

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[Docket No. FWS–R5–ES–2026–1321;
FXES11130500000–267–FF05E00000]

Endangered 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
scientific research to promote
conservation or other activities intended
to enhance the propagation or survival
of endangered or threatened species
under the Endangered Species Act. We
invite local, State, and Federal agencies;
Tribes; and the public to comment on
these applications. Before issuing 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 July 1, 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–R5–ES–2026–1321] for
this document. You must submit
comments using one of the following
methods:

- *Electronic submission:* Federal
eRulemaking Portal at: [https://
www.regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov). In the Search box,
enter FWS–R5–ES–2026–1321, which is

the docket number for this action. Then
click the Search button. On the resulting
page, you may submit a comment by
clicking on “Comment.” Please ensure
that you have found the correct
document before submitting your
comments.

- *U.S. mail:* Public Comments
Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS–R5–
ES–2026–1321, Policy and Regulations
Branch, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service,
MS: PRB (JAO/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](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 Public
Availability of Comments for more
information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Abby Goldstein, 413–253–8212 (phone),
or permitsR5ES@fws.gov (email). Submit
requests for copies of the applications
and related documents, by one of these
methods. All requests should specify
the applicant name(s) and application
number(s) (e.g., ESXXXXXX; see table in
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION).

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
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite

local, State, and Federal agencies;
Tribes; and the public to review and
comment on applications we have
received for permits under section
10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species
Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16
U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and our
implementing regulations in part 17 of
title 50 of the Code of Federal
Regulations (CFR). The requested
permits would allow the applicants to
conduct activities intended to promote
recovery of species that are listed as
endangered under the ESA. Documents
and other information submitted with
the applications are available for review,
subject to the requirements of the
Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (5
U.S.C. 552a) and the Freedom of
Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

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 constituting or resulting in
take of endangered or threatened 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**

In accordance with the ESA, we invite
local, State, and Federal agencies;
Tribes; and the public to submit written
data, views, or arguments with respect
to the applications in table 1.

TABLE 1—PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Application No.	Applicant	Species	Location	Activity	Type of take	Permit action
PER31379402–0	Fort Drum Military Reservation, U.S. Army; Fort Drum, NY.	Indiana bat (<i>Myotis sodalis</i>), northern long- eared bat (<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>).	New York	Capture via mistnet, band, telemetry, re- lease.	Capture	New.

TABLE 1—PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED—Continued

Application No.	Applicant	Species	Location	Activity	Type of take	Permit action
CS18420331	Hillary Mower; Crab Orchard, WV.	Indiana bat (<i>Myotis sodalis</i>), northern long-eared bat (<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>), tri-colored bat (<i>Perimyotis subflavus</i>), gray bat (<i>Myotis grisescens</i>), Virginia big-eared bat (<i>Corynorhinus</i> (=Plecotus) townsendii virginianus).	Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia.	Capture via mistnet and harp trap, band, telemetry, release.	Capture	New.
PER82615D-4	Downeast Salmon Federation; Columbia Falls, ME.	Atlantic salmon (<i>Salmo salar</i>).	Maine	Electrofishing, trap, mark, propagate.	Capture, Collect	Renew with amendment.
PER12175217-1	Jacob Miller; Hurricane, WV.	Add: Guadalupe Orb (<i>Cyclonaias necki</i>), Rusty patched bumble bee (<i>Bombus affinis</i>), Alabama lampmussel (<i>Lampsilis virescens</i>), Balcones spike (<i>Fusconaia iheringi</i>), Cumberlandian combshell (<i>Epioblasma brevidens</i>), Cumberland monkeyface (<i>Theliderma intermedia</i>), Dromedary pearlymussel (<i>Dromus dromas</i>), Dwarf wedgemussel (<i>Alasmidonta heterodon</i>), False spike (<i>Fusconaia mitchelli</i>), Fluted kidneyshell (<i>Ptychobranthus subtentus</i>), Guadalupe fatmucket (<i>Lampsilis bergmanni</i>), James Spiny mussel (<i>Parvaspina collina</i>), Oyster Mussel (<i>Epioblasma capsaeformis</i>), Purple Bean (<i>Villosa perpurpurea</i>), Rough Rabbitsfoot (<i>Quadrula cylindrica strigillata</i>), Shiny Pigtoe (<i>Fusconaia cor</i>), Texas Fatmucket (<i>Lampsilis bracteata</i>), Texas Fawnsfoot (<i>Truncilla macrodon</i>), Texas Pimpleback (<i>Cyclonaias petrina</i>), Yellow Lance (<i>Elliptio lanceolata</i>).	Add: Connecticut, Delaware, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, New Jersey, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas.	Capture, release	Capture	Amend.
PER26044385-0	Walter Veselka; Reedsville, WV.	Rusty patched bumble bee (<i>Bombus affinis</i>).	West Virginia	Capture, photograph, release.	Capture	New.

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. 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.

Next Steps

If we decide to issue permits to the applicants listed in this notice, we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register**.

Authority: Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Amanda Cross,

Acting Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Northeast Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Indian Affairs**

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Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians of California; Liquor Control Ordinance

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice publishes the Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians of California Liquor Control Ordinance, which regulates and controls the consumption, possession, sale, manufacture, and distribution of liquor within Tribal Trust Lands under the jurisdiction of the Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians of California, including its Trust Land located in Vallejo County, in order to permit alcohol sales by tribally owned and operated enterprises and private lessees, and at tribally approved special events. The Liquor Control Ordinance will provide a source of revenue for the continued operation of the tribal government, the delivery of governmental services, and the economic viability of tribal enterprises.

DATES: This Ordinance shall become effective June 1, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Saraye Forrest-Davis, Tribal Government Specialist, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pacific Region, Division of Tribal Government Services, 2800 Cottage Way, Room W–2820, Sacramento, California 95825, Telephone (916) 206–9634, Fax: (916) 978–6099.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Act of August 15, 1953, Public Law 83–277, 67 Stat. 586, 18 U.S.C. 1161, as interpreted by the Supreme Court in *Rice v. Rehner*, 463 U.S. 713 (1983), the Secretary of the Interior shall certify and publish in the **Federal Register** notice of adopted liquor control ordinances for the purpose of regulating liquor transactions in Indian country. On October 16, 2025, the Tribal Council

of the Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians of California adopted the Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians of California Liquor Control Ordinance by Resolution No. S.V. 29–25.

This notice is published in accordance with the authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary–Indian Affairs. I certify that the Tribal Council of the Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians of California enacted the Liquor Control Ordinance on October 16, 2025.

The Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians of California Liquor Control Ordinance shall read as follows:

Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians of California**A Liquor Control Ordinance of the Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians of California on the Scotts Valley Indian Reservation and Tribal Lands****Article 1. Introduction***Section 1. Title; Short Title*

This Ordinance shall be known and cited as “A Liquor Control Ordinance of the Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians of California on the Scotts Valley Indian Reservation and Indian Lands” and may be cited as the “Scotts Valley Liquor Control Ordinance” or “Liquor Control Ordinance.”

Section 2. Authority

This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to the Act of August 15, 1953 (Pub. L. 83–277, 67 Stat. 586, 18 U.S.C. 1161) and by powers vested in the Tribal Council of the Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians of California, the Tribe’s governing body, to promulgate, adopt, and enforce ordinances and resolutions as authorized under Article VI, Section 1 (d), of the Constitution of the Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians of the Sugar Bowl Reservation, adopted September 24, 1994.

Section 3. Purpose; Findings

The purpose of this Ordinance is to regulate and control the consumption, possession, sale, manufacture, and distribution of liquor within Tribal Trust Lands under the jurisdiction of the Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians of California, including its Trust Land located in Vallejo County, in order to permit alcohol sales by tribally owned and operated enterprises and private lessees, and at tribally approved special events. Enactment of a liquor control ordinance will help promote and provide a source of revenue for the continued operation of the tribal government, the delivery of governmental services, and the economic viability of tribal enterprises.

The Tribal Council of the Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians of California enacts this Ordinance based upon the following findings:

- i. The distribution, manufacturing, possession, consumption, and sale of liquor on Tribal Trust Lands is a matter of special concern to the Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians of California.
- ii. The Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians of California is the beneficial owner of Tribal Trust Lands.
- iii. In the event the Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians of California seeks to operate gaming and related dining, entertainment, and lodging facilities, it shall be located on Tribal Trust Lands where by the Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians of California is the beneficial owner.
- iv. In the event the Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians establishes and operates a gaming facility, it will serve as an integral and indispensable part of the Tribe’s economy, providing revenue to the Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians of California’s government and employment of its tribal citizens and others in the local community.
- v. Federal law, as codified at 18 U.S.C. 1154 and 1161, currently prohibits the introduction of liquor into Indian country, except in accordance with State law and the duly enacted laws of the Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians of California.
- vi. The Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians of California recognizes the need for strict control and regulation of liquor transactions on lands under the Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians of California’s jurisdiction because of the potential problems associated with the unregulated or inadequate regulation of sales, possession, manufacturing, distribution, and consumption of liquor.
- vii. Regulating the possession, sale, distribution, consumption, and manufacture of liquor within lands under the Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians of California’s jurisdiction is also consistent with the Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians of California’s interests in ensuring the peace, safety, health, and general welfare of the Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians of California and its members.
- viii. Tribal control and regulation of liquor on lands under the Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians of California’s jurisdiction is consistent with the Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians of California’s custom and tradition of controlling the possession and consumption of liquor on Tribal Lands, and at Tribal events.
- ix. The purchase, distribution, manufacturing, consumption, possession, and sale of liquor on lands