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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 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 by January 6, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** *Document availability and comment submission:* 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:* [permitsR6ES@fws.gov](mailto:permitsR6ES@fws.gov).
- *U.S. Mail:* Marjorie Nelson, Chief, Division of Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 134 Union Blvd., Suite 670, Lakewood, CO 80228.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kathy Konishi, Recovery Permits Coordinator, Ecological Services, 303-236-4224 (phone), or [permitsR6ES@fws.gov](mailto:permitsR6ES@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:**

**Background**

The Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et*

*seq.*), prohibits certain activities with endangered and threatened species unless authorized by a Federal permit. The ESA and our implementing regulations in part 17 of title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) provide for the issuance of such permits and require that we invite public comment before issuing permits for activities involving endangered species.

A recovery permit issued by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA authorizes the permittee to conduct activities with endangered 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, city, state	Species	Location	Take activity	Permit action
TE067729-6 .....	Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Topeka shiner (<i>Notropis topeka</i>) .....</li> <li>• Razorback sucker (<i>Xyrauchen texanus</i>)</li> <li>• Colorado pikeminnow (<i>Ptychocheilus lucius</i>).</li> </ul>	CO, KS, UT .....	Capture, handle, insert PIT tags, clip fins, and release.	Renew.
TE53607D-0 .....	Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Denver, Colorado.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Razorback sucker (<i>Xyrauchen texanus</i>)</li> <li>• Colorado pikeminnow (<i>Ptychocheilus lucius</i>).</li> </ul>	CO .....	Capture, handle, measure, insert PIT tags, tissue sample for genetic analysis, and release.	New.
TE080647-1 .....	Wildlife Specialties, LLC, Lyons, Colorado.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bonytail chub (<i>Gila elegans</i>) .....</li> <li>• Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>).</li> </ul>	CO .....	Pursue for presence/absence surveys.	Renew.
TE42721B-1 .....	City of Fort Collins Natural Areas Department, Fort Collins, Colorado.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Black-footed ferret (<i>Mustela nigripes</i>) ...</li> </ul>	CO .....	Pursue for presence/absence surveys, capture, mark, vaccinate, release, reintroduce, and monitor populations.	Renew.
TE57437D-0 .....	Timothy Carden, Monte Vista, Colorado.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>).</li> </ul>	CO .....	Pursue for presence/absence surveys.	New.
TE73239C-1 .....	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Kansas City, Missouri.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pallid sturgeon (<i>Scaphirhynchus albus</i>)</li> </ul>	KS, MO .....	Capture, handle, measure, insert PIT tags, tissue sample for genetic analysis, and release.	Amend.
TE66521B-2 .....	Western Biology, LLC, Hotchkiss, Colorado.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>).</li> <li>• Black-footed ferret (<i>Mustela nigripes</i>) ...</li> </ul>	AZ, CA, CO, NV, NM, TX, UT, CO, WY, MT, UT, KS, NE, SD, ND.	Pursue for presence/absence surveys.	Amend.

**Public Availability of Comments**

Written comments we receive become part of the administrative record. 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.*).

**Stephen Small,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE****Antitrust Division****Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Cooperative Research Group on Numerical Propulsion System Simulation**

Notice is hereby given that, on November 13, 2019, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* (“the Act”), Southwest Research Institute—Cooperative Research Group on Numerical Propulsion System Simulation (“NPSS”) has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act’s provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, Baker Hughes TPS, Firenze, ITALY, has been added as a party to this venture.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and NPSS intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership or planned activities.

On December 11, 2013, NPSS filed its original notification pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on February 20, 2014 (79 FR 9767).

The last notification was filed with the Department on September 11, 2019. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on November 8, 2019 (84 FR 60454).

**Suzanne Morris,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE****Antitrust Division****Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Cooperative Research Group on ROS-Industrial Consortium Americas**

Notice is hereby given that, on November 13, 2019, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* (“the Act”), Southwest Research Institute—Cooperative Research Group on ROS-Industrial Consortium-Americas (“RIC-Americas”) has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act’s provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, GKN Aerospace North America, Inc., Hazelwood, MO, has withdrawn as a party to this venture.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and RIC-Americas intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On April 30, 2014, RIC-Americas filed its original notification pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on June 9, 2014 (79 FR 32999).

The last notification was filed with the Department on October 17, 2019. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on November 12, 2019 (84 FR 61070).

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**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE****Antitrust Division****Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Consortium for Execution of Rendezvous and Servicing Operations**

Notice is hereby given that, on November 11, 2019, pursuant to Section

6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* (“the Act”), Consortium for Execution of Rendezvous and Servicing Operations (“CONFERS”) filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act’s provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, Lockheed Martin Corporation, Bethesda, MD; Trensipo, Inc., Hayward, CA; Colorado Center for Astrodynamics Research, Boulder, CO; SRI International, Menlo Park, CA; Stellar Exploration, Inc., San Luis Obispo, CA; OneWeb, McLean, VA; Space Law & Policy Solutions, E. Rochester, NH; Space Applications Services, Sint-Stevens-Woluwe, BELGIUM; GITAI, Inc., Tokyo, JAPAN; Marsh & McLennan Companies, New York, NY; KinetX Aerospace, Inc., Tempe, AZ; and Protean Industries, LLC, LaFayette, NJ, have been added as parties to this venture.

Also, Space Initiatives, Inc., Palm Bay, FL; SES Government Solutions, Inc., Reston, VA; and Hoffer Flow Controls, Inc., Elizabeth City, NC, have withdrawn as a party to this venture.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and CONFERS intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On September 10, 2018, CONFERS filed its original notification pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on October 19, 2018 (83 FR 53106).

The last notification was filed with the Department on May 6, 2019. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on May 29, 2019 (84 FR 24818).

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