

Council Coordinator (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). Meeting notes will be available by contacting the Council Coordinator within 30 days following the meeting. Personal copies may be purchased for the cost of duplication.

Dated: May 11, 2018.

Jerome Ford,

Assistant Director, Migratory Birds.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Meeting

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, announce a public meeting of the Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) Task Force, in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The ANS Task Force's purpose is to develop and implement a program for U.S. waters to prevent introduction and dispersal of aquatic invasive species; to monitor, control, and study such species; and to disseminate related information.

DATES: The ANS Task Force will meet Tuesday through Thursday, June 12-14, 2018, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. The meeting is open to the public; for security purposes, signup is required. For more information, contact the ANS Task Force Executive Secretary (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

ADDRESSES:

Meeting location: The ANS Task Force meeting will take place at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Building 3, Room 4527, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (phone: 301-713-0174).

Comment submission: You may submit written comments in advance of the meeting by emailing them to the ANS Task Force Executive Secretary (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Susan Pasko, Executive Secretary, ANS Task Force, by telephone at (703) 358-2466, or by email at Susan_Pasko@fws.gov. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), please call the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce a public meeting of the Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) Task Force, in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2). The ANS Task Force was established by the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990, as amended (NANPCA; 16 U.S.C. 4701 *et seq.*), is composed of 13 Federal and 15 ex-officio members, and is co-chaired by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The ANS Task Force's purpose is to develop and implement a program for U.S. waters to prevent introduction and dispersal of aquatic invasive species; to monitor, control, and study such species; and to disseminate related information.

Meeting Agenda

- Update on the U.S. Geological Survey Nonindigenous Aquatic Species Database.
- Update from the Asian Carp Regional Coordinating Committee.
- Sessions to evaluate the Task Force and regional panel accomplishments and discuss strategies to further advance the Task Force mission.
- Public comment period.

The final agenda and other related meeting information will be posted on the Task Force website at <http://anstaskforce.gov>. Summary minutes of the meeting will be maintained by the Executive Secretary and will be available for public inspection within 90 days after the meeting at <http://anstaskforce.gov>.

Public Input

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: 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2.

Dated: May 24, 2018.

John J. Schmerfeld,

Acting Assistant Director for Fish and Aquatic Conservation.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R1-ES-2018-N079; FXES11130600000-189-FF01E00000]

Endangered Species; Receipt of Recovery Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of permit applications; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, have received applications for permits to conduct activities intended to enhance the propagation or survival of endangered or threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. We invite the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies to comment on these applications. Before issuing any of the requested permits, we will take into consideration any information that we receive during the public comment period.

DATES: We must receive your written comments on or before July 2, 2018.

ADDRESSES: *Document availability and comment submission:* Submit requests for copies of the applications and related documents and submit any comments by one of the following methods. All requests and comments should specify the applicant name(s) and application number(s) (e.g., TE-XXXXXX):

- *Email:* permitsR1ES@fws.gov.
- *U.S. Mail:* Program Manager,

Restoration and Endangered Species Classification, Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Regional Office, 911 NE 11th Avenue, Portland, OR 97232-4181.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Colleen Henson, Recovery Permit Coordinator, Ecological Services, (503) 231-6131 (phone); permitsR1ES@fws.gov (email). Individuals who are hearing or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 for TTY assistance.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on applications for permits under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The requested permits would allow the applicants to conduct activities intended to promote recovery of species that are listed as endangered or threatened under the ESA.

Background

With some exceptions, the ESA prohibits activities that constitute take

of listed species unless a Federal permit is issued that allows such activity. The ESA’s definition of “take” includes such activities as pursuing, harassing, trapping, capturing, or collecting in addition to hunting, shooting, harming, wounding, or killing.

A recovery permit issued by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA authorizes the permittee to conduct activities with endangered or threatened species for scientific purposes that promote recovery or for enhancement of propagation or survival of the species. These activities often include such

prohibited actions as capture and collection. Our regulations implementing section 10(a)(1)(A) for these permits are found in the Code of Federal Regulations 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

Proposed activities in the following permit requests are for the recovery and

enhancement of propagation or survival of the species in the wild. The ESA requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits. Accordingly, we invite local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies and the public to submit written data, views, or arguments with respect to these applications. The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are those supported by quantitative information or studies.

| Application No. | Applicant, city, state | Species | Location | Activity | Type of take | Permit action |
|-------------------|--|---|----------|---|--|---------------|
| TE-163899-2 | Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument, Honolulu, HI. | Laysan duck (<i>Anas laysanensis</i>), Short-tailed albatross (<i>Phoebastria albatrus</i>), <i>Pritchardia lanigera</i> (lo’ulu), <i>Sesbania tomentosa</i> (ohai), <i>Solanum nelsonii</i> (popolo). | HI | <i>Animals:</i> Survey/monitor, band, measure, vaccinate, bio-sample, social attraction, and/or salvage. <i>Plants:</i> Collect seeds, fruits, cuttings, and plants; maintain and monitor; propagate, outplant, direct seed, transplant, and/or salvage. | <i>Animals:</i> Capture, handle, release, biosample. <i>Plants:</i> Remove and reduce to possession. | Amend. |
| TE-014497-6 | Haleakala National Park, Makawao, HI. | Add the following species: Crested honeycreeper or akohekohe (<i>Palmeria dole</i>), Maui parrotbill or kiwikiu (<i>Pseudonestor xanthophrys</i>), ‘iwi (<i>Drepanis coccinea</i>). | HI | Survey, monitor, and salvage. | Playback calls and disturbance. | Amend. |
| TE-42195A-2 | Naval Facilities Engineering Command Marianas, Apra Heights, GU. | Mariana common moorhen (<i>Gallinula chloropus guami</i>), Micronesian megapode (<i>Megapodius laperouse</i>), Nightingale reed warbler (<i>Acrocephalus luscini</i> a), Green sea turtle (<i>Chelonia mydas</i>), Hawksbill sea turtle (<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>), <i>Eugenia bryanii</i> (No Common Name (NCN)), <i>Hedyotis megalantha</i> (Paudedo), <i>Heritiera longipetiolata</i> (Ufa-halomtano), <i>Phyllanthus saffordii</i> (NCN), <i>Psychotria malaspinae</i> (Aplokating-palaoan), <i>Serianthes nelsonii</i> (Hayun lagu (=Guam), Tronkon guafi (Rota)), <i>Solanum guamense</i> (Berenghenas halomtano), <i>Tinospora homosepala</i> (NCN). | GU, MP | <i>Birds:</i> Survey, monitor, and salvage. <i>Sea Turtles:</i> Survey and monitor, bio-sample, tag, genetic analysis, capture, handle, release, collect morphometric data, and salvage. <i>Plants:</i> Collect seeds and seedlings, propagate, cultivate, outplant, and salvage. | <i>Birds:</i> Playback calls and disturbance. <i>Sea turtles:</i> Capture, handle, release, survey, monitor, tag, and biosample. <i>Plants:</i> Remove and reduce to possession. | Amend. |
| TE-45531B-1 | Hawaii Division of Forestry and Wildlife, Honolulu, HI. | Akekee (<i>Loxops caeruleirostris</i>), Akikiki (<i>Oreomystis bairdi</i>), Maui parrotbill or kiwikiu (<i>Pseudonestor xanthophrys</i>), Palila or honeycreeper (<i>Loxioides bailleui</i>), Small Kauai thrush or puaiohi (<i>Myadestes palmeri</i>). | HI | Collect eggs, nestlings, sub-adults, and/or adults for captive breeding and population management activities. | Capture, handle, release, captive propagation. | Renew. |
| TE-82868C-0 | University of Guam, Marine Laboratory, Mangilao, GU. | Rota blue damselfly (<i>Ischnura luta</i>) | MP | Capture, handle, photograph, release, biosample, collect eDNA samples, and genetic analysis. | Capture, handle, release, and bio-sample. | New. |

Public Availability of Comments

Written comments we receive become part of the administrative record associated with this action. 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 request in your comment that we withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety.

Next Steps

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

Authority

We publish this notice under section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of

1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Rolland G. White,

Assistant Regional Director—Ecological Services, Pacific Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

**[FWS–R3–ES–2018–N049;
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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 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 July 2, 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.

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 (see **DATES**), 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. 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.

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

| Application No. | Applicant | Species | Location | Activity | Type of take | Permit action |
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| TE75774C .. | Wesley Conway, Seymour, IN. | 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, MO, MS, MT, NE, NH, NJ, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, PA, 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, release. | New. |