

the permit issuance date by searching <http://www.regulations.gov> for the permit number listed above in this document (e.g., 12345A).

V. Authority

We issue this notice under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and its implementing regulations.

Brenda Tapia,

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R8-ES-2018-N086;
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Endangered and Threatened 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. 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 October 24, 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., TXXXXXX).

- *Email:* permitsr8es@fws.gov.
- *U.S. Mail:* Daniel Marquez,

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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-082237	California State Parks, San Luis Obispo Coast District, San Simeon, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morro shoulderband snail (Banded dune) (<i>Helminthoglypta walkeriana</i>). • Morro Bay kangaroo rat (<i>Dipodomys heermanni morroensis</i>). 	CA	Survey	Capture, handle, and release.	Renew.
TE-13703B	California Living Museum, Bakersfield, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arroyo toad (arroyo southwestern) (<i>Anaxyrus californicus</i> (<i>Bufo microscaphus</i> c.)). • Mountain yellow-legged frog (southern California DPS) (<i>Rana muscosa</i>). • California tiger salamander (Sonoma County and Santa Barbara DPS) (<i>Ambystoma californiense</i>). • Blunt-nosed leopard lizard (<i>Gambelia silus</i>). • California condor (<i>Gymnogyps californianus</i>). • Riparian brush rabbit (<i>Sylvilagus bachmani riparius</i>). 	CA	Rehabilitation, public education, public display, captive propagation, research.	Collect and acquire injured and/or sick animals, captive rear, perform general husbandry, release healthy individuals, and retain animals unfit for reintroduction.	Renew.

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TE-79190C	Ryan Lopez, Fresno, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morro Bay kangaroo rat (<i>Dipodomys heermanni morroensis</i>). • Tipton kangaroo rat (<i>Dipodomys nitratoideus nitratoideus</i>). • Giant kangaroo rat (<i>Dipodomys ingens</i>). • Stephens' kangaroo rat (<i>Dipodomys stephensi</i>). • Fresno kangaroo rat (<i>Dipodomys nitratoideus exilis</i>). • Riparian woodrat (=San Joaquin Valley) (<i>Neotoma fuscipes riparia</i>). • San Joaquin kit fox (<i>Vulpes macrotis mutica</i>). • Sierra Nevada bighorn (<i>Ovis canadensis sierrae</i>). • Nelson bighorn (Peninsular Ranges DPS, Peninsular bighorn sheep) (<i>Ovis canadensis nelsoni</i>). • Fresno kangaroo rat (<i>Dipodomys nitratoideus exilis</i>). • Tipton kangaroo rat (<i>Dipodomys nitratoideus nitratoideus</i>). • Giant kangaroo rat (<i>Dipodomys ingens</i>). • California tiger salamander (Santa Barbara County and Sonoma County Distinct Population Segment (DPS)) (<i>Ambystoma californiense</i>). • Conservancy fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta conservatio</i>). • Longhorn fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta longiantenna</i>). • San Diego fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta sandiegonensis</i>). • Riverside fairy shrimp (<i>Streptocephalus woottoni</i>). • Vernal pool tadpole shrimp (<i>Lepidurus packardii</i>). 	CA	Survey	Capture, handle, release, and collect vouchers.	New.
TE-206822	Brian Shomo, Lake Elsinore, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephens' kangaroo rat (<i>Dipodomys stephensi</i>). 	CA	Survey	Capture, handle, and release.	Renew.
TE-781084	Anita Hayworth, Encinitas, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii eximius</i>). • Quino checkerspot butterfly (<i>Euphydryas editha quino</i>). • Conservancy fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta conservatio</i>). • Longhorn fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta longiantenna</i>). • San Diego fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta sandiegonensis</i>). • Riverside fairy shrimp (<i>Streptocephalus woottoni</i>). • Vernal pool tadpole shrimp (<i>Lepidurus packardii</i>). 	CA	Survey	Capture, handle, release, collect vouchers.	Renew.

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TE-80906C	Katherine Smith, Fairfield, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salt marsh harvest mouse (<i>Reithrodontomys raviventris</i>). 	CA	Survey, population monitoring, genetic studies, toxicology studies.	Capture, handle, mark, install cameras, collect fur samples.	New.
TE-67570A	Brett Hanshew, Oakland, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • San Francisco garter snake (<i>Thamnophis sirtalis tetrataenia</i>). 	CA	Invasive species management.	Perform bullfrog control	Amend.
TE-094845	Matthew Bettelheim, Concord, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • California tiger salamander (Santa Barbara County and Sonoma County Distinct Population Segment (DPS)) (<i>Ambystoma californiense</i>). 	CA	Survey	Capture, handle, and release.	Renew.
TE-90002A	Todd Wong, Elk Grove, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservancy fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta conservatio</i>). • longhorn fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta longiantenna</i>). • San Diego fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta sandiegonensis</i>). • Riverside fairy shrimp (<i>Streptocephalus woottoni</i>). • Vernal pool tadpole shrimp (<i>Lepidurus packardii</i>). 	CA	Survey	Capture, handle, release, and collect vouchers.	Renew.
TE-13691B	Christine Zack, Campbell, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • San Bernardino Merriam's kangaroo rat (<i>Dipodomys merriami parvus</i>). • Stephens' kangaroo rat (<i>Dipodomys stephensi</i>). 	CA	Survey	Capture, handle, and release.	Renew.
TE-769304	Jeffrey Halstead, Clovis, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fresno kangaroo rat (<i>Dipodomys nitratoideis exilis</i>). • Tipton kangaroo rat (<i>Dipodomys nitratoideis nitratoideis</i>). • California tiger salamander (Santa Barbara County and Sonoma County Distinct Population Segment (DPS)) (<i>Ambystoma californiense</i>). 	CA	Survey	Capture, handle, and release.	Renew.
TE-02578B	Craig Seltenrich, Auburn, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • California tiger salamander (Santa Barbara County and Sonoma County Distinct Population Segment (DPS)) (<i>Ambystoma californiense</i>). 	CA	Survey	Capture, handle, and release.	Renew.
TE-799564	Sycamore Environmental Consultants, Inc., Sacramento, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservancy fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta conservatio</i>). • Longhorn fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta longiantenna</i>). • San Diego fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta sandiegonensis</i>). • Riverside fairy shrimp (<i>Streptocephalus woottoni</i>). • Vernal pool tadpole shrimp (<i>Lepidurus packardii</i>). 	CA	Survey	Capture, handle, release, and collect vouchers.	Renew.
TE-795934	ICF Jones & Stokes, Inc., Sacramento, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservancy fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta conservatio</i>). • Longhorn fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta longiantenna</i>). • San Diego fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta sandiegonensis</i>). • Riverside fairy shrimp (<i>Streptocephalus woottoni</i>). 	CA	Survey	Capture, handle, release, and collect vouchers.	Renew.

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TE-96514A	Jonathan Aguayo, Buena Park, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vernal pool tadpole shrimp (<i>Lepidurus packardii</i>). • Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>). • California tiger salamander (Santa Barbara County and Sonoma County Distinct Population Segment (DPS)) (<i>Ambystoma californiense</i>). 	CA	Survey	Survey	Amend.
TE-21700B	Diana Grosso, Bakersfield, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>). • Tipton kangaroo rat (<i>Dipodomys nitratoideus nitratoideus</i>). • Giant kangaroo rat (<i>Dipodomys ingens</i>). 	CA	Survey and transport	Capture, handle, release, and transport injured individuals.	Renew and amend.
TE-829554	Barbara Kus, San Diego, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • San Joaquin kit fox (<i>Vulpes macrotis mutica</i>). • Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>). 	CA	Education	Conduct educational workshops.	Amend.
TE-148556	Deborah Van Dooremolen, Las Vegas, Nevada.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>). • Yuma clapper rail (Yuma Ridgway's r.) (<i>Rallus longirostris yumanensis</i>) (<i>R. obsoletus y.</i>). 	NV	Survey	Survey	Renew.
TE-020548	U.S. Geological Survey, Vallejo, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salt marsh harvest mouse (<i>Reithrodontomys raviventris</i>). • California Clapper rail (California Ridgway's r.) (<i>Rallus longirostris obsoletus</i>) (<i>R. obsoletus o.</i>). • Yuma clapper rail (Yuma Ridgway's r.) (<i>Rallus longirostris yumanensis</i>) (<i>R. obsoletus y.</i>). 	CA	Survey and research	Capture, handle, mark, take fur samples, band, radio-tag, collect blood, collect feathers, candle eggs, salvage eggs, salvage carcasses, release.	Renew.
TE-64144A	Emily Mastrelli, San Diego, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservancy fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta conservatio</i>). • Longhorn fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta longiantenna</i>). • San Diego fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta sandiegonensis</i>). • Riverside fairy shrimp (<i>Streptocephalus woottoni</i>). • Vernal pool tadpole shrimp (<i>Lepidurus packardii</i>). 	CA	Survey	Capture, handle, release, collect vouchers.	Amend.
TE-085026	Jeff Steinman, San Francisco, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>). 	CA	Survey	Survey	Renew.
TE-221295	Angelica Mendoza, Fontana, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservancy fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta conservatio</i>). • Longhorn fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta longiantenna</i>). • San Diego fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta sandiegonensis</i>). • Riverside fairy shrimp (<i>Streptocephalus woottoni</i>). • Vernal pool tadpole shrimp (<i>Lepidurus packardii</i>). 	CA	Survey	Capture, handle, release, collect vouchers.	Amend.

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TE-166383	Bureau of Land Management, Hollister, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blunt-nosed leopard lizard (<i>Gambelia silus</i>). 	CA	Survey and genetic studies	Capture, handle, collect tissue, release.	Renew.
TE-29658A	Cindy Dunn, San Diego, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quino checkerspot butterfly (<i>Euphydryas editha quino</i>). 	CA	Survey	Survey	Renew.
TE-115373	Darin Busby, San Diego, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quino checkerspot butterfly (<i>Euphydryas editha quino</i>). San Diego fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta sandiegonensis</i>). Riverside fairy shrimp (<i>Streptocephalus woottoni</i>). 	CA	Survey	Capture, handle, release, collect vouchers.	Renew.
TE-85074C	U.S. Geological Survey, Dixon, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> California Clapper rail (California Ridgway's r.) (<i>Rallus longirostris obsoletus</i>) (<i>R. obsoletus</i> o.). 	CA	Monitor, research studies, and translocation.	Capture, handle, band, radio-tag, monitor nests, collect blood, collect feathers, candle eggs, float eggs, translocate, transport, salvage eggs, salvage carcasses, and release.	New.
TE-802450	Arthur Davenport, Barstow, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Least Bell's vireo (<i>Vireo belli pusillus</i>). Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>). Yuma clapper rail (Yuma Ridgway's r.) (<i>Rallus longirostris yumanensis</i>) (<i>R. obsoletus</i> y.). Light-footed clapper rail (light-footed Ridgway's r.) (<i>Rallus longirostris levipes</i>) (<i>R. obsoletus</i> l.). Quino checkerspot butterfly (<i>Euphydryas editha quino</i>). San Bernardino Merriam's kangaroo rat (<i>Dipodomys merriami parvus</i>). Stephens' kangaroo rat (<i>Dipodomys stephensi</i>). Pacific pocket mouse (<i>Perognathus longimembris pacificus</i>). Arroyo toad (arroyo southwestern) (<i>Anaxyrus californicus</i>). Desert pupfish (<i>Cyprinodon macularius</i>). 	CA, NV, OR, WA, ID, AZ, NM, UT, CO, TX, WY.	Survey and population monitoring.	Survey, nest monitor, capture, handle, and release.	Renew.
TE-101154	Douglas Rischbieter, Arnold, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tidewater goby (<i>Eucyclogobius newberryi</i>). 	CA	Survey and genetic studies	Capture, handle, collect vouchers for genetic analysis, release.	Renew.
TE-85084C	Dustin Brown, Orangevale, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservancy fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta conservatio</i>). Longhorn fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta longiantenna</i>). San Diego fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta sandiegonensis</i>). Riverside fairy shrimp (<i>Streptocephalus woottoni</i>). Vernal pool tadpole shrimp (<i>Lepidurus packardii</i>). California tiger salamander (Santa Barbara County and Sonoma County Distinct Population Segment (DPS)) (<i>Ambystoma californiense</i>). 	CA	Survey	Capture, handle, release, collect vouchers.	New.

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TE-068189	Archaeological Consulting Services, Tempe Arizona.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>). Yuma clapper rail (Yuma Ridgway's r.) (<i>Rallus longirostris yumanensis</i>) (<i>R. obsoletus y.</i>). 	NV	Survey	Survey	Renew.
TE-844852	U.S. Geological Survey, Point Reyes, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frog (<i>Rana sierrae</i>). mountain yellow-legged frog (northern California DPS) (<i>Rana muscosa</i>). 	CA	Survey, research studies, salvage.	Capture, handle, take skin swabs, clip toes, insert PIT (Passive Integrated Transponder) tags, emergency salvage, collect vouchers, and release.	Renew.
TE-15544A	Christine Beck, San Diego, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Least Bell's vireo (<i>Vireo bellii pusillus</i>). 	CA	Survey and population monitoring.	Nest monitor, capture, handle, band, and release.	Renew.
TE-829204	Harry Jones, Cobb, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> California least tern (<i>Sterna antillarum browni</i>) (<i>Sterna a. browni</i>). Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>). 	CA	Survey	Survey	Renew.
TE-095858	Arianne Preite, Orange, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservancy fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta conservatio</i>). Longhorn fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta longiantenna</i>). San Diego fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta sandiegonensis</i>). Riverside fairy shrimp (<i>Streptocephalus woottoni</i>). Vernal pool tadpole shrimp (<i>Lepidurus packardii</i>). Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>). Light-footed clapper rail (light-footed Ridgway's r.) (<i>Rallus longirostris levipes</i>) (<i>R. obsoletus l.</i>). Quino checkerspot butterfly (<i>Euphydryas editha quino</i>). 	CA	Survey	Capture, handle, release, and collect vouchers.	Renew.
TE-233332	Maya Mazon, Oceanside, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quino checkerspot butterfly (<i>Euphydryas editha quino</i>). 	CA	Survey	Survey	Renew.
TE-800777	Jepson Prairie Reserve Docents, Davis, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservancy fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta conservatio</i>). Vernal pool tadpole shrimp (<i>Lepidurus packardii</i>). 	CA	Survey and public education.	Capture, handle, release, collect vouchers.	Renew.
TE-009926	Gulf South Research Corporation, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frog (<i>Rana sierrae</i>). Arroyo toad (arroyo southwestern) (<i>Anaxyrus californicus</i>). Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>). 	CA, AZ, NM, TX.	Survey	Capture, handle, and release.	Renew and amend.
TE-012137	Fort Hunter Liggett, Fort Hunter Liggett, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arroyo toad (arroyo southwestern) (<i>Anaxyrus californicus</i>). 	CA	Emergency salvage	Capture, temporarily hold in captivity, relocate, and salvage.	Amendment.
TE-85350C	Scott Demers, McKinleyville, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> California Clapper rail (California Ridgway's r.) (<i>Rallus longirostris obsoletus</i>) (<i>R. obsoletus o.</i>). 	CA	Survey	Survey	New.

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TE-063427	Sarah Powell, Sacramento, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservancy fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta conservatio</i>). • Longhorn fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta longiantenna</i>). • San Diego fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta sandiegonensis</i>). • Riverside fairy shrimp (<i>Streptocephalus woottoni</i>). • Vernal pool tadpole shrimp (<i>Lepidurus packardii</i>). 	CA	Survey	Capture, handle, release, collect vouchers.	Renew.
TE-017549	Mary Whitfield, Weldon, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>). • Least Bell's vireo (<i>Vireo belli pusillus</i>). 	CA, NV, AZ, NM.	Survey, population monitoring, research studies, and public educational workshops.	Nest monitor, capture, handle, band, collect blood, collect feathers, film, conduct educational workshops.	Renew and amend.

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.*).

Karen Jensen,

Acting Regional Director, Pacific Southwest Region, Sacramento, California.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2018-0022; FXIA1671090000-178-FF09A30000]

Foreign Endangered Species; Receipt of Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of permit applications.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on applications to conduct certain activities with foreign species that are listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). With some exceptions, the ESA prohibits activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is acquired that allows such activities. The ESA also requires that we invite public comment before issuing permits for endangered species.

DATES: We must receive comments by October 24, 2018.

ADDRESSES:

Obtaining Documents: The applications, application supporting materials, and any comments and other materials that we receive will be available for public inspection at <http://www.regulations.gov> in Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2018-0022.

Submitting Comments: When submitting comments, please specify the name of the applicant and the permit number at the beginning of your comment. You may submit comments by one of the following methods:

- **Internet:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Search for and submit comments on Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2018-0022.

- **U.S. mail or hand-delivery:** Public Comments Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2018-0022; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Headquarters, MS: BPHC; 5275 Leesburg Pike; Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.

For more information, see Public Comment Procedures under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brenda Tapia, by phone at 703-358-2104, via email at DMAFR@fws.gov, or via the Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Comment Procedures

A. How do I comment on submitted applications?

You may submit your comments and materials by one of the methods in **ADDRESSES**. We will not consider comments sent by email or fax, or to an address not in **ADDRESSES**. We will not consider or include in our administrative record comments we receive after the close of the comment period (see **DATES**).

When submitting comments, please specify the name of the applicant and the permit number at the beginning of your comment. Please make your requests or comments as specific as possible, confine your comments to issues for which we seek comments in this notice, and explain the basis for your comments. Provide sufficient information 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