

falconry database (database) replaced a legacy system based on outdated programming. It reduced the cost to the government by eliminating the need for Service personnel to enter data for each new falconer, and simply required the entry of data for State administrators. In addition, this new database enhances the user experience by allowing them to enter data from any device that has internet access, including PCs, tablets, and smart phones. This usability testing helped the Service to address problems and recommendations prior to the database going live. We are now ready to request full OMB approval of the database.

The database is a web-based application designed to monitor falconry activities throughout the United States. The process involves keeping track of falconry acquisitions and dispositions among falconry permit holders. This process requires falconer and/or propagator permit holders to report their activities by filling out electronic falconry applications.

Falconers and State administrators must register to use the database. States that participate in the falconry application must first contact the Service's Division of Migratory Birds located in Virginia to create a profile in the database. Each State is required to have at least one person acting as State representative or administrator. Information collected from States to create new falconer profiles includes the user's State, access role, and basic contact information.

A falconer must first apply for a falconry permit in his/her State. Once the permit is approved by the State permit issuing office, the State administrator will create the new falconer profile by entering the falconer's State, class, basic contact information, and permit information to include number, date issued, and expiration date into the database. Additionally, a falconer is required to notify his/her State 30 days in advance via email of any change in address or the location of the facilities where birds are held.

Title of Collection: Falconry Application Database.

OMB Control Number: 1018–New.

Form Number: FWS Form 3–186A (electronic).

Type of Review: New.

Respondents/Affected Public: Individuals/households and State governments.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 40 (30 individuals, 10 State governments).

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 40 (30 individuals, 10 State governments).

Estimated Completion Time per Response: 2.5 hours.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 100 (75 hours for individuals, 25 hours for State governments).

Respondent's Obligation: Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit.

Frequency of Collection: On occasion.

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.*).

Dated: August 7, 2019.

Madonna L. Baucum,

Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Delta Research Station Project: Estuarine Research Station and Fish Technology Center, Final Environmental Impact Report/ Environmental Impact Statement; Sacramento, California

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), have prepared a final environmental impact report/environmental impact statement (EIR/EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and its implementing regulations. The final EIR/EIS evaluates impacts regarding construction and operation of the Delta Research Station (DRS) in the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento–San Joaquin Delta Estuary, California. The planned DRS would consist of two facilities, a proposed Estuarine Research Station and a Fish Technology Center. The USFWS is the lead Federal agency responsible for coordinating the environmental analysis for the proposed action under NEPA. The California Department of Water Resources is the lead State agency responsible for coordinating the environmental analysis

under the California Environmental Quality Act.

DATES: We must receive any comments on the final EIR/EIS by 5 p.m. on September 12, 2019. We will sign a record of decision no sooner than 30 days after the publication of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) notice of the final EIS in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: To view or download the Final EIR/EIS, or for a list of locations to view hard-bound copies, go to <http://www.deltaresearchstation.com>. For how to view comments on the EIS from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), or for information on EPA's role in the EIS process, see EPA's Role in the EIS Process under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Barbara Beggs, at 916–930–5603 (phone) or barbara_beggs@fws.gov (email). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1–800–877–8339. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, for you to leave a message or question for the above individual. You will receive a reply during regular business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Introduction

We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), have prepared a Final Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), and its implementing regulations (40 CFR 1500 *et seq.*). The Final EIR/EIS evaluates impacts regarding construction and operation of the Delta Research Station (DRS) in the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento–San Joaquin Delta Estuary (Bay-Delta), California. The planned DRS would consist of two facilities, a proposed Estuarine Research Station (ERS) and a Fish Technology Center (FTC). The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) is the lead Federal agency responsible for coordinating the environmental analysis for the proposed action under NEPA. The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) is the lead State agency responsible for coordinating the environmental analysis under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The EIR/EIS is now available for review. Volumes I and II are the draft EIR/EIS, and Volume III identifies the changes made to the draft EIR/EIS and provides the responses to comments. The Final EIR/EIS addressed comments received on the Draft EIR/EIS and contained two attachments related

to the public review of the Draft EIR/EIS: Attachment A, which includes the Draft EIR/EIS notices and mailing list; and Attachment B, which includes public meeting materials such as the meeting sign-in sheet, comment form, speaker card, and presentation.

Public Coordination

On December 10, 2014, the USFWS issued a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an EIR/EIS on the DRS (79 FR 73332; <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-12-10/pdf/2014-28891.pdf>). The NOI identified the purpose and need of the project, provided an overview of the DRS and proposed facilities, and requested comments throughout the scoping process. Two scoping meetings were held, in Rio Vista and Stockton, on December 15, 2014, and December 16, 2014, respectively. On October 30, 2015, the Draft EIR/EIS was released to the public and a 45-day public comment period was opened through notification in the **Federal Register** (80 FR 66926; <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-10-30/pdf/FR-2015-10-30.pdf>). This notice described the proposed action and the range of alternatives. Two public meetings were held, in Rio Vista and Stockton, on December 1, 2015, and December 3, 2015, respectively.

Background

The proposed project consists of construction and operation of two facilities, a proposed Estuarine Research Station (ERS) and a Fish Technology Center (FTC). Collectively, these facilities are intended to serve as an aquatic research and monitoring facility that is located in a centralized area of the Bay-Delta. The project reflects the outcome of a multiyear collaboration between DWR, USFWS, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and other agencies involved in the Interagency Ecological Program (IEP).

The DRS would consolidate ongoing Interagency Ecological Program (IEP) research and monitoring activities throughout the Bay-Delta and provide facilities for study and production of endangered Delta fishes. Currently, the IEP has approximately 145 State and Federal employees that conduct research throughout the Bay-Delta. The IEP collaboratively monitors, researches, models, and synthesizes critical information for adaptive management water project operations and planning and regulatory purposes relative to the aquatic ecosystem in the Bay-Delta. USFWS and DWR plan to construct the DRS in a centrally located area within the Bay-Delta, and the facilities are

expected to enhance interagency coordination and collaboration.

The purpose of the DRS is to enhance interagency coordination and collaboration by developing a shared facility. Currently, Federal and State agency staff working on similar Bay-Delta issues are distributed among different locations that are often remote from the Bay-Delta. Construction and operation of the DRS would reduce travel times and costs and improve research and monitoring activity efficiency. The DRS would consolidate existing IEP programs currently located throughout the Delta, and the FTC would house a new program to develop and apply captive fish propagation technologies in support of population restoration.

The Draft EIR/EIS evaluated the potential impacts of three action alternatives, as well as the No Project Alternative: The No Project Alternative (DWR and USFWS would not construct the ERS or FTC); Alternative 2 (the ERS and FTC facilities would be consolidated in the predominantly undeveloped portions of the Rio Vista Army Reserve Center site); Alternative 3 (the ERS facilities would involve rehabilitation and reuse of existing facilities); and Alternative 4 (the ERS and FTC facilities would be located at the 845 Ryde Avenue site in Stockton). California Department of Water Resources (DWR), the CEQA lead agency, identified Alternative 2 as the proposed project and USFWS has selected Alternative 2 as the NEPA preferred alternative.

Since publication of the Draft EIR/EIS, Alternative 2 was modified such that the new marina would be partially excavated inland, as opposed to being entirely located within the existing Sacramento River channel (as it was described in the Draft EIR/EIS). The Final EIR/EIS described and analyzed project modifications and refinements to Alternative 2 (Rio Vista Army Reserve Center—Configuration 1). This modified alternative consists of developing the ERS and FTC facilities on the southern edge of Rio Vista. The ERS and FTC facilities would be consolidated in the predominantly undeveloped portions of the site, and the marina would be established in the Sacramento River at the southeastern end of the site. The facilities layout of the modified Alternative 2 would be very similar to that which is described in the Draft EIR/EIS, with the exception that some building footprints would be shifted westerly to accommodate the partially excavated marina. These modifications were made in response to comments from the Army Corps of Engineers and

did not result in substantial changes in the proposed action relevant to environmental concerns. Therefore, a supplement was not required under 40 CFR 1502.9(c)(1)(i).

The Final EIR/EIS contains responses to all substantive comments received on the Draft EIR/EIS, reflects comments and any information received during the review period, and includes revisions to the environmental analysis to reflect modifications to Alternative 2.

DWR's certification of the EIR and final decision-making under the CEQA occurred May 18, 2017. USFWS will not sign the Record of Decision until at least 30 days after EPA publishes a notice of availability of the Final EIR/EIS.

EPA's Role in the EIS Process

The EPA is charged under section 309 of the Clean Air Act to review all Federal agencies' EISs and to comment on the adequacy and the acceptability of the environmental impacts of proposed actions in the EISs.

EPA also serves as the repository (EIS database) for EISs prepared by Federal agencies and provides notice of their availability in the **Federal Register**. The EIS database provides information about EISs prepared by Federal agencies, as well as EPA's comments concerning the EISs. All EISs are filed with EPA, which publishes a notice of availability on Fridays in the **Federal Register**.

For more information, see <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/eisdata.html>. You may search for EPA comments on EISs, along with EISs themselves, at <https://cdxnodengn.epa.gov/cdx-enepa-public/action/eis/search>.

Public Availability of Comments

All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the decision record for this action and will be available to the public. 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—will be publicly available. If you submit a hardcopy comment that includes personal identifying information, you may request at the top of your document that we withhold this information from public review. However, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Authority

This notice is published in accordance with the requirements of National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the Council for Environmental

Quality's regulations for implementing NEPA (40 CFR 1500 through 1508), and the Department of the Interior's NEPA regulations (43 CFR part 46).

Jody Holzworth,

Deputy Regional Director, Pacific Southwest Region, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered Species; Receipt of Recovery Permit Application

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

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

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, have received an application for a permit to conduct activities intended to enhance the propagation and survival of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. We invite the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies to comment on this application. Before issuing the requested permit, 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 September 12, 2019.

ADDRESSES:

Document availability and comment submission: Submit requests for a copy of the application and related documents and submit any comments by one of the following methods. All requests and comments should specify the applicant name and application number:

- *Email:* permitsR1ES@fws.gov.
- *U.S. Mail:* Marilet Zablan, 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, Regional 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 an application for a permit under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The requested permit would allow the applicant to conduct activities intended to promote recovery of species that are listed as endangered 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 (CFR) 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 Application Available for Review and Comment

Proposed activities in the following permit request 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 this permit. Accordingly, we invite local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies and the public to submit written data, views, or arguments with respect to this application. 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	Take activity	Permit action
TE-48278D-0	Archipelago Research and Conservation, Kalaheo, HI.	Band-rumped storm-petrel or akeake (<i>Oceanodroma castro</i>) and Hawaiian petrel or uau (<i>Pterodroma sandwichensis</i>).	Hawaii	Harass by capture, handle, band, release, survey, monitor nests, install artificial burrows, and install social attraction array.	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 a permit to the applicant 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.*).

Katherine Norman,

Acting Assistant Regional Director—Ecological Services, Pacific Region.

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