

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-28628B

Applicant: Eric Westergard, Jupiter, Florida

The applicant requests an interstate commerce permit to purchase nine geese (*Branta sandvicensis*) in conjunction with captive propagation for the purpose of enhancing their survival. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over the next 5 years.

Permit Number: TE-048385

Applicant: The Nature Conservancy, Eugene, Oregon

The applicant requests a renewal of a recovery permit to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, release, and sacrifice) the Fender's blue butterfly (*Icaricia icarioides fenderi*) in association with population monitoring and habitat restoration and

enhancement activities in Oregon for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit Number: TE-826600

Applicant: Michael G. Hadfield, Honolulu, Hawaii

The applicant requests a renewal of a recovery permit to take (capture, measure, mark, attach radio transmitters, collect tissue samples, release, remove from the wild, transport, and captive breed) Oahu tree snails (*Achatinella* spp.) in conjunction with gathering ecological and life history data, and re-establishing wild populations in Hawaii for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit Number: TE-27877B

Applicant: Nathan L. Haan, Seattle, Washington

The applicant requests a new recovery permit to take (survey, monitor, measure, captive rear, conduct experimental release of larvae onto host plants, and conduct laboratory studies) Taylor's checkerspot butterflies (*Euphydryas editha taylori*) in conjunction with studies to evaluate the relative suitability of various food plants for scientific purposes and for enhancing the species' survival.

Permit Number: TE-28360B

Applicant: Institute of Pacific Islands Forestry, U.S. Forest Service, Hilo, Hawaii

The applicant requests a new recovery permit to remove and reduce to possession (collection of pollen, fruits, seeds, and/or cuttings; conduct pollination trials; and plant propagation) *Haplostachys haplostachya* (honohono), *Portulaca sclerocarpa* (po'e), *Silene lanceolata* (lance-leaf catchfly), *Spermolepis hawaiiensis* (Hawaiian parsley), *Stenogyne angustifolia* (creeping mint), and *Tetramolopium arenarium* ssp. *arenarium* (Maui tetramolopium) for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit Number: TE-09155B

Applicant: Renee Robinette Ha, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington

The applicant requests a permit amendment to take (use captive birds to "lure" wild birds into mist nets) Mariana crow (*Corvus kubaryi*) in conjunction with survey and population monitoring activities on the island of Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the purpose of 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: February 25, 2014.

Richard R. Hannan,

Acting 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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Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of teleconference.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, announce a public teleconference of the Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council (Council).

DATES: *Teleconference:* Friday March 14, 2014, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. (Mountain Daylight Time). For deadlines and directions on registering to listen to the teleconference, submitting written material, and giving an oral presentation, please see "Public Input" under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joshua Winchell, Council Coordinator, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Mailstop 3103-AEA, Arlington, VA 22203; telephone (703) 358-2639; fax (703) 358-2548; or email joshua_winchell@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the requirements of the

Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., we announce that Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council will hold a teleconference.

Background

Formed in February 2010, the Council provides advice about wildlife and habitat conservation endeavors that:

1. Benefit wildlife resources;
2. Encourage partnership among the public, the sporting conservation organizations, the states, Native American tribes, and the Federal Government; and
3. Benefit recreational hunting.

The Council advises the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture, reporting through the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), in consultation with the Director, Bureau of Land Management (BLM); Director, National Park Service (NPS); Chief, Forest Service (USFS); Chief, Natural Resources Service (NRCS); and Administrator, Farm Services Agency (FSA). The Council's duties are strictly advisory and consist

of, but are not limited to, providing recommendations for:

1. Implementing the Recreational Hunting and Wildlife Resource Conservation Plan—A Ten-Year Plan for Implementation;
2. Increasing public awareness of and support for the Wildlife Restoration Program;
3. Fostering wildlife and habitat conservation and ethics in hunting and shooting sports recreation;
4. Stimulating sportsmen and women's participation in conservation and management of wildlife and habitat resources through outreach and education;
5. Fostering communication and coordination among State, tribal, and Federal governments; industry; hunting and shooting sportsmen and women; wildlife and habitat conservation and management organizations; and the public;
6. Providing appropriate access to Federal lands for recreational shooting and hunting;

7. Providing recommendations to improve implementation of Federal conservation programs that benefit wildlife, hunting, and outdoor recreation on private lands; and

8. When requested by the Designated Federal Officer in consultation with the Council Chairperson, performing a variety of assessments or reviews of policies, programs, and efforts through the Council's designated subcommittees or workgroups.

Background information on the Council is available at <http://www.fws.gov/whhcc>.

Meeting Agenda

The Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council will discuss Chronic Wasting Disease national standards, sequestration impacts on the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Trust Funds, illegal wildlife trafficking, and other Council business.

The final agenda will be posted on the Internet at <http://www.fws.gov/whhcc>.

PUBLIC INPUT

If you wish to	You must contact the Council Coordinator (see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT) no later than
Listen to the teleconference	Thursday March 6, 2014.
Submit written information or questions before the teleconference for the council to consider during the teleconference.	Thursday March 6, 2014.
Give an oral presentation during the teleconference	Thursday March 6, 2014.

Submitting Written Information or Questions

Interested members of the public may submit relevant information or questions for the Council to consider during the teleconference. Written statements must be received by the date listed in "Public Input" under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**, so that the information may be made available to the Council for their consideration prior to this teleconference. Written statements must be supplied to the Council Coordinator in one of the following formats: One hard copy with original signature, and one electronic copy via email (acceptable file formats are Adobe Acrobat PDF, MS Word, MS PowerPoint, or rich text file).

Giving an Oral Presentation

Individuals or groups requesting to make an oral presentation during the teleconference will be limited to 3 minutes per speaker, with no more than a total of 30 minutes for all speakers. Interested parties should contact the

Council Coordinator, in writing (preferably via email; see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**), to be placed on the public speaker list for this teleconference. To ensure an opportunity to speak during the public comment period of the teleconference, members of the public must register with the Council Coordinator. Registered speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements, or those who had wished to speak but could not be accommodated on the agenda, may submit written statements to the Council Coordinator up to 30 days subsequent to the teleconference.

Meeting Minutes

Summary minutes of the teleconference will be maintained by the Council Coordinator (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) and will be available for public inspection within 90 days of the meeting and will be

posted on the Council's Web site at <http://www.fws.gov/whhcc>.

Stephen Guertin,
Acting Director.

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Fish and Wildlife Service

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Advisory Council on Wildlife Trafficking; Meeting

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce a public meeting of the Advisory Council on Wildlife Trafficking (Council). The Council's purpose is to provide