

are in more than one state can be identified by consulting the listings for each applicable state.

c. Two non-metropolitan counties are listed alphabetically on each line of the non-metropolitan county listings.

d. The New England towns and cities included in a non-metropolitan county are listed immediately following the county name.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; 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 intended to enhance the survival of endangered or threatened species. Federal law prohibits certain activities with endangered species unless a permit is obtained.

DATES: We must receive any written comments on or before October 2, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments by U.S. Mail to the Regional Director, Attn: Carlita Payne, 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: Carlita Payne, (612) 713-5343.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following applications for a permit to conduct activities intended to enhance the survival of endangered or threatened species. Federal law prohibits certain activities with endangered species unless a permit is obtained.

Background

The Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*; ESA), prohibits certain activities with endangered and threatened species unless the activities are specifically authorized by a Federal permit. The ESA and our implementing regulations in part 17 of title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) provide for the issuance of such permits and require that we invite public comment before issuing permits for activities involving endangered species.

A permit granted by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA authorizes the

permittee to conduct activities with U.S. endangered or threatened species for scientific purposes, enhancement of propagation or survival, or interstate commerce (the latter only in the event that it facilitates scientific purposes or enhancement of propagation or survival). Our regulations implementing section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA 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, Tribal, and Federal agencies and the public to comment on the following applications. Please refer to the permit number when you submit comments. Documents and other information the applicants have submitted with the applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) and Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

Permit Applications

Proposed activities in the following permit requests are for the recovery and enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Application No.	Applicant	Species	Location	Activity	Type of take	Permit action
TE36875C	Gregory Gerke, Carmel, IN.	Rusty patched bumble bee (<i>Bombus affinis</i>).	Indiana	Conduct presence/absence surveys	Capture, handle, release.	New.
TE37601C	Emilie Snell-Rood, Saint Paul, MN.	Rusty patched bumble bee (<i>Bombus affinis</i>).	Minnesota	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use.	Capture, handle, release.	New.
TE64070B	SWCA Inc., Bismarck, ND.	Rusty patched bumble bee (<i>Bombus affinis</i>), Dakota skipper (<i>Hesperia dactotae</i>), poweshiek skipperling (<i>Oarisma poweshiek</i>).	Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Ohio, Virginia, Wisconsin.	Conduct presence/absence surveys	Capture, handle, release.	Amend, renew.
TE40247C	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Saint Paul, MN.	Rusty patched bumble bee (<i>Bombus affinis</i>).	Minnesota	Conduct presence/absence surveys	Capture, handle, release.	New.
TE41469C	G.E.I. Consultants, Inc., Green Bay, WI.	Kirtland's warbler (<i>Setophaga kirtlandii</i>).	Wisconsin	Conduct presence/absence surveys	Harass, use bird call recordings.	New.

Public Availability of 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 in response to this notice are available for public inspection, by appointment, during

normal business hours at the address listed in **ADDRESSES**.

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 ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: June 29, 2017.

Sean O. Marsan,

Acting Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Midwest Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Office of the Secretary**

[Docket No. ONRR-2012-0003, DS63600000 DR2000000.PMN000 178D0102R2]

Royalty Policy Committee; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Office of Natural Resources Revenue, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the first meeting of the Royalty Policy Committee (Committee). This meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 4, 2017, in Washington, DC, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

ADDRESSES: The Committee meeting will be held in the South Penthouse of the Stewart Lee Udall Department of the Interior Building located at 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240. Members of the public may attend in person or view documents and presentations under discussion via WebEx at <http://bit.ly/1cR9W6t> and listen to the proceedings at telephone number 1-888-455-2910 or International Toll number 210-839-8953 (passcode: 7741096).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Kim Oliver, Office of Natural Resources Revenue at (202) 513-0370 or email to rpc@ios.doi.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Department of the Interior established the Committee on April 21, 2017, under the authority of the Secretary of the Interior and regulated by the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the Committee is to ensure that the public receives the full value of the natural resources produced from Federal lands. The duties of the Committee are solely advisory in nature. More information about the Committee, including its charter, is available at www.doi.gov/rpc.

Meeting Agenda: At the October 4, 2017 meeting, the Committee may discuss and agree on first-year priority issues and establish goals; adopt a

timeline for future meetings and actions to be taken in order to achieve Committee goals; and finalize subcommittee tasks and membership. The final agenda and meeting materials will be posted on the Committee Web site at www.doi.gov/rpc. All Committee meetings are open to the public.

Whenever possible, we encourage those participating by telephone to gather in conference rooms in order to share teleconference lines. Please plan to dial into the meeting and/or log into WebEx at least 10–15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time in order to avoid possible technical difficulties. We will accommodate individuals with special needs whenever possible. If you require special assistance (such as an interpreter for the hearing impaired), please notify Interior staff in advance of the meeting at 202-513-0370 or email to rpc@ios.doi.gov.

We will post the minutes from these proceedings on the Committee Web site at www.doi.gov/rpc and they will also be available for public inspection and copying at our office at the Stewart Lee Udall Department of the Interior Building in Washington, DC, by contacting Interior staff via email to rpc@ios.doi.gov or via telephone at 202-513-0370.

Members of the public may choose to make a public comment during the designated time for public comments. Members of the public may also choose to submit written comments by mailing them to the Office of Natural Resources Revenue, Attention: RPC, 1849 C Street NW., MS 5134, Washington DC 20240. You also can email your written comments for Kim Oliver to rpc@ios.doi.gov. Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record.

Public Disclosure Of Comments: 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 may 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: 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2.

Dated: August 28, 2017.

Vincent DeVito,

Counselor to the Secretary for Energy Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Office of the Secretary**

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Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Public Advisory Committee; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Interior, Office of the Secretary is announcing a public meeting of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill (EVOS) Trustee Council's Public Advisory Committee.

DATES: September 28, 2017, at 10 a.m.

ADDRESSES: Glenn Olds Hall Conference Room, 4210 University Drive, Anchorage, Alaska.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Philip Johnson, Department of the Interior, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance, 1689 "C" Street, Suite 119, Anchorage, Alaska, (907) 271-5011.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The EVOS Public Advisory Committee was created by Paragraph V.A.4 of the Memorandum of Agreement and Consent Decree entered into by the United States of America and the State of Alaska on August 27, 1991, and approved by the United States District Court for the District of Alaska in settlement of *United States of America v. State of Alaska*, Civil Action No. A91-081 CV. The EVOS Public Advisory Committee meeting agenda will include review of the FY18 Work Plan of EVOS Trustee Council Restoration, Research, and Monitoring Projects; FY18 EVOS Trustee Council Annual Budget; and Habitat matters, as applicable. An opportunity for public comments will be provided. The final agenda and materials for the meeting will be posted on the EVOS Trustee Council Web site at www.evostc.state.ak.us. All EVOS Public Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public.

Public disclosure of comments: Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, please be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may 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.