

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

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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 April 3, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Use one of the following  
methods to request documents or  
submit comments. Requests and  
comments should specify the applicant  
name(s) and application number(s) (*e.g.*,  
TE123456):

- *Email:* [permitsR5ES@fws.gov](mailto:permitsR5ES@fws.gov).
- *U.S. Mail:* Abby Gelb, Ecological  
Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service,  
300 Westgate Center Dr. Hadley, MA  
01035.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Abby Gelb, 413–253–8212 (phone), or  
[permitsR5ES@fws.gov](mailto:permitsR5ES@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 of 1973, 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.  
Our regulations implementing section  
10(a)(1)(A) 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, and Federal  
agencies; Tribes; and the public to  
comment on the following applications.

Application No.	Applicant	Species	Location	Activity	Type of take	Permit action
TE18372D ..	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Hadley, MA.	<i>Amphibians:</i> Shenandoah salamander ( <i>Plethodon shenandoah</i> ); <i>Birds:</i> Piping plover ( <i>Charadrius melodus</i> ), Red-cockaded woodpecker ( <i>Picoides borealis</i> ), Roseate tern ( <i>Sterna dougallii dougallii</i> ); <i>Fish:</i> Atlantic salmon ( <i>Salmo salar</i> ), Diamond darter ( <i>Crystallaria cincotta</i> ), Duskytail darter ( <i>Etheostoma percnurum</i> ), Maryland darter ( <i>Etheostoma sellare</i> ), Roanoke logperch ( <i>Percina rex</i> ); <i>Invertebrates:</i> American burying beetle ( <i>Nicrophorus americanus</i> ), Appalachian monkeyface pearl mussel ( <i>Quadrula sparsa</i> ), Birdwing pearl mussel ( <i>Lemiox rimosus</i> ), Clubshell mussel ( <i>Pleurobema clava</i> ), Cracking pearl mussel ( <i>Hemistena lata</i> ), Cumberland bean pearl mussel ( <i>Villosa trabalis</i> ), Cumberland monkeyface pearl mussel ( <i>Quadrula intermedia</i> ), Cumberlandian combshell mussel ( <i>Epioblasma brevidens</i> ), Dromedary pearl mussel ( <i>Dromus dromas</i> ), Dwarf wedgemussel ( <i>Alasmidonta heterodon</i> ), Fanshell mussel ( <i>Cyrogenia stegaria</i> ), Fine-rayed pigtoe mussel ( <i>Fusconaia cuneolus</i> ), Fluted kidneyshell mussel ( <i>Ptychobranthus subtentum</i> ), Green blossom pearl mussel ( <i>Epioblasma torulosa gubernaculum</i> ), Guyandotte River crayfish ( <i>Cambarus veteranus</i> ), Hay’s Spring amphipod ( <i>Stygobromus hayi</i> ), James spiny mussel ( <i>Pleurobema collina</i> ), Karner blue butterfly ( <i>Lycaeides melissa samuelis</i> ), Lee County cave isopod ( <i>Lirceus usdagalun</i> ), Littlewing pearl mussel ( <i>Pegias fabula</i> ), Mitchell’s satyr butterfly ( <i>Neonympha mitchellii mitchellii</i> ), Northern riffleshell mussel ( <i>Epioblasma torulosa rangiana</i> ), Orangefoot pimpleback pearl mussel ( <i>Plethobasus cooperianus</i> ), Oyster mussel ( <i>Epioblasma capsaeformis</i> ), Pink mucket pearl mussel ( <i>Lampsilis abrupta</i> ), Purple bean mussel ( <i>Villosa perpurpurea</i> ), Rayed bean mussel ( <i>Villosa fabalis</i> ), Ring pink mussel ( <i>Obovaria retusa</i> ), Rough pigtoe mussel ( <i>Pleurobema plenum</i> ), Rough rabbitsfoot ( <i>Quadrula cylindrica strigillata</i> ), Rusty patched bumble bee ( <i>Bombus affinis</i> ), Sheepnose mussel ( <i>Plethobasus cyphyus</i> ), Shiny pigtoe mussel ( <i>Fusconaia cor</i> ), Slabside pearl mussel ( <i>Pleuonaia dolabelloides</i> ), Snuffbox mussel ( <i>Epioblasma triquetra</i> ), Spectaclecase mussel ( <i>Cumberlandia monodonta</i> ), Spruce-fir moss spider ( <i>Microhexura montivaga</i> ), Tan riffleshell mussel ( <i>Epioblasma florentina walker</i> ), Tuberclad blossom pearl mussel ( <i>Epioblasma torulosa torulosa</i> ), Virginia fringed mountain snail ( <i>Polygyriscus virginianus</i> );	CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VA, VT, WV, DC.	Survey, capture, collect, handle, transport, release, selective euthanize, propagate, translocate, reintroduce.	Harass, harm, pursue, wound, lethal collection, trap, capture, or collect.	Renew.

Application No.	Applicant	Species	Location	Activity	Type of take	Permit action
TE01086D ..	Aquatic Wildlife Conservation Center, Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, Marion, VA.	<p><b>Mammals:</b> Carolina northern flying squirrel (<i>Glaucomys sabrinus coloratus</i>), Gray bat (<i>Myotis grisescens</i>), Gray wolf (<i>Canis lupus</i>), Indiana bat (<i>Myotis sodalis</i>), Virginia big-eared bat (<i>Corynorhinus townsendii virginianus</i>);</p> <p><b>Reptiles:</b> Hawksbill sea turtle (<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>), Kemp's ridley sea turtle (<i>Lepidochelys kempi</i>), Leatherback sea turtle (<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>), Northern red-bellied turtle (<i>Pseudemys rubriventris</i>);</p> <p><b>Plants:</b> American chaffseed (<i>Schwalbea americana</i>), Canby's dropwort (<i>Oxypolis canbyi</i>), Furbish lousewort (<i>Pedicularis furbishiae</i>), Harperella (<i>Ptilimnium nodosum</i>), Jesup's milk-vetch (<i>Astragalus robbinsii</i> var. <i>jesupi</i>), Michaux's sumac (<i>Rhus michauxii</i>), Northeastern bulrush (<i>Scirpus ancistrochaetus</i>), Peter's Mountain malow (<i>Iliamna corei</i>), Roan Mountain bluet (<i>Hedyotis purpurea</i> var. <i>montana</i>), Rock gnome lichen (<i>Gymnoderma lineare</i>), Running buffalo clover (<i>Trifolium stoloniferum</i>), Sandplain gerardia (<i>Agalinis acuta</i>), Schweinitz's sunflower (<i>Helianthus schweinitzii</i>), Shale barren rock cress (<i>Arabis serotina</i>), Small-anthered bittercress (<i>Cardamine micranthera</i>), Smooth coneflower (<i>Echinacea laevigata</i>).</p> <p>Appalachian monkeyface (<i>Quadrula sparsa</i>), Birdwing pearl mussel (<i>Lemiox rimosus</i>), Cracking pearl mussel (<i>Hemistena lata</i>), Cumberland monkeyface (<i>Quadrula intermedia</i>), Cumberiandian combshell (<i>Epioblasma brevidens</i>), Dromedary pearl mussel (<i>Dromus dromas</i>), Fanshell (<i>Cyprogenia stegaria</i>), Finerayed pigtoe (<i>Fusconaia cuneolus</i>), Fluted kidneyshell (<i>Ptychobranchus subtentum</i>), Green blossom (<i>Epioblasma torulosa gubernaculum</i>), Littlewing pearl mussel (<i>Pegias fabula</i>), Oyster mussel (<i>Epioblasma capsaeformis</i>), Pink mucket (<i>Lampsilis abrupta</i>), Purple bean (<i>Villosa perpurpurea</i>), Rough pigtoe (<i>Pleurobema planum</i>), Rough rabbitsfoot (<i>Quadrula cylindrica strigillata</i>), Sheepsnose Mussel (<i>Plethobasus cyphus</i>), Shiny pigtoe (<i>Fusconaia cor</i>), Slabside Pearlymussel (<i>Pleuronaia dolabelloides</i>), Snuffbox mussel (<i>Epioblasma triquetra</i>), Spectaclecase mussel (<i>Cumberlandia monodonta</i>), Tan ruffleshell (<i>Epioblasma florentina walkeri</i>)</p>	VA, TN .....	Collect adults as broodstock and ark populations; propagate; release juveniles and adults.	Capture, collect, transport, propagate, release, reintroduce.	Renew.

**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. Moreover, 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**

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

**Martin Miller,**

Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Ecological Services, Northeast Region.

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

**Employment and Training Administration**

**Selection Procedures for Reviewing Applications Filed by Employers Seeking Temporary Employment of H-2B Foreign Workers in the United States**

**AGENCY:** Employment and Training Administration (ETA), Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor's (Department's or DOL's) Office of Foreign Labor Certification (OFLC) is making this announcement to inform employers and other interested stakeholders of how H-2B *Applications for Temporary Employment Certification*, Form ETA-9142B, filed by employers on or after July 3, 2019, will

be assigned to staff for review. The Department believes these procedural changes will provide for fairer and more orderly assignment and review of applications. The Department is seeking public comments on these procedural changes.

**DATES:** To be ensured for consideration, comments must be submitted in writing on or before April 3, 2019. OFLC will review all of the comments received and will make any changes it determines are appropriate prior to July 3, 2019. The new procedural changes are applicable on July 3, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by one of the following methods:

*Mail and hand delivery/courier:*  
Submit comments to Thomas M. Dowd, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration, Box PPII 12-200, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210. Due to security-related concerns, there may be a significant delay in the receipt of submissions by United States Mail. You must consider this when preparing to meet the deadline for submitting comments.

*Email:* Submit comments to [H2BReform.Comments@dol.gov](mailto:H2BReform.Comments@dol.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas M. Dowd, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor,