

The specific counties and New England towns and cities within each state in MSAs and HMFAs were not changed by the July 15, 2015 OMB metropolitan area definitions. These areas are listed in Schedule B, available online at <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/fmr.html>.

2. Unit Bedroom Count Adjustments

Schedule B, available at <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/fmr.html>, shows the FMRs for zero-bedroom through four-bedroom units. The Schedule B addendum shows Small Area FMRs for all metropolitan areas. The FMRs for unit sizes larger than four bedrooms may be calculated by adding 15 percent to the four-bedroom FMR for each extra bedroom. For example, the FMR for a five-bedroom unit is 1.15 times the four-bedroom FMR, and the FMR for a six-bedroom unit is 1.30 times the four-bedroom FMR. FMRs for single-room-occupancy (SRO) units are 0.75 times the zero-bedroom FMR.

3. Arrangement of FMR Areas and Identification of Constituent Parts

a. The FMR areas in the online Schedule B are listed alphabetically by metropolitan FMR area and by non-metropolitan county within each state and are available at <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/fmr.html>.

b. The constituent counties (and New England towns and cities) included in each metropolitan FMR area are listed immediately following the listings of the FMR dollar amounts. All constituent parts of a metropolitan FMR area that are in more than one state can be identified by consulting the listings for each applicable state.

c. Two non-metropolitan counties are listed alphabetically on each line of the non-metropolitan county listings.

d. The New England towns and cities included in a non-metropolitan county are listed immediately following the county name.

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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 30, 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](mailto:permitsR1ES@fws.gov).
- U.S. Mail: Marilet Zablan, Program Manager, Restoration and Endangered Species Classification, Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior Regions 9 and 12, 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](mailto: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-25955C-3 .....	Dr. Melissa Price, University of Hawaii at Mānoa, Honolulu, HI.	Aeo, Hawaiian stilt ( <i>Himantopus mexicanus knudseni</i> ); Alae keokeo, Hawaiian coot ( <i>Fulica alai</i> ); Alae ula, Hawaiian common gallinule ( <i>Gallinula chloropus sandvicensis</i> ).	Hawaii .....	<i>Aeo only</i> : Harass by floating eggs. <i>All species</i> : Harass by nest monitoring; capture, handle, measure, weigh; bio-sample; band, attach radio transmitters; release, and salvage.	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 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.*).

### Rolland White,

*Assistant Regional Director—U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, Interior Regions 9 and 12.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Geological Survey

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### Public Meeting (via Teleconference) of the National Earthquake Prediction Evaluation Council (NEPEC) Federal Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting (via teleconference).

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) is publishing this notice to announce that the National Earthquake Prediction Evaluation Council (NEPEC) will meet as indicated below.

**DATES:** The virtual meeting will be held on Monday, September 30, 2019, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Michael Blanpied, U.S. Geological

Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Mail Stop 905, Reston, VA 20192; by email at [mblanpied@usgs.gov](mailto:mblanpied@usgs.gov); or by telephone at (703) 648–6696.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The NEPEC provides advice and recommendations to the Director of the USGS on earthquake predictions and related scientific research.

**Purpose of the Meeting:** The USGS will update the NEPEC on work in response to prior recommendations, most notably on initial implementation of a nationwide operational aftershock forecasting system, and on planned improvements to that system in the coming year. The USGS will also solicit input from the NEPEC on the agenda for a face-to-face meeting to be scheduled in the next fiscal year. Additional information about the NEPEC meeting is available at: <http://earthquake.usgs.gov/aboutus/nepec/>.

#### Agenda Topics:

- Updates to the council on implementation of a nationwide operational aftershock forecasting system, and future planned improvements;
- Soliciting input from the council on the agenda for a face-to-face meeting to be scheduled in the next fiscal year; and
- Public comment period.

**Meeting Accessibility/Special Accommodations:** The virtual meeting is open to the public. Members of the public wishing to participate in the virtual meeting should contact Dr. Michael Blanpied by email at [mblanpied@usgs.gov](mailto:mblanpied@usgs.gov) to register no later than five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Virtual meeting (teleconference) call-in information will be provided at that time. Time will be allowed at the virtual meeting for any individual or organization wishing to make formal oral comments.

**Public Disclosure of Comments:** Interested members of the public may submit relevant information for the NEPEC to consider during the teleconference. To allow for full consideration of information by the NEPEC members, written notice must be provided to Dr. Michael Blanpied, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Mail Stop 905, Reston, VA 20192; by email at [mblanpied@usgs.gov](mailto:mblanpied@usgs.gov); or by telephone at (703) 648–6696, at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Any written comments received will be provided to the NEPEC members.

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 may 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.

### Trent Richardson,

*Deputy Associate Director for Natural Hazards.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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### Notice of Availability of the Ambler Road Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Alaska

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Ambler Road and by this notice is announcing the opening of the comment period. The BLM is also announcing that it will be holding public meetings on the Draft EIS and subsistence-related hearings to receive comments on the Draft EIS and the project's potential to impact subsistence resources and activities.

**DATES:** To ensure that comments will be considered, the BLM must receive written comments on the Draft EIS within 45 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes its Notice of Availability of the Draft EIS in the **Federal Register**. The BLM will hold public meetings in: Alatna, Allakaket, Ambler, Anaktuvuk Pass, Anchorage, Bettles, Buckland, Coldfoot, Evansville, Fairbanks, Hughes, Huslia, Kiana, Kobuk, Kotzebue, Noatak, Noorvik, Selawik, Shungnak, Stevens Village, Tanana, Wiseman, Alaska and in Washington, DC. The dates, times, and locations of the meetings will be announced at least 15 days in advance through public notices, media releases, and/or mailings.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments related to the Ambler Road Draft EIS by any of the following methods: