

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

[Docket No. FWS-R4-ES-2026-0067;  
FXES11140400000-267-FF04EA4000]

**Receipt of One Incidental Take Permit Application for Participation in the 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 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce receipt of one application from Ethan Bishop (applicant) for an incidental take permit (ITP), pursuant to the Endangered Species Act, under the Service's approved General Conservation Plan (GCP) and final environmental impact statement (FEIS) for the Alabama beach mouse. The applicant requests the ITP to take the federally listed Alabama beach mouse (ABM) incidental to the construction of a single-family home in Baldwin County, Alabama. We request public comment on the application, which includes the applicant's proposed habitat conservation plans (HCP), and on the Service's preliminary determination that the proposed permitting action qualifies under the terms of the ABM GCP. We invite comment from the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies.

**DATES:** We must receive your written comments on or before April 13, 2026. Comments submitted electronically using the Federal eRulemaking Portal (see **ADDRESSES**, below) must be received by 11:59 p.m. eastern time on the closing date.

To ensure your comment is received and considered, you must submit it using one of the methods identified in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document. Comments submitted through any method not authorized in this document, or sent to an address not listed here, will not be considered.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Comment submission:* All submissions must include the docket number [FWS-R4-ES-2026-0067] this document. You must submit comments using one of the following methods:

- *Online:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on Docket No. FWS-R4-ES-2026-0067.
- *U.S. mail:* Public Comments Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS-R4-ES-2026-0067; U.S. Fish and Wildlife

Service, MS: PRB/3W, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.

Comments submitted through any method not authorized in this document, or sent to an address not listed here, will not be considered. We will not accept comments via email, fax, or hand delivery. We are not required to consider comments that are submitted after the comment period ends or that are submitted via a method outside of these instructions. Comments containing profanity, vulgarity, threats, or other inappropriate content will not be considered.

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:** Erin Lentz, by U.S. mail (see **ADDRESSES**), by telephone at 1-251-298-3853, or via email at [erin\\_lentz@fws.gov](mailto:erin_lentz@fws.gov). Individuals in the United States who are deaf, blind, 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 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce receipt of an application from Ethan Bishop under the approved General Conservation Plan (GCP) for the Alabama beach mouse (ABM; *Peromyscus polionotus ammobates*) 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 incidental to the construction, maintenance and operation of a single-family home in Baldwin County, Alabama.

A GCP is a mechanism that meets the definition of a conservation plan in section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA and enables the construction of a programmatic permitting and conservation process to address a defined suite of proposed activities over a defined planning area. We certify that each application to enroll in the GCP is statutorily complete and includes the necessary information. We have no evidence that the applicant is disqualified pursuant to 50 CFR 13.21.

We request public comment on the application, which includes the applicant's habitat conservation plan (HCP), and on the Service's preliminary

determination that the requested ITP qualifies under the ABM GCP and final environmental impact statement (FEIS) published on March 28, 2012 (FWS-R4-ES-2012-N063).

**Proposed Project**

Ethan Bishop requests a 50-year ITP to take ABM via the conversion of 0.09 acre (ac) of occupied nesting, foraging, and sheltering ABM habitat incidental to the construction of a single-family home on a 0.52-ac parcel located off Palmetto Drive in Gulf Shores, Alabama. The applicant proposes to mitigate for the take of ABM through an in-lieu fee of \$8,535.30 to the Alabama Coastal Heritage Trust's ABM conservation fund.

**Our Preliminary Determination**

The Service has made a preliminary determination that the applicant's proposed project, including the construction of the residential development and associated infrastructure (e.g., electric, water, and sewer lines), would have a minor effect on ABM and the human environment. 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 made a preliminary determination that, if issued, the requested ESA section 10(a)(1)(B) permit action would meet the requirements of the GCP and FEIS.

**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 PER23666323 to Ethan Bishop.

**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 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.

#### Authority

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Geological Survey

[Docket No. USGS-2025-0303; OMB Control Number 1028-0098; GX25MR00UTCWD00]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Nonindigenous Aquatic Species Sighting Report Form and Alert Registration Form

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

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) is proposing to renew an information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 12, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by one of the following methods:

- *Internet:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Search for and submit comments on Docket No. USGS-2025-0303.

- *U.S. Mail:* USGS, Information Collections Clearance Officer, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 159, Reston, VA 20192.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Matthew Neilson by email at [mneilson@](mailto:mneilson@)

[usgs.gov](http://usgs.gov), or by telephone at +1 352-517-4091. 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:** In accordance with the PRA of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), all information collections require approval under the PRA.

As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, we invite the public and other Federal agencies to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following:

- (1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;
- (2) The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (4) How the agency might minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of response.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personally identifiable information (PII) in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your PII—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your PII from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

*Abstract:* America is impacted by many harmful non-native species of

plants, animals, and microorganisms. More than 6,500 nonindigenous species are now established in the United States, posing risks to native species, valued ecosystems, and human and wildlife health. These invaders extract a huge cost for management and mitigation of harmful impacts, with annual estimated costs ranging from \$21-\$120 billion and reported aggregate expenditures from 1960-2020 reaching between \$1.22-4.52 trillion (Pimentel *et al.* 2005; Fantle-Lepczyk *et al.* 2022). The current annual environmental, economic, and health-related costs of invasive species exceed those of all other natural disasters combined.

Through its Invasive Species Program ([http://www.usgs.gov/ecosystems/invasive\\_species/](http://www.usgs.gov/ecosystems/invasive_species/)), the USGS plays an important role in federal efforts to combat invasive species in natural and semi-natural areas through early detection and assessment of newly established invaders; monitoring of invading populations; and improving understanding of the ecology of invaders and factors in the resistance of habitats to invasion. The USGS provides the tools, technology, and information supporting efforts to prevent, contain, control, and manage invasive species nationwide. To meet user needs, the USGS also develops methods for compiling and synthesizing accurate and reliable data and information on invasive species for inclusion in a distributed and integrated web-based information system.

As part of the USGS Invasive Species Program, the Nonindigenous Aquatic Species (NAS) database (<http://nas.er.usgs.gov/>) functions as a repository and clearinghouse for occurrence information on nonindigenous aquatic species from across the United States. It contains locality information on approximately 1,380 species of vertebrates, invertebrates, and vascular plants introduced since 1850. Taxa include foreign species as well as those native to North America that have been transported outside of their natural range. The NAS website provides immediate access to new occurrence records through a real-time interface with the NAS database. Visitors to the website can use a set of predefined queries to obtain lists of species according to state or hydrologic basin of interest. Fact sheets, distribution maps, and information on new occurrences are continually posted and updated. Dynamically generated species distribution maps show the spatial accuracy of the locations reported, population status, and links to more information about each report. The NAS