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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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**Endangered and Threatened Wildlife
 and Plants; Recovery Permit
 Applications**

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service,
 Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request
 for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and
 Wildlife Service, invite the public to
 comment on the following applications
 for recovery permits to conduct
 activities with the purpose of enhancing
 the survival of an endangered species.
 The Endangered Species Act of 1973, as
 amended (Act), prohibits certain
 activities with endangered species
 unless a Federal permit allows such
 activity. The Act also requires that we
 invite public comment before issuing
 such permits.

DATES: To ensure consideration, please
 send your written comments by January
 21, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Program Manager for
 Restoration and Endangered Species
 Classification, Ecological Services, U.S.
 Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific
 Regional Office, 911 NE 11th Avenue,
 Portland, OR 97232-4181. Please refer
 to the permit number for the application
 when submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
 Colleen Henson, Fish and Wildlife
 Biologist, at the above address or by
 telephone (503-231-6131) or fax (503-
 231-6243).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*)
 prohibits certain activities with respect
 to endangered and threatened species
 unless a Federal permit allows such
 activity. Along with our implementing
 regulations in the *Code of Federal
 Regulations* (CFR) at 50 CFR 17, the Act
 provides for certain permits, and
 requires that we invite public comment
 before issuing these permits for
 endangered species.

A permit granted by us under section
 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act authorizes the
 permittee to conduct activities
 (including take or interstate commerce)
 with respect to U.S. endangered or
 threatened species for scientific
 purposes or enhancement of
 propagation or survival. Our regulations
 implementing section 10(a)(1)(A) of the
 Act for these permits are found at 50

CFR 17.22 for endangered wildlife species, 50 CFR 17.32 for threatened wildlife species, 50 CFR 17.62 for endangered plant species, and 50 CFR 17.72 for threatened plant species.

Applications Available for Review and Comment

We invite local, State, and Federal agencies, and the public to comment on the following applications. Please refer to the appropriate permit number for the application when submitting comments.

Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review by request from the Program Manager for Restoration and Endangered Species Classification at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) and the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

Permit Number: TE-19239B

Applicant: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Olympia, Washington.

The applicant requests a new recovery permit to take (survey, monitor habitat restoration, collect, captive rear and breed, and reintroduce) the Taylor's checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha taylori*) in Oregon and Washington for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit Number: TE-21614B

Applicant: Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Salem, Oregon.

The applicant requests a new recovery permit to take (haze, capture, and relocate) the Columbian white-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus leucurus*) in conjunction with a translocation effort in the State of Washington for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit Number: TE-702631

Applicant: Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Region, Portland, Oregon.

The applicant requests a renewal of their recovery permit for scientific take activities. This permit would allow Service employees, and their designated agents, to take, or remove and reduce to possession, all federally listed species in the States of Idaho, Hawaii, Oregon, and Washington, and the trust territories of the Pacific Islands in conjunction with recovery activities for scientific purposes or for enhancing their propagation or survival. A list of federally listed species covered by this permit is available at the following Web site: <http://www.fws.gov/pacific/>

ecoservices/angered/recovery/documents/TE-702631-25R1SpeciesList2013.pdf

Permit Number: TE-22353B

Applicant: Center for Natural Lands Management, Temecula, California.

The applicant requests a new recovery permit to take (conduct habitat restoration activities and survey) the Taylor's checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha taylori*) in Oregon and Washington for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit Number: TE-146777

Applicant: Arleone Dibben-Young, Kaunakakai, Hawaii.

The applicant requests renewal of their recovery permit to take (capture, measure, band, mark, release, and recapture) the ae'o or Hawaiian stilt (*Himantopus mexicanus knudseni*) and the koloa or Hawaiian duck (*Anas wyvilliana*), and take (capture, measure, band, mark, take oropharyngeal and cloacal swabs, release, and recapture) the 'alae ke'oke'oke or Hawaiian coot (*Fulica alai*) for the purposes of scientific research and enhancing the species' survival.

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: December 13, 2013.

Colleen M. Henson,

Regional Director, Pacific Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Environmental Action Statement Screening Form and Proposed Amendment to the Candidate Conservation Agreement With Assurances; Lesser Prairie Chicken, Oklahoma

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for public comment.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce the availability of the environmental action statement screening form and the draft amendment to the Agricultural Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (CCAA) for the lesser prairie chicken (*Tympanuchus pallidicinctus*) (LEPC) in Oklahoma, under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. The Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation (ODWC) (applicant) has applied for an amendment of their existing CCAA, with a major amendment to increase enrollment from 200,000 acres to 400,000 acres by 2037 throughout the 14 Oklahoma counties described in the CCAA.

DATES: *Comment Period:* To ensure consideration of your written comments, they must be received on or before close of business (4:30 p.m. CST) January 21, 2014. Any comments that we receive after the closing date may not be considered in the final decisions on these actions.

ADDRESSES: For where to view documents, see Availability of Documents in **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Acting Field Supervisor, by U.S. mail at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 9014 East 21st Street, Tulsa, OK 74129, or by telephone at 918-581-7458.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

In accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), we advise the public that:

1. We have gathered the information necessary to determine impacts in the environmental action statement screening form related to potential issuance of an amended enhancement of survival permit to the applicant; and
2. The applicant has developed a draft amendment to the CCAA, which doubles the acreage of enrollment on which ODWC could take to implement