

(CDR) sequences of the anti-CD19 scFv known as Hu19, for the treatment or prevention of autoimmune diseases.

Alycia Booth,

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES**

National Institutes of Health

**Center For Scientific Review; Notice of
Closed Meetings**

Pursuant to section 1009 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

The meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Cancer Therapeutics and Drug Development.

Date: March 23–24, 2026.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Address: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Meeting Format: Virtual Meeting.

Contact Person: Lilia Topol, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 6192, MSC 7804, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-451-0131, ltopol@mail.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Oncology 2—Translational Clinical Integrated Review Group; Cellular Immunotherapy of Cancer Study Section.

Date: March 24, 2026.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Address: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Meeting Format: Virtual Meeting.

Contact Person: Shahana Majid, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 867-5309, shahana.majid@nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Bioengineering Sciences & Technologies Integrated Review

Group; Biomaterials and Biointerfaces Study Section.

Date: March 24, 2026.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Address: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Meeting Format: Virtual Meeting.

Contact Person: Jennifer Fiori O'Connell, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (410) 454-8478, jennifer.oconnell@nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Neuroscience Integrated Review Group; Molecular and Cellular Neuropharmacology Study Section.

Date: March 24–25, 2026.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Address: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Meeting Format: Virtual Meeting.

Contact Person: Beata Buzas, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 443-0800, bbuzas@mail.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Fellowships: Infectious Diseases and Immunology C.

Date: March 24–25, 2026.

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Address: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Meeting Format: Virtual Meeting.

Contact Person: Melinda H. Krick, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Dr., Room 808G, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1199, krickmh@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; RFA-AL-25-018: Mucosal Immunology Studies Team (MIST) (U01).

Date: March 24, 2026.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Address: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Meeting Format: Virtual Meeting.

Contact Person: Marilyn Moore-Hoon, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Dr., Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 594-9295, mooremar@mail.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Fellowships: Sensory and Motor Neurosciences, Cognition and Perception.

Date: March 24–25, 2026.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Address: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Meeting Format: Virtual Meeting.

Contact Person: Melanie Marie Pina, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, The Center for Scientific Review, The National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 594-0718, melanie.pina@nih.gov.

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Dated: February 17, 2026.

Sterlyn H. Gibson,

Program Specialist, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[Docket No. FWS-R4-ES-2025-1596;
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**General Conservation Plan for the
Alabama Beach Mouse; Categorical
Exclusion; Baldwin County, AL**

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comment.

SUMMARY: We, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce receipt of an application from Lisa Eldredge, two from Sean and Dawn Carmichael, and one from Joseph and Sherrie Thompson (applicant/applicants) for four separate incidental take permits (ITP) pursuant to the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and the National Environmental Policy Act under the Service's approved General Conservation Plan (GCP) and final environmental impact statement for the Alabama beach mouse. A GCP is a conservation plan under the ESA that enables the programmatic permitting and conservation process to address a defined suite of proposed activities over a defined planning area. Each applicant requests an ITP to take the federally listed Alabama beach mouse incidental to the construction of a single-family home or to the addition of a deck or pool to a single-family home in Baldwin County, Alabama. We request public comment on these applications, which include each applicant's proposed habitat conservation plan, as well as on the Service's preliminary determination that the proposed permitting actions

may qualify under the terms of the Alabama beach mouse GCP. We certify that each of the applications is statutorily complete and includes the necessary information to enroll in the GCP.

DATES: We must receive your written comments on or before March 23, 2026.

ADDRESSES:

Obtaining Documents: The documents this notice announces, as well as any comments and other materials that we receive, will be available for public inspection online in Docket No. FWS–R4–ES–2025–1596 at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

Submitting Comments: If you wish to submit comments on any of the documents, you may do so in writing by one of the following methods:

- *Online:* <https://www.regulations.gov>.

Follow the instructions for submitting comments on Docket No. FWS–R4–ES–2025–1596.

- *U.S. Mail:* Public Comments Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS–R4–ES–2025–1596; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS: PRB/3W, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041–3803.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

William Lynn, by U.S. mail (see **ADDRESSES**), by telephone at 1–251–538–2065 or via email at william_lynn@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: We, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce receipt of an application under the approved General Conservation Plan (GCP) for the Alabama beach mouse from Lisa Eldredge, two applications from Dawn Carmichael, and one from Joseph and Sherrie Thompson for an ITP under the Endangered Species Act, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). Each applicant requests an ITP to take the federally listed Alabama beach mouse (ABM; *Peromyscus polionotus ammobates*). All applicants will take ABM incidental to the construction, maintenance, and operation of a single-family home or to the addition of a deck or pool to a single-family home in Baldwin County, Alabama. We request public comment on the applications, on the applicants' HCPs, and on the Service's preliminary determination that the proposed ITPs may qualify for a categorical exclusion under the GCP and

final environmental impact statement (FEIS) for the ABM published on March 28, 2012 (FWS–R4–ES–2012–N063).

Proposed Projects

Permit Number: PER23229509

Lisa Eldredge, applicant, requests a 50-year ITP to take ABM via the conversion of 0.030 acres (ac) of occupied nesting, foraging, and sheltering habitat incidental to the construction of a deck and to the tear down and reconstruction of a single-family home on a 0.460-ac parcel located at 3413 Ponce de Leon Court in Gulf Shores, Alabama. The applicant proposes to mitigate for the take of ABM through an in-lieu fee of \$3,068.20 to the Alabama Coastal Heritage Trust's ABM conservation fund.

Permit Number: PER23299702

Sean and Dawn Carmichael, applicants, request a 50-year ITP to take ABM via the conversion of 0.147 ac of occupied nesting, foraging, and sheltering habitat incidental to the construction of a single-family home on a 1.01-ac parcel located at 2124 West Beach Boulevard in Gulf Shores, Alabama. They were approved for the long driveway option of the GCP (driveway needed longer than 100 feet). The applicants propose to mitigate for the take of ABM through an in-lieu fee of \$14,692.40 to the Alabama Coastal Heritage Trust's ABM conservation fund.

Permit Number: PER23304933

The Sean and Dawn Carmichael, applicants, request a 50-year ITP to take Alabama beach mice via the conversion of approximately 0.147 ac of occupied nesting, foraging, and sheltering ABM habitat incidental to the construction of a single-family home on a 0.91-ac parcel located at 2130 West Beach Boulevard in Gulf Shores, Alabama. They were approved for the long driveway option of the GCP (driveway longer than 100 feet). The applicant proposes to mitigate for the take of ABM through an in-lieu fee of \$14,692.40 to the Alabama Coastal Heritage Trust's ABM conservation fund.

Permit Number: PER23318025

Joseph and Sherrie Thompson, applicants, request a transfer and to modify an existing 30-year ITP to take Alabama beach mice via the conversion of 0.099-ac of occupied nesting, foraging, and sheltering ABM habitat incidental to the construction of a pool with deck to an existing house on a 0.464-ac lot located Driftwood Drive, Gulf Shores, Alabama. The applicant proposes to mitigate for the take of ABM

through an in-lieu fee of \$9,954.40 to the Alabama Coastal Heritage Trust's ABM conservation fund.

Our Preliminary Determination

The Service has made a preliminary determination that reasonably foreseeable effects of the applicants' proposed projects, including the construction of single-family homes and associated infrastructure (*e.g.*, electric, water, and sewer lines) and of pool and deck additions, would have a minor effect on ABM and the human environment. Therefore, we have preliminarily determined that the proposed ESA section 10(a)(1)(B) permit would meet the requirements of the GCP and FEIS.

Next Steps

The Service will evaluate the applications and the comments to determine whether to issue the requested ITP. We also will conduct an intra-Service consultation pursuant to section 7 of the ESA to evaluate the effects of the proposed take. After considering the preceding and other matters, we will determine whether the permit issuance criteria of section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA have been met. If met, the Service will issue ITP number PER23229509 to Lisa Eldredge, ITP number(s) PER23299702 and PER23304933 to Sean and Dawn Carmichael, and ITP Number PER23318025 to Joseph and Sherrie Thompson.

Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made available to the public. 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 hard copy 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.

Authority

The Service provides this notice under section 10(c) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.32), National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), as amended, and the Department of the Interior's implementing regulations (43 CFR part 46).

Jeffrey Powell,

Field Supervisor, Alabama Ecological Service Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service**

[Docket No. FWS-R4-ES-2026-0034; FXES1114040000-267-FF04EF4000]

Receipt of Incidental Take Permit Application and Proposed Habitat Conservation Plan for the Sand Skink; Marion County, FL; Categorical Exclusion

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments and information.

SUMMARY: We, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce receipt of an application from Marion County Public Schools (applicant) for an incidental take permit (ITP) under the Endangered Species Act. The applicant requests the ITP to take the federally listed sand skink incidental to the construction of a municipal development in Marion County, Florida. We request public comment on the application, which includes the applicant's proposed habitat conservation plan (HCP), and on the Service's preliminary determination that the proposed permitting action may be eligible for a categorical exclusion pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Department of the Interior's (DOI) NEPA regulations, and the DOI Departmental Manual (DM). To make this preliminary determination, we prepared a draft screening form and NEPA statement for HCPs, both of which are available for public review. We invite comment from the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies.

DATES: We must receive your written comments on or before March 23, 2026.

ADDRESSES:

Obtaining Documents: The documents this notice announces, as well as any comments and other materials that we

receive, will be available for public inspection online in Docket No. FWS-R4-ES-2026-0034 at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

Submitting Comments: If you wish to submit comments on any of the documents, you may do so in writing by one of the following methods:

- *Online:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on Docket FWS-R4-ES-2026-0034.
- *U.S. mail:* Public Comments Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS-R4-ES-2026-0034; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS: PRB/3W; 5275 Leesburg Pike; Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lindsay Needs, by U.S. mail (see **ADDRESSES**), by telephone at 772-226-8158 or via email at lindsay_needs@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: We, the Fish and Wildlife Service, announce receipt of an application from Marion County Public Schools (applicant) for an incidental take permit (ITP), under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The applicant requests the ITP to take the federally listed threatened sand skink (*Neopseps (=Plestiodon reynoldsi)*) incidental to the construction and operation of a public school in Marion County, Florida.

We request public comment on the application, which includes the applicant's HCP, and on the Service's preliminary determination that this proposed ITP may qualify for a categorical exclusion pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the Department of the Interior's (DOI) NEPA regulations (43 CFR part 46), and the DOI's Departmental Manual (516 DM 8.5(C)(2)). To make this preliminary determination, we prepared a draft screening form and NEPA statement for HCPs, both of which are available for public review.

Proposed Project

The applicant requests a 10-year ITP to take skinks via the conversion of approximately 2.51 acres (ac) of occupied nesting, foraging, and sheltering skink habitat incidental to the construction and operation of a

municipal development on 7.06 ac on Parcel # 37506-002-00 in Section 15, Township 16S, and Range 23E, Marion County, Florida.

The applicant proposes to mitigate for take of the skinks by purchasing credits equivalent to 5.02 ac of skink-occupied habitat within a Service-approved conservation bank. The Service would require the applicant to purchase the credits prior to engaging in any phase of the project.

Our Preliminary Determination

The Service has made preliminary determinations that reasonably foreseeable effects of the applicant's proposed project, including the construction of a municipal development and associated infrastructure, would have a minor effect on the sand skink and the human environment and that the extraordinary circumstances in 43 CFR 46.215 do not apply. Reasonably foreseeable effects encompass effects of implementation of the action including effects of the action in addition to other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future effects.

Therefore, we have preliminarily determined that the proposed ESA section 10(a)(1)(B) permit would be a low-effect ITP that may qualify for application of a categorical exclusion (516 DM 8.5(C)(2)) pursuant to NEPA, the DOI's NEPA regulations, and the DOI DM. A low-effect ITP is one that would result in (1) negligible or minor individual or cumulative effects on species covered in the HCP; (2) no significant effect on the human environment; and (3) reasonably foreseeable effects that would not result in significant effects to the human environment.

Next Steps

The Service will evaluate the application and the comments to determine whether to issue the requested ITP. We will also conduct an intra-Service consultation pursuant to section 7 of the ESA to evaluate the effects of the proposed take. After considering the preceding and other matters, we will determine whether the permit issuance criteria of section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA have been met. If met, the Service will issue ITP number PER24590859 to Marion County Public Schools.

Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made