

The applicant requests a permit amendment to take (harass by survey, capture, hold, radio collar, mark, draw biological samples, release, captive breed and release progeny into the wild) the Peninsular bighorn sheep (*Ovis canadensis*) throughout the species' range in California in conjunction with recovery efforts, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. 802104

Applicant: Carolee Caffrey, Stillwater, Oklahoma

The applicant requests a permit amendment to take (harass by survey) the California least tern (*Sterna antillarum browni*) throughout the species' range in California in conjunction with scientific research, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. 840895

Applicant: State of Hawaii, Honolulu, Hawaii

The applicant requests an amendment to his permit to take (capture, collect, and release) the nene or Hawaiian goose (*Nesochen sandvicensis*), po'o'li (*Melamprosops phaeosoma*), Maui parrotbill (*Pseudonestor xanthophrys*), 'akohikohe or crested honeycreeper (*Palmeria dolei*), and 'alala or Hawaiian crow (*Corvus hawaiiensis*) throughout their ranges in Hawaii in conjunction with captive breeding and population management activities, for the purpose of enhancing their survival. These activities have been previously authorized under subpermit HIDLNR.

DATES: Written comments on these permit applications must be received on or before May 11, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, Chief, Division of Consultation and Conservation Planning, 911 N.E. 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-4181; FAX: (503) 231-6243. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when submitting comments. All comments, including names and addresses, received will become part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and the Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents within 20 days of the date of publication of this notice to the address above; telephone: (503) 231-2063. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when requesting copies of documents.

Dated: March 26, 1998.

Cynthia U. Barry,

Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Application

ACTION: Notice of receipt of application.

Permit No. PRT-676811

Applicant: Assistant Regional Director—Ecological Services, Region 2, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Applicant requests authorization to renew U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Endangered Species Permit PRT-676811, from June 15, 1998, through December 31, 2003. This permit would allow "take" of species listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act. Taking would be for scientific research and recovery purposes or the enhancement of propagation or survival for approved recovery activities.

SUMMARY: The applicant listed above has applied for a permit renewal to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*).

DATES: Written comments on this permit application must be received on or before May 11, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the Legal Instruments Examiner, Division of Endangered Species/Permits, Ecological Services, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. Please refer to the permit number for this application when submitting comments. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (see address above). Please refer to the permit number for this application when requesting copies of documents. 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 the address above.

Renne Lohofener,

ARD—Ecological Services, Region 2, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered Species Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of permit applications.

SUMMARY: The following applicants have applied for a scientific research permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Permit No's. 834488, 780566

Applicants: Gregg Miller, Tustin, California; Ruben Ramirez, Jr., Diamond Bar, California

The applicants request amendments to their permits to take (capture, handle, and release) the San Bernardino kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys merriami parvus*) in conjunction with presence or absence surveys and population monitoring in San Bernardino and Riverside counties, California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. 839890

Applicant: Gregory P. Smith, Arroyo Grande, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey, nest monitor, and band) the California least tern (*Sterna albifrons browni*) in the Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area in San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties, California in conjunction with presence or absence surveys and nest monitoring for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No's. 840036, 839894, 820306, 839896, 840619, 800930, 840623, 840624

Applicants: Gilbert B. Ruiz, Santa Monica, California; Gladys T. Baird, San Diego, California; KEA Environmental, San Diego, California; Samuel J. Reed, Temecula, California; Jeff Preist, San Diego, California; Viviane Marquez, Chula Vista, California; Anita Eng, San Diego, California; Chris Nordby, San Diego, California

The applicants request a permit or permit amendment to take (harass by survey) the Quino checkerspot butterfly

(*Euphydryas editha quino*) in conjunction with presence or absence surveys and ecological research throughout the species' range in California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. 839960

Applicant: John W. Dicus, Flagstaff, Arizona

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) and the Delhi Sands flower-loving fly (*Rhaphiomidas terminatus abdominalis*) in conjunction with presence or absence surveys throughout each species' range in California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. 795934

Applicant: Jones and Stokes Associates, Inc., Sacramento, California

The applicant requests a permit amendment to take (harass by survey, nest monitor, and remove brown-headed cowbird eggs) the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) in conjunction with presence and absence surveys and population monitoring throughout the species range, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. 816187

Applicant: David Cook, Cotati, California

The applicant requests a permit amendment to take (capture and handle) the San Francisco garter snake (*Thamnophis sirtalis tetrataenia*) in conjunction with scientific research throughout the species range for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. 811081

Applicant: Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas, Nevada

The applicant requests a permit amendment to take (harass by survey) the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) in conjunction with presence or absence surveys in Clark County, Nevada for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. 840621

Applicant: Kathy Molina, Los Angeles, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (nest monitor) the least Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*) in conjunction with reproductive studies in Riverside County, California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. 780566

Applicant: Ruben Ramirez, Jr., Santa Monica, California

The applicant requests a permit amendment to take (capture and tag) the

arroyo southwestern toad (*Bufo microscaphus californicus*) in conjunction with scientific studies on the San Bernardino National Forest and Cleveland National Forest for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. 839213

Applicant: David Muth, Jr., Martinez, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey; collect voucher specimens) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), and vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*), and take (capture, handle, and release) the San Francisco garter snake (*Thamnophis sirtalis tetrataenia*) and the Alameda whipsnake (*Masticophis lateralis euryxanthus*) in conjunction with presence or absence surveys throughout each species range for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. 839891

Applicant: Jack N. Levy, Econdido, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey) the El Segundo blue butterfly (*Euphilotes battoides allyni*), Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*), Lange's metalmark butterfly (*Apodemia mormo langei*), Palos Verdes blue butterfly (*Glaucopsyche lygdamus palosverdesensis*) and take (harass by survey; disturb during habitat manipulation) the Laguna mountains skipper (*Pyrgus ruralis lagunae*) in conjunction with presence or absence surveys and scientific research throughout each species range in California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. 787392

Applicant: San Bernardino County Museum, Redlands, California

The applicant requests an amendment of his permit to take (harass by survey, locate and monitor nests, capture, band, color-band, and release) the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) in conjunction with life history studies and population monitoring to include the following locations: southern Nevada, Imperial, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties, California and Mojave, La Paz, and Yuma Counties, Arizona for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. 840622

Applicant: Coralie Hull Cobb, San Diego, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey; collect voucher specimens) the San Diego fairy shrimp

(*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*) and Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*) in conjunction with surveys in San Diego County, California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit Nos. 838191 and 838197

Applicant: Shareen J. Morris, Littlerock, California and Gail Ellen Abel, Littlerock, California

The applicants request a permit to purchase, in interstate commerce, one female and three male captive bred Hawaiian (=nene) geese (*Nesochen [=Branta] sandvicensis*) for the purpose of enhancing its propagation and survival.

Permit No. 836594

Applicant: Maria Sanchez, Cayey, Puerto Rico

The applicant requests a permit to purchase, in interstate commerce, two pairs of captive bred Hawaiian (=nene) geese (*Nesochen [=Branta] sandvicensis*) for the purpose of enhancing its propagation and survival.

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Dated: March 26, 1998.

Thomas Dwyer,

Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

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