

ridgwayi) to conduct captive propagation activities.

Permit No. PRT-830213

Applicant: EcoPlan Associates, Inc., Mesa, Arizona

Applicant requests authorization for scientific research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for southwestern willow flycatchers (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) and cactus ferruginous pygmy-owls (*Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum*) in Arizona.

Permit No. PRT-813088

Applicant: Bureau of Land Management, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Applicant requests authorization for scientific research and recovery purposes to sample, identify, measure, and immediately release unharmed Comanche Springs pupfish (*Cyprinodon elegans*), and Pecos gambusia (*Gambusia nobilis*) in various sites on the Rio Grande River, and on the Rio Grande River Drainage, Phantom Lake Spring Refugium near Balmorhea, Texas.

Permit No. TE004131-0

Applicant: Steiner C. Kierce, Castroville, Texas

Applicant requests authorization for scientific research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for the following endangered and threatened species in south Texas from I-10 to San Antonio, Texas, to Ozona, Texas, south on the Rio Grande River to the Gulf of Mexico:

Mammals—

jaguarundi (*Felis yagouaroundi*)
ocelot (*Felis pardalis*)

Birds—

interior least tern (*Sterna antillarum*)
black-capped vireo (*Vireo atricapillus*)
golden-cheeked warbler (*Dendroica chrysoparia*)

Amphibian—

Houston toad (*Bufo houstonensis*)

Plants—

South Texas ambrosia (*Ambrosia cheiranthifolia*)
Tobusch fishhook cactus
(*Ancistrocactus* (= *Echinocactus mammillaria*) *tobuschii*)
Texas ayenia (*Ayenia limitaris*)
black lace cactus (*Echinocereus reichenbachii* var. *albertii* (= *E. melanocentrus*)
Johnston's frankenia (*Frankenia johnstonii*)
slender rush-pea (*Hoffmannseggia tenella*)
Walker's manioc (*Manihot walkerae*)
Navasota ladies'-tresses (*Spiranthes parksii*)
Texas snowbells (*Styrax texanus*)

ashy dogweed (*Thymophylla* (= *Dyssodia*) *tephroleuca*)
star cactus (*Astrophytum* (= *Echinocactus*) *asterias*)

Permit No. TE-004401-0

Applicant: Robert J. Schmalzel, Oracle, Arizona

Applicant request authorization for scientific research and recovery purposes to collect 5 plants of the Nichol's Turk's Head cactus (*Echinocactus horizonthalonius* var. *nicholii* L. Benson) from the Tohono O'odham Nation with written permission.

Permit No. TE-004439-0

Applicant: Albuquerque Biological Park, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Applicant request authorization to obtain and hold Loggerhead sea turtles (*Caretta caretta*), green sea turtle (*Chelonia mydas*), Kemp's ridley sea turtles (*Lepidochelys kempi*), and Hawksbill sea turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), for public display and educational purposes.

Permit No. TE-004472-0

Applicant: James R. Dixon, Bryan, Texas

Applicant requests authorization for scientific research and recovery purposes to collect a blood sample, mark (by pit tag, toe clip, or cold brand), weigh, measure and release unharmed back into the wild the following endangered and threatened amphibians and reptiles: Barton Springs salamander (*Eurycea sosorum*), San Marcos salamander (*Eurycea nana*), Texas blind salamander (*Typhlomolge rathbuni*), Houston toad (*Bufo houstonensis*), American alligator (*Alligator mississippiensis*), American crocodile (*Crocodylus acutus*), and the Concho water snake (*Nerodia harteri paucimaculata*).

Permit No. TE-004510-0

Applicant: William D. Boyett, Greenville, Wisconsin

Applicant request authorization for research and recovery purposes to live-trap, mark, and immediately release unharmed unlimited numbers of Hualapai Mexican vole (*Microtus mexicanus hualapaiensis*) in the Hualapai Mountains in northwest Arizona.

Permit No. TE-TE004573-0

Applicant: Raven Ecological Services, Huntsville, Texas

Applicant requests authorization for scientific research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for aplomado falcon (*Falco femoralis*), black-capped vireo (*Vireo atricapillus*), and golden-cheeked

warbler (*Dendroica chrysoparia*), bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*), and Houston toad (*Bufo houstonensis*).

Permit No. TE-004654-0

Applicant: Dennis J. Abbate, Tucson, Arizona

Applicant requests authorization for scientific research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for cactus ferruginous pygmy-owls (*Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum*) in Pima, Pinal, and Maricopa Counties, Arizona.

DATES: Written comments on these permit applications must be received on or before December 10, 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 respective permit number for each 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, Ecological Services, Division of Endangered Species/Permits, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. Please refer to the respective permit number for each 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.

Steven M. Chambers,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Meeting

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the Fall 1999 field trip and meeting of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force. The focus of the field trip and meeting topics are identified in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

DATES: The field trip will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., Tuesday, November 17, 1998. The Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force will meet from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 17, 1998, and 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 18, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The field trip will begin and the meeting will be held in the Auditorium, Building 1006, U.S. Army Engineers Waterways Experiment Station, 3909 Halls Ferry Road, Vicksburg, Mississippi.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Peoples, Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force at 703-358-2025 or by e-mail at: robert_people@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. D), this notice announces a field trip and meeting of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force. The Task Force was established by the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990.

The field trip will consist of a briefing about and a tour of the U.S. Army Engineers Waterways Experiment Station. Topics to be covered during the meeting Tuesday afternoon include briefings about regional nonindigenous species problems and initiatives, ballast water issues and activities, CAL-FED nonindigenous species initiatives, and the mitten crab infestation in California and actions to address that problem, and updates about the proposed Invasive Species Executive Order and the Task Force's regional panels. Topics to be covered during the meeting on Wednesday include the Executive Secretary's report, types of control to be included in Task Force-approved control programs, the green crab control program proposal, preliminary recommendations of the National Nonindigenous Aquatic Species Survey Program Work Group, a New Zealand Mud Snail Control Proposal, voluntary national recreational activity guidelines, the 100th Meridian Initiative to Prevent Westward Spread of Zebra Mussels, Asian swamp eel problems and initiatives, *Caulerpa taxifolia* concerns and possible actions, and an ANS Task Force awards program.

Minutes of the meeting will be maintained by the Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Suite 851, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203-1622, and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Friday.

Dated: November 4, 1998.

Gary Edwards,

Co-Chair, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Assistant Director—Fisheries.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice for Publication AA-8447-A, AA-8447-B, AA-8447-D, AA-8447-A2, AA-8447-B2; Alaska Native Claims Selections

In accordance with Departmental regulation 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that the decisions to issue conveyance (DIC) to The Eyak Corporation, notice of which was published in the **Federal Register**, 63 FR 55402, on October 15, 1998, is modified by adding, modifying, or removing certain public easements; modifying a portion of the land description for rescission of prior tentative approval to the State of Alaska; and modifying the description of a certain third party interest to which a portion of the conveyance is subject.

Notice of the modified DICs will be published once a week, for four (4) consecutive weeks, in the *Anchorage Daily News*. Copies of the modified DICs may be obtained by contacting the Alaska State Office of the Bureau of Land Management, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599 ((907) 271-5960).

Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decisions, an agency of the Federal government, or regional corporation, shall have until December 10, 1998 to file an appeal on the issues in the modified DICs. However, parties receiving service by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal. Appeals must be filed with the Bureau of Land Management at the address identified above, where the requirements for filing an appeal may be obtained. Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements in 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

Except as modified, the decision, notice of which was given October 15, 1998, is final.

Heather A. Coats,

Land Law Examiner, Branch of ANCSA Adjudication.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Outer Continental Shelf: Operations, Current List of Notices to Lessees and Operators (NTLs) Issued by the National Office and OCS Regions

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The MMS periodically issues NTLs to lessees and operators of oil and gas or sulphur leases in the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). This **Federal Register** notice: (1) informs the public, industry, and other Government agencies of NTLs that are in effect as of November 1, 1998; (2) officially rescinds several NTLs and Letters to Lessees and Operators (LTLs); and (3) announces a new method of numbering regional NTLs.

ADDRESSES: You may obtain copies of NTLs through our website at WWW.MMS.GOV or by contacting the National office or the OCS Region that issued the NTL at the following addresses:

National Office

Minerals Management Service,
Engineering and Operations Division,
381 Elden Street, Herndon, VA
20170-4817, Attention: Ms. Alexis
London; Telephone (703) 787-1600.

Alaska OCS Region

Minerals Management Service, 949 East
36th Avenue, Room 308, Anchorage,
AK 99508-4363, Attention: Ms.
Christine Huffaker; Telephone (907)
271-6621.

Gulf of Mexico (GOM) OCS Region

Minerals Management Service, 1201
Elmwood Park Blvd., New Orleans,
LA 70123-2394, Attention: Mr.
Michael Dorner; Telephone (504)
736-2599.

Pacific OCS Region

Minerals Management Service, 770
Paseo Camarillo, Camarillo, CA
93010-6064, Attention: Ms. Freddie
Mason; Telephone (805) 389-7566.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Alexis London, Engineering and
Operations Division; Telephone (703)
787-1600.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The MMS is responsible for oil and gas or sulphur operations in the OCS to ensure operational safety and protection of the environment. In addition to our regulations, we issue NTLs to provide guidance and to further clarify,