

Application No.	Applicant	Species	Location	Activity	Type of take	Permit action
TE64986C ....	Jeffrey Gordon, Westerville, OH.	Clubshell ( <i>Pleurobema clava</i> ), fanshell ( <i>Cyprogenia stegaria</i> ), northern riffleshell ( <i>Epioblasma torulosa rangiana</i> ), purple cat's paw pearlymussel ( <i>E. obliquata obliquata</i> ), snuffbox mussel ( <i>E. triquetra</i> ), white catspaw (pearlymussel) ( <i>E. obliquata perobliqua</i> ), pink mucket (pearlymussel) ( <i>Lampsilis abrupta</i> ), rabbitsfoot ( <i>Quadrula cylindrica cylindrica</i> ), rayed bean ( <i>Villosa fabalis</i> ), sheepnose mussel ( <i>Plethobasus cyphus</i> ).	OH .....	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, evaluate impacts.	Capture, handle, release, relocate, salvage.	New.
TE64987C ....	Brooke Daly, San Diego, CA.	Indiana bat ( <i>Myotis sodalis</i> ), gray bat ( <i>M. grisescens</i> ), northern long-eared bat ( <i>M. septentrionalis</i> ).	MO .....	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, evaluate impacts.	Capture, handle, mist-net, harp trap, radiotag, band, wing biopsy, collect tissue and swab samples, release.	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.

*Contents of Public Comments*

Please make your comments as specific as possible. Please confine your comments to issues for which we seek comments in this notice, and explain the basis for your comments. Include sufficient information with your comments to allow us to authenticate any scientific or commercial data you include.

The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are: (1) Those supported by quantitative information or studies; and (2) Those that include citations to, and analyses of, the applicable laws and regulations.

**Next Steps**

If the Service decides to issue permits to any of the applicants listed in this notice, we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register**.

**Authority**

Section 10 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: January 9, 2018.

**Lori H. Nordstrom,**

*Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Midwest Region.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**[FWS-R3-ES-2018-N014; FXES11130300000-189-FF03E00000]**

**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 applications for permits to conduct activities intended to enhance the propagation or 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 April 23, 2018.

**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](mailto:permitsR3ES@fws.gov).

*Requesting Copies of Applications or Public Comments:* Copies of applications or public comments concerning any of the applications in this notice may be obtained by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the above-mentioned office within 30 days of the date of publication 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).

*Submitting Comments:* You may submit comments by one of the following methods. Please specify applicant name(s) and application number(s) to which your comments pertain (*e.g.*, TExXXXXX).

- *Email:* [permitsR3ES@fws.gov](mailto:permitsR3ES@fws.gov). Please refer to the respective permit number (*e.g.*, Application No. TExXXXXX) in the subject line of your email message.

- *U.S. Mail:* Regional Director, Attn: Carlita Payne (address above).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carlita Payne, 612-713-5343; [permitsR3ES@fws.gov](mailto:permitsR3ES@fws.gov).

**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 propagation or 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.

**Permit 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 propagation or survival of the species in the wild.

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TE82666A .....	Justin Boyles, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL.	Indiana bat ( <i>Myotis sodalis</i> ), gray bat ( <i>M. grisescens</i> ), northern long-eared bat ( <i>M. septentrionalis</i> ).	AL, AR, GA, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, MD, MI, MO, MS, MO, NH, NJ, NY, NC, OH, OK, PA, RI, SC, TN, VT, VA, WV, WI.	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, evaluate impacts.	Capture, handle, mist-net, harp trap, band, radio-tag, band, wing biopsy, collect hair, blood, fungal lift tape and swab samples, enter hibernacula, release, salvage.	Renew.
TE21831B .....	Katherine Caldwell, Asheville, NC.	Indiana bat ( <i>Myotis sodalis</i> ), northern long-eared bat ( <i>M. septentrionalis</i> ).	AL, AR, CT, GA, IL, IN, IA, KY, MD, MI, MO, NJ, NY, NC, OH, OK, PA, SC, TN, VT, VA, WV.	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, evaluate impacts.	Capture, handle, mist-net, radio-tag, band, wing biopsy, collect hair, fungal lift tape and swab samples, release, salvage.	Renew.
TE64238B .....	Jocelyn Karst, Champaign, IL.	Indiana bat ( <i>Myotis sodalis</i> ), northern long-eared bat ( <i>M. septentrionalis</i> ).	AL, AR, CT, DE, D.C., FL, GA, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NE, NH, NJ, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, VT, VA, WV, WI, WY.	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, evaluate impacts.	Capture, handle, mist-net, radio-tag, band, wing biopsy, collect hair, fungal lift tape and swab samples, release, salvage.	Renew.
TE74742C .....	Benjamin Smith, Springfield, MO.	Indiana bat ( <i>Myotis sodalis</i> ), gray bat ( <i>M. grisescens</i> ), northern long-eared bat ( <i>M. septentrionalis</i> ).	AL, AR, CT, DE, D.C., FL, GA, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, NE, NH, NJ, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, VT, VA, WV, WI, WY.	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, evaluate impacts.	Capture, handle, mist-net, harp trap, radio-tag, band, wing biopsy, collect hair, fecal, fungal lift tape and swab samples, release.	New.

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to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Contents of Public Comments**

Please make your comments as specific as possible. Please confine your comments to issues for which we seek comments in this notice, and explain the basis for your comments. Include sufficient information with your comments to allow us to authenticate any scientific or commercial data you include.

The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are: (1)

Those supported by quantitative information or studies; and (2) Those that include citations to, and analyses of, the applicable laws and regulations.

**Next Steps**

If the Service decides to issue permits to any of the applicants listed in this notice, we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register**.

**Authority**

Section 10 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: February 12, 2018.

**Lori H. Nordstrom,**

*Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Midwest Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Office of the Secretary

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Number 1090-0011]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; DOI Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the Office of the Secretary are proposing to renew an information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 21, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your comments on this information collection request (ICR) by mail to the Jeffrey Parrillo, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240; or by email to [jeffrey\\_parrillo@ios.doi.gov](mailto:jeffrey_parrillo@ios.doi.gov). Please reference OMB Control Number 1090-0011 in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this ICR, contact Jeffrey Parrillo by email at [jeffrey\\_parrillo@ios.doi.gov](mailto:jeffrey_parrillo@ios.doi.gov), or by telephone at 202-208-7072.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

We are soliciting comments on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is the collection necessary to the proper functions of the Office of the Secretary; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Office of the Secretary

enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Office of the Secretary minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. 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.

**Abstract:** The information collection activity will garner qualitative customer and stakeholder feedback in an efficient, timely manner, in accordance with the Administration's commitment to improving service delivery. By qualitative feedback we mean information that provides useful insights on perceptions and opinions, but are not statistical surveys that yield quantitative results that can be generalized to the population of study. This feedback will provide insights into customer or stakeholder perceptions, experiences and expectations, provide an early warning of issues with service, or focus attention on areas where communication, training or changes in operations might improve delivery of products or services. These collections will allow for ongoing, collaborative and actionable communications between the Agency and its customers and stakeholders. It will also allow feedback to contribute directly to the improvement of program management.

Feedback collected under this generic clearance will provide useful information, but it will not yield data that can be generalized to the overall population. This type of generic clearance for qualitative information will not be used for quantitative information collections that are designed to yield reliably actionable results, such as monitoring trends over time or documenting program performance. Such data uses require more rigorous designs that address: The target population to which generalizations will be made, the sampling frame, the sample design (including stratification and clustering), the precision requirements or power calculations that justify the proposed sample size, the expected response rate,

methods for assessing potential non-response bias, the protocols for data collection, and any testing procedures that were or will be undertaken prior fielding the study. Depending on the degree of influence the results are likely to have, such collections may still be eligible for submission for other generic mechanisms that are designed to yield quantitative results.

**Title of Collection:** DOI Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery.

**OMB Control Number:** 1090-0011.

**Form Number:** None.

**Type of Review:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Respondents/Affected Public:** Individuals/households; businesses; and, State, local, and Tribal governments.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:** 11,000 for surveys, 6,000 for comment cards, 500 for focus groups.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:** 11,000 for surveys, 6,000 for comment cards, 500 for focus groups.

**Estimated Completion Time per Response:** 15 minutes for surveys, 2 minutes for comment cards, 2 hours for focus groups.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:** 3,950.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Voluntary.

**Frequency of Collection:** Once per request.

**Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost:** None.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The authority for this action is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

**Benjamin Simon,**

*Chief DOI Economist.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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Number 1040-0001]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; DOI Programmatic Clearance for Customer Satisfaction Surveys

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.