

| Common name                        | Scientific name                                      | Listing status | Lead state    | Final listing rule<br>(Federal Register<br>citation and<br>publication date) | Contact person, phone,<br>email                                                                                            | Contact person's U.S. mail<br>address                                                                                                     |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Whooping crane .....               | <i>Grus americana</i> .....                          | Threatened ... | Texas .....   | 32 FR 4001; 3/11/<br>1967.                                                   | Kevin McAbee, Whooping<br>Crane Recovery Coordi-<br>nator, 303-482-7425<br>(phone) or kevin_<br>mcabee@fws.gov<br>(email). | U.S. Fish and Wildlife<br>Service, 160 Zillioea<br>Street, Suite B, Ashe-<br>ville, NC 28801.                                             |
| Narrow headed<br>gartersnake.      | <i>Thamnophis<br/>rufipunctatus</i> .                | Threatened ... | Arizona ..... | 79 FR 38678; 7/8/<br>2014.                                                   | Field Supervisor, 602-<br>242-0210 (phone) or<br>incomingazcorr@fws.gov<br>(email).                                        | U.S. Fish and Wildlife<br>Service, Arizona Eco-<br>logical Services Office,<br>9828 North 31st Avenue,<br>#C3, Phoenix, AZ<br>85051-2517. |
| Southwestern willow<br>flycatcher. | <i>Empidonax trailii<br/>extimus</i> .               | Endangered ... | Arizona ..... | 60 FR 10694; 2/27/<br>1995.                                                  |                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                           |
| Sonoyta mud turtle .....           | <i>Kinostemon<br/>sonoriense<br/>longifemorale</i> . | Endangered ... | Arizona ..... | 82 FR 43897; 9/20/<br>2017.                                                  |                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                           |
| Masked bobwhite .....              | <i>Colinus virginianus<br/>ridgwayi</i> .            | Endangered ... | Arizona ..... | 32 FR 4001; 3/11/<br>1967.                                                   |                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                           |
| San Bernardino<br>springsnail.     | <i>Pyrgulopsis<br/>bernardina</i> .                  | Threatened ... | Arizona ..... | 77 FR 23060; 4/17/<br>2012.                                                  |                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                           |
| Yaqui catfish .....                | <i>Ictalurus pricei</i> .....                        | Threatened ... | Arizona ..... | 49 FR 34490; 8/31/<br>1984.                                                  |                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                           |

| PLANTS                  |                                                              |                |               |                              |                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                           |
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| Pima pineapple cactus   | <i>Coryphantha scheeri<br/>var. robustispina</i> .           | Endangered ... | Arizona ..... | 58 FR 49875; 9/23/<br>1993.  | Field Supervisor, 602-<br>242-0210 (phone) or<br>incomingazcorr@fws.gov<br>(email). | U.S. Fish and Wildlife<br>Service, Arizona Eco-<br>logical Services Office,<br>9828 North 31st Avenue,<br>#C3, Phoenix, AZ<br>85051-2517. |
| Siler pincushion cactus | <i>Pediocactus<br/>(=Echinocactus,=<br/>Utahia) sileri</i> . | Threatened ... | Arizona ..... | 44 FR 61786; 10/26/<br>1979. |                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                           |
| Gierisch mallow .....   | <i>Sphaeralcea gierischii</i>                                | Endangered ... | Arizona ..... | 78 FR 49149; 8/13/<br>2013.  |                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                           |
| Sentry milk-vetch ..... | <i>Astragalus<br/>cremnophylax var.<br/>cremnophylax</i> .   | Endangered ... | Arizona ..... | 55 FR 50184; 12/5/<br>1990.  |                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                           |
| Huachuca water-umbel    | <i>Lilaeopsis<br/>schaffneriana var.<br/>recurva</i> .       | Endangered ... | Arizona ..... | 62 FR 665; 1/6/1997.         |                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                           |

Request for Information

To ensure that a 5-year status review is complete and based on the best available scientific and commercial information, we request new information from all sources. See What Information Do We Consider in Our Review? for specific criteria. If you submit information, please support it with documentation such as maps, bibliographic references, methods used to gather and analyze the data, and/or copies of any pertinent publications, reports, or letters by knowledgeable sources.

How do I ask questions or provide information?

If you wish to provide information for any species listed above, please submit your comments and materials to the appropriate contact in the table above. You may also direct questions to those contacts (also see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

Public Availability of Comments

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 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.

Completed and Active Reviews

A list of all completed and currently active 5-year status reviews can be found at <https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/report/species-five-year-review>.

Authority

This document is published under the authority of the Endangered Species Act

of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

**Jeffrey Fleming,**  
*Acting Regional Director, Southwest Region,  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.*  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

**[Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2023-0255;  
FXIA16710900000-234-FF09A30000]**  
**Wild Bird Conservation Act; Receipt of  
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 (Service), invite the  
public to comment on permit  
applications regarding foreign bird  
species covered under the Wild Bird

Conservation Act (WBCA). With some exceptions, the WBCA prohibits certain activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is issued that allows such activities. The WBCA also requires that we invite public comment before issuing permits for any activity it otherwise prohibits.

**DATES:** We must receive comments by February 26, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** *Obtaining Documents:* The applications, application supporting materials, and any comments and other materials that we receive will be available for public inspection at <https://www.regulations.gov> in Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2023-0255. *Submitting Comments:* When submitting comments, please specify the name of the applicant and the permit number at the beginning of your comment. You may submit comments by one of the following methods:

- *Internet:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Search for and submit comments on Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2023-0255.
- *U.S. mail:* Public Comments Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2023-0255; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Headquarters, MS: PRB/3W; 5275 Leesburg Pike; Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.

For more information, see Public Comment Procedures under

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Timothy MacDonald, by phone at 703-358-2185 or via email at [DMAFR@fws.gov](mailto:DMAFR@fws.gov). Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### **I. Public Comment Procedures**

#### *A. How Do I comment on submitted applications?*

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.

You may submit your comments and materials by one of the methods in **ADDRESSES**. We will not consider comments sent by email, or to an address not in **ADDRESSES**. We will not consider or include in our

administrative record comments we receive after the close of the comment period (see **DATES**).

When submitting comments, please specify the name of the applicant and the permit number at the beginning of your comment. Provide sufficient information to allow us to authenticate any scientific or commercial data you include. The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are: (1) Those supported by quantitative information or studies; and (2) those that include citations to, and analyses of, the applicable laws and regulations.

#### *B. May I review comments submitted by others?*

You may view and comment on others' public comments at <https://www.regulations.gov> unless our allowing so would violate the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) or Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

#### *C. Who will see my comments?*

If you submit a comment at <https://www.regulations.gov>, your entire comment, including any personal identifying information, will be posted on the website. If you submit a hardcopy comment that includes personal identifying information, such as your address, phone number, or email address, 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. 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.

### **II. Background**

To help us carry out our conservation responsibilities for affected species, and in consideration of section 112(4) of the Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992 (WBCA; 16 U.S.C. 4901-4916), we invite public comments on permit applications before final action is taken. With some exceptions, the WBCA prohibits certain activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is issued that allows such activities. Service regulations regarding permits for any activity otherwise prohibited by the WBCA with respect to any wild birds are available in title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations in part 15.

### **III. Permit Applications**

We invite comments on the following applications.

*Applicant:* Vernon Padgett, Sandy Springs, GA; *Permit No.* PER2919227

The applicant, along with member Dick Schroeder, and the Zoological Association of America as the oversight committee, wishes to establish a new Cooperative Breeding Program under 50 CFR 15.26 covering the species below. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 2-year period:

Stella's lorikeet (*Charmosyna stellae*), yellow-bibbed lory (*Lorius chlorocercus*), chattering lory (*Lorius garrulus*), dusky lory (*Pseudeos fuscata*), cardinal lory (*Pseudeos cardinalis*), black lory (*Chalcopsitta atra*), yellow-streaked lory (*Chalcopsitta sintillata*), ornate lorikeet (*Saudareos ornata*), coconut lorikeet (*Trichoglossus haematodus*), blue-streaked lory (*Eos reticulata*), red lory (*Eos rubra*), black-winged lory (*Eos cyanogenia*), and violet necked lory (*Eos squamata*).

*Applicant:* Vernon Padgett, Sandy Springs, GA; *Permit No.* PER2858327

The applicant, along with member Dallas World Aquarium, and the Zoological Association of America as the oversight committee, wishes to establish a new Cooperative Breeding Program under 50 CFR 15.26 covering the species below. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 2-year period:

Toco toucan (*Ramphastos toco*), white-throated toucan (*Ramphastos tucanus*), channel billed toucan (*Ramphastos vitellinus*), red-breasted toucan (*Ramphastos dicolorus*), green aracari (*Pteroglossus viridis*), saffron toucanet (*Bailloni bailloni*), rufous hornbill (*Buceros hydrocorax*), Papuan hornbill (*Rhyticeros plicatus*), wreathed hornbill (*Rhyticeros undulatus*), and knobbed hornbill (*Aceros cassidix*).

*Applicant:* The Peregrine Fund, Boise, ID; *Permit No.* 77797D

The applicant wishes to establish a new Cooperative Breeding Program (CBP) under 50 CFR 15.26 covering the Taita falcon (*Falco fasciinucha*). The applicant previously held CBP-039, for the same species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 2-year period.

### **IV. Next Steps**

After the comment period closes, we will make decisions regarding permit issuance. If we issue permits to any of the applicants listed in this notice, we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register**. You may locate the notice announcing the permit issuance by searching <https://www.regulations.gov> for the permit number listed above in

this document. For example, to find information about the potential issuance of Permit No. 12345A, you would go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for “12345A”.

## V. Authority

We issue this notice under the authority of the implementing regulations and under the authority of the Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992 (16 U.S.C. 4901–4916). This notice is provided pursuant to section 112(4) of the Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992, 50 CFR 15.26(c).

**Timothy MacDonald,**

*Government Information Specialist, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

[Docket No. FWS–R7–ES–2023–0212;  
FXES111607MRG01–245–FF07CMM00]

#### Marine Mammals; Incidental Take During Specified Activities; Proposed Incidental Harassment Authorization for Southwest Alaska Stock of Northern Sea Otters in Kodiak, Alaska

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of application; proposed incidental harassment authorization; draft environmental assessment; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, in response to a request under the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended, from Trident Seafoods Corporation, propose to authorize nonlethal incidental take by harassment of small numbers of the Southwest Alaska stock of northern sea otters (*Enhydra lutris kenyoni*) for 1 year from the date of issuance of the incidental harassment authorization. The applicant requested this authorization for take by harassment that may result from activities associated with pile driving and marine construction activities in Near Island Channel in Kodiak, Alaska. We estimate that this project may result in the nonlethal incidental take by harassment of up to 460 northern sea otters from the Southwest Alaska stock. This proposed authorization, if finalized, will be for up to 3,160 takes of 460 northern sea otters by Level B harassment. No take by Level A harassment or lethal take are requested,

or expected, and no such take will be authorized.

**DATES:** Comments on this proposed incidental harassment authorization and the accompanying draft environmental assessment must be received by February 26, 2024.

#### ADDRESSES:

**Accessing documents:** You may view this proposed incidental harassment authorization, the application package, supporting information, draft environmental assessment, and the list of references cited herein at <https://www.regulations.gov> under Docket No. FWS–R7–ES–2023–0212. Alternatively, you may request these documents from the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**Submitting comments:** You may submit comments on the proposed authorization by one of the following methods:

- **U.S. mail:** Public Comments Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS–R7–ES–2023–212, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS: PRB (JAO/3W), 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041–3803.

- **Internet:** <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments to Docket No. FWS–R7–ES–2023–212.

We will post all comments at <https://www.regulations.gov>. You may request that we withhold personal identifying information from public review; however, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. See Request for Public Comments for more information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Charles Hamilton, by U.S. mail at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 341, 1011 East Tudor Road, Anchorage, AK 99503; by email at [R7mmmregulatory@fws.gov](mailto:R7mmmregulatory@fws.gov); or by telephone at 1–800–362–5148. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Section 101(a)(5)(D) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) authorizes the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) to allow, upon request, the incidental, but not intentional, taking by harassment of small numbers of marine mammals in response to requests by U.S. citizens (as defined in title 50 of

the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) in part 18, at 50 CFR 18.27(c)) engaged in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) in a specified geographic region during a period of not more than 1 year. The Secretary has delegated authority for implementation of the MMPA to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (“Service” or “we”). According to the MMPA, the Service shall allow this incidental taking if we make findings that the total of such taking for the 1-year period:

- (1) is of small numbers of marine mammals of a species or stock;

- (2) will have a negligible impact on such species or stocks; and

- (3) will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of these species or stocks for taking for subsistence use by Alaska Natives.

If the requisite findings are made, we issue an authorization that sets forth the following, where applicable:

- (a) permissible methods of taking;

- (b) means of effecting the least practicable adverse impact on the species or stock and its habitat and the availability of the species or stock for subsistence uses; and

- (c) requirements for monitoring and reporting of such taking by harassment, including, in certain circumstances, requirements for the independent peer review of proposed monitoring plans or other research proposals.

The term “take” means to harass, hunt, capture, or kill, or to attempt to harass, hunt, capture, or kill any marine mammal. “Harassment” means any act of pursuit, torment, or annoyance which (i) has the potential to injure a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild (the MMPA defines this as “Level A harassment”), or (ii) has the potential to disturb a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild by causing disruption of behavioral patterns, including, but not limited to, migration, breathing, nursing, breeding, feeding, or sheltering (the MMPA defines this as “Level B harassment”).

The terms “negligible impact” and “unmitigable adverse impact” are defined in 50 CFR 18.27 (*i.e.*, regulations governing small takes of marine mammals incidental to specified activities) as follows: “Negligible impact” is an impact resulting from the specified activity that cannot be reasonably expected to, and is not reasonably likely to, adversely affect the species or stock through effects on annual rates of recruitment or survival. “Unmitigable adverse impact” means an impact resulting from the specified activity: (1) that is likely to reduce the availability of the species to a level insufficient for a harvest to meet