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The Service provides this notice under section 10(c) (16 U.S.C. 1539(c)) of the ESA and NEPA regulation 40 CFR 1506.6.

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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 October 3, 2019.

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,

Endangered Species Program Manager, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 8, 2800 Cottage Way, Room W-2606, Sacramento, CA 95825.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel Marquez, via phone at 760-431-9440, via email at permitsr8es@fws.gov, or via 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-42449D	Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lost River sucker (<i>Deltistes luxatus</i>). • Shortnose sucker (<i>Chasmistes brevirostris</i>). 	OR	Research	Capture, handle, insert PIT tags, clip fins, and release.	New.
TE-50094D	Ian Axsom, Atascadero, 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.	New.
TE-42833A	Ian Maunsell, San Diego, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quino checkerspot butterfly (<i>Euphydryas editha quino</i>). 	CA	Survey	Pursue	Amend.

Application No.	Applicant, city, state	Species	Location	Activity	Type of take	Permit action
TE-50992B	Antonette Gutierrez, Imperial Beach, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>). • Quino checkerspot butterfly (<i>Euphydryas editha quino</i>). • Light-footed clapper rail (light-footed Ridgway's r.) (<i>Rallus longirostris levipes</i>) (<i>R. obsoletus l.</i>). • Tidewater goby (<i>Eucyclogobius newberryi</i>). 	CA	Survey	Capture, handle, and release.	Renew.
TE-56626B	Robin Dakin, San Jose, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • California tiger salamander (Santa Barbara County and Sonoma County Distinct Population Segments (DPSs)) (<i>Ambystoma californiense</i>). 	CA	Survey	Capture, handle, and release.	Renew.
TE-98574C	River Design Group, Corvallis, Oregon.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lost River sucker (<i>Deltistes luxatus</i>). • Shortnose sucker (<i>Chasmistes brevirostris</i>). 	CA, OR	Survey and research	Electrofishing, capture, handle, and release.	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.*).

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Acting Chief, Ecological Services, Pacific Southwest Region, Sacramento, California.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Alabama Trustee Implementation Group Draft Restoration Plan III and Environmental Assessment: Birds and Provide and Enhance Recreational Opportunities

AGENCY: Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for public comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA), the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the *Deepwater Horizon* Oil Spill Final Programmatic Damage Assessment Restoration Plan and Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement, Record of Decision, and Consent Decree, the Federal and State natural resource trustee agencies for the Alabama Trustee Implementation Group (AL TIG) have prepared a draft restoration plan and environmental assessment entitled *Alabama Trustee Implementation Group Draft Restoration Plan III/Environmental Assessment: Provide and Enhance Recreational Opportunities, and Birds* (RP III/EA), analyzing a reasonable range of alternatives to help restore natural resources and the services they provide that were injured in the Alabama Restoration Area as a result of the *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill. The alternatives considered in the draft RP III/EA include five preferred by the AL

TIG for implementation to address lost recreational use, and two preferred for the restoration of birds. We invite public comment on the draft RP III/EA.

DATES: Submitting Comments: We will consider public comments on the draft RP III/EA received on or before October 3, 2019.

Public meeting: The AL TIG will host an open house public meeting on September 11, 2019, in conjunction with the AL TIG's annual meeting. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. at the Five Rivers Tensaw Theater, located at 30945 Five Rivers Boulevard in Spanish Fort, Alabama.

ADDRESSES: Obtaining Documents: You may download the draft RP III/EA from either of the following websites:

- <https://www.doi.gov/deepwaterhorizon/adminrecord>.
- <https://www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov/restoration-areas/alabama>.

Alternatively, you may request a CD of the draft RP III/EA (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). Copies of the draft RP III/EA are also available for review during the public comment period at the following locations:

Location	Address	City	Zip
Dauphin Island Sea Laboratory, Admin Building	101 Bienville Boulevard	Dauphin Island	36528
Thomas B. Norton Public Library	221 West 19th Avenue	Gulf Shores	36542