Federal Subsistence Board, to review policies and management plans, and to provide a public forum for subsistence issues.

DATES: The teleconference will take place on December 7, 2013, at 9 a.m. For how to participate, please see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**, below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chair, Federal Subsistence Board, by U.S. mail c/o U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Attention: Peter J. Probasco, Office of Subsistence Management, 1011 East Tudor Road, Anchorage, AK 99503; by telephone at (907) 786-3888; or via email at subsistence@fws.gov. For questions specific to National Forest System lands, please contact Steve Kessler, Subsistence Program Leader, by U.S. mail at USDA, Forest Service, 3301 C Street, Suite 202, Anchorage, AK 99503; by telephone at (907) 743-9461; or via email at skessler@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., the North Slope Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council will meet to review the draft Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Subsistence Board and State of Alaska and to form other recommendations on fish and wildlife issues. This meeting is a follow-up to the Council's August 14, 2012, meeting, which made recommendations on changes to the regulations for the subsistence taking of fish to the Federal Subsistence Board and to address subsistence issues concerning the region. To participate, call toll free 1-

866-560-5984. When prompted, enter the following passcode: 12960066.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 3, 472, 551, 668dd, 3101-3126; 18 U.S.C. 3551-3586; 43 U.S.C. 1733.

Dated: November 15, 2012.

Peter J. Probasco,

Assistant Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Acting Chair, Federal Subsistence Board.

Dated: November 15, 2012.

Steve Kessler,

Subsistence Program Leader, USDA—Forest Service.

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**Bristol Bay Federal Subsistence
Regional Advisory Council Meeting**

AGENCIES: Forest Service, Agriculture; Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting (teleconference).

SUMMARY: This notice informs the public that the Bristol Bay Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council (Council) will hold a public meeting by teleconference on December 3, 2012. The public is invited to participate and to provide oral testimony. The purpose of the Council is to provide recommendations and information to the Federal Subsistence Board, to review policies and management plans, and to provide a public forum for subsistence issues.

DATES: The teleconference will take place on December 3, 2012, at 9 a.m. For how to participate, please see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chair, Federal Subsistence Board, by U.S. mail c/o U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Attention: Peter J. Probasco, Office of Subsistence Management, 1011 East Tudor Road, Anchorage, AK 99503; by telephone at (907) 786-3888; or via email at subsistence@fws.gov. For questions specific to National Forest System lands, please contact Steve Kessler, Subsistence Program Leader, by U.S. mail at USDA, Forest Service, 3301 C Street, Suite 202, Anchorage, AK 99503; by telephone at (907) 743-9461; or via email at skessler@fs.fed.us.