

ADDRESSES: Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203; fax 703/358-2281.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Division of Management Authority, telephone 703/358-2104.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Endangered Species

The public is invited to comment on the following applications for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of these complete applications should be submitted to the Director (ADDRESSES above).

Applicant: Stephen Barnes, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL, PRT-162128.

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples from cheetah (*Acinonyx jubatus*) from the Wellington Zoo, Wellington, New Zealand for the purpose of enhancement of the species through scientific research. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant for a five-year period.

Applicant: James E. Smith, Lakeland, FL, PRT-160847.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Mark E. Hopmann, League City, TX, PRT-161817.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Dated: August 31, 2007.

Michael L. Carpenter,

Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications.

SUMMARY: The following applicants have applied for scientific research permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended.

DATES: To ensure consideration, written comments must be received on or before November 5, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be submitted to the Chief, Endangered Species Division, Ecological Services, P.O. Box 1306, Room 4102, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act. Documents will be available for public inspection, by appointment only, during normal business hours at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 500 Gold Ave., SW, Room 4102, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chief, Endangered Species Division, P.O. Box 1306, Room 4102, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103, (505) 248-6920.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail 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.

Permit TE-153351

Applicant: WASS Gerke & Associates, Scottsdale, Arizona.

Applicant requests a permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for the Southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) and the Yuma clapper rail (*Rallus longirostris yumanensis*) within Arizona.

Permit TE-161542

Applicant: Arizona Public Service (APS)—Four Corners Power Plant, Fruitland, New Mexico.

Applicant requests a permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for the Southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) and the Yuma clapper rail (*Rallus longirostris yumanensis*) within Arizona.

Permit TE-776123

Applicant: Texas A & M University at Galveston, Galveston, Texas.

Applicant requests a permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct research, surveys, and retrieval of stranded leatherback sea turtles (*Dermodochelys coriacea*) within coastal Texas.

Permit No. TE-161391

Applicant: Edwards, Shannon, San Antonio, Texas.

Applicant requests a new permit to conduct presence/absence surveys for the golden-cheeked warbler (*Dendroica chrysoparia*) and black capped-vireo (*Vireo atricapilla*) for research and recovery purposes in central and west central Texas.

Permit No. TE-819477

Applicant: John Taschek, Taschek Environmental Consulting, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Applicant requests an amendment to an existing permit to add presence/absence surveys for black-footed ferret (*Mustela nigripes*), interior least tern (*Sterna antillarum*), northern aplomado falcon (*Falco femoralis septentrionalis*), Colorado pikeminnow (*Ptychocheilus lucius*), Gila chub (*Gila intermedia*), Gila topminnow (*Poeciliopsis occidentalis*), razorback sucker (*Xyrauchen texanus*), and Rio Grande silvery minnow (*Hybognathus amarus*); presence/absence surveys and collection of Holy Ghost ipomopsis (*Ipomopsis sanctispiritus*), Knowlton cactus (*Pediocactus knowltonii*), Kuenzler hedgehog cactus (*Echinocereus fendleri* var. *kuenzleri*), Mancos milk-vetch (*Astragalus humillimus*), Sacramento prickly poppy (*Argemone pleiacantha* ssp. *pinnatisecta*), Sneed pincushion cactus (*Coryphantha sneedii* var. *sneedii*), and Todsens's pennyroyal (*Hedeoma todsenii*); and capture and handling of Mexican spotted owl (*Strix occidentalis lucida*) within Arizona and New Mexico.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*

Dated: August 31, 2007.

Christopher T. Jones,

*Acting Regional Director, Region 2,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Initiation of 5-Year Reviews of Two Plant Species and Two Wildlife Species in the Midwest Region

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of review; request for information.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), initiate 5-year reviews of Houghton goldenrod (*Solidago houghtonii*), dwarf lake iris (*Iris lacustris*), scaleshell mussel (*Leptodea leptodon*), and Niangua darter (*Etheostoma nianguae*) under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). We request any new information on these species that may have a bearing on their classification as endangered or threatened. Based on the results of these reviews, we will make

a finding on whether these species are properly classified under the Act.

DATES: To allow us adequate time to conduct these reviews, we must receive your information no later than December 3, 2007. However, we will continue to accept new information about any listed species at any time.

ADDRESSES: For instructions on how to submit information and review the information that we receive on these species, see "Public Solicitation of New Information."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For species-specific information, contact the appropriate person under "Public Solicitation of New Information."

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Why Do We Conduct a 5-Year Review?

Under the Act we maintain the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plant Species (List) at 50 CFR 17.11 and 17.12. We amend the List by publishing final rules in the **Federal Register**. Section 4(c)(2)(A) of the Act requires that we conduct a review of listed species at least once every 5 years. Section 4(c)(2)(B) requires that we determine (1) whether a species no

longer meets the definition of threatened or endangered and should be removed from the List (delisted); (2) whether a species more properly meets the definition of threatened and should be reclassified from endangered to threatened; or (3) whether a species more properly meets the definition of endangered and should be reclassified from threatened to endangered. Using the best scientific and commercial data available, we will consider a species for delisting if the data substantiate that the species is neither endangered nor threatened for one or more of the following reasons: (1) The species is considered extinct; (2) the species is considered to be recovered; and/or (3) the original data available when we listed the species, or interpretation of such data, were in error. Any change in Federal classification requires a separate rulemaking process. Therefore, we are requesting submission of any new information (best scientific and commercial data) on these species since they were originally listed.

Our regulations at 50 CFR 424.21 require that we publish a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing those species currently under active review. This notice announces our active review of the species in Table 1.

TABLE 1.—LISTING INFORMATION SUMMARY FOR FOUR SPECIES IN THE MIDWEST REGION

Common name	Scientific name	Status	Listed entity	Final listing rule
Dwarf lake iris	<i>Iris lacustris</i>	Threatened	U.S.A. (MI, WI), Canada (Ont.).	Sept. 28, 1988 (53 FR 37972).
Houghton's goldenrod	<i>Solidago houghtonii</i>	Threatened	U.S.A. (MI), Canada (Ont.)	July 18, 1988 (53 FR 27134).
Niangua darter	<i>Etheostoma nianguae</i>	Threatened	U.S.A. (MO)	June 12, 1985 (50 FR 24649).
Scaleshell mussel	<i>Leptodea leptodon</i>	Endangered	U.S.A. (AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KY, MN, MO, OH, OK, SD, TN, WI).	Oct. 9, 2001 (66 FR 51322).

What Information Do We Consider in Our Review?

In our 5-year review, we consider all new information available at the time of the review. These reviews will consider the best scientific and commercial data that have become available since the original listing determination or most recent status review of each species, such as—(A) Species biology, including but not limited to population trends, distribution, abundance, demographics, and genetics; (B) Habitat conditions, including but not limited to amount, distribution, and suitability; (C) Conservation measures that have been implemented to benefit the species; (D) Threat status and trends (see five factors under heading "How do we determine

whether a species is endangered or threatened?"); and (E) Other new information, data, or corrections, including but not limited to taxonomic or nomenclatural changes, identification of erroneous information contained in the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants, and improved analytical methods.

Public Solicitation of New Information

We request any new information concerning the status of the plant species Houghton's goldenrod and dwarf lake iris, and of the wildlife species Niangua darter and scaleshell mussel. See "What Information Do We Consider in Our Review?" for specific criteria. If you submit information,

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. We specifically request information regarding data from any systematic surveys, as well as any studies or analysis of data that may show population size or trends; information pertaining to the biology or ecology of the species; information regarding the effects of current land management on population distribution and abundance; information on the current condition of habitat; and recent information regarding conservation measures that have been implemented to benefit the species. Additionally, we