

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

The meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The contract proposals and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the contract proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Institute on Deafness and Other Communications Disorders Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: February 4, 1999.

Time: 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Executive Plaza South, Room 400C, 6120 Executive Blvd., Rockville, MD 20852, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: George M. Barnas, PhD., Scientific Review Administrator, Scientific Review Branch, Division of Extramural Activities/NIDCD, 6120 Executive Blvd, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-496-8683.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

Name of Committee: National Institutes on Deafness and Other Communications Disorders Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: February 10, 1999.

Time: 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

Agenda: To review and evaluate contract proposals.

Place: Executive Plaza South, Room 400C, 6120 Executive Blvd., Rockville, MD 20852, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: George M. Barnas, PhD., Scientific Review Administrator, Scientific Review Branch, Division of Extramural Activities/NIDCD, 6120 Executive Blvd, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-496-8683.

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Dated: January 25, 1999.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Assistant Secretary—Water and Science; Central Utah Project Completion Act; Notice of Intent To Negotiate Contract(s) Between the Central Utah Water Conservancy District and Department of the Interior for Completion of the Diamond Fork System of the Central Utah Project, Utah

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary—Water and Science, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to negotiate contract(s) between the Central Utah Water Conservancy District (District) and Department of the Interior (DOI) for completion of the Diamond Fork System of the Central Utah Project, Utah.

SUMMARY: The Diamond Fork System is one of the components of the Bonneville Unit of the Central Utah Project. The Diamond Fork System will allow for the transbasin diversion of Bonneville Unit water from Strawberry Reservoir in the Colorado River drainage basin to the Bonneville Basin. Public Law 102-575, Section 202(a)(6) authorizes the completion of the Diamond Fork System and specifies that it will be constructed under the guidelines of the Drainage Facilities and Minor Construction Act. Also, article V(A) of the August 11, 1993 Compliance Agreement (Compliance Agreement) between the District and DOI states: "The Secretary shall not provide funds for construction, nor shall the District commence construction on any feature authorized in Title II of the Act until the District and the Secretary have executed an agreement in accordance with the Drainage and Minor Construction Act for the purpose of establishing terms and conditions for the proper conduct and execution of construction of such feature by the District." Negotiated contract(s) between the District and DOI will comply with sections 202(a)(1)(D) and 202(a)(6)(B) of Public Law 102-575 and the Compliance Agreement.

DATES: Dates for public negotiation sessions will be announced in local newspapers.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Additional information on matters related to this **Federal Register** notice can be obtained at the address and telephone number set

forth below: Mr. Reed R. Murray, Program Coordinator, CUP Completion Act Office, Department of the Interior, 302 East 1860 South, Provo, UT 84606-6154, Telephone: (801) 379-1237, E-Mail address: rmurray@uc.usbr.gov.

Dated: January 26, 1999.

Ronald Johnston,

CUP Program Director, Department of the Interior.

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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. TE-006559

Applicant: Dale Powell, Riverside, California

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 for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. TE-821401

Applicant: Brian E. Daniels, Long Beach, California

The applicant requests an amendment to take (harass by survey) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) in conjunction with presence or absence surveys throughout the species' range for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. TE-838015

Applicant: Stephen Sprague, Anaheim, California

The applicant requests an amendment to take (harass by survey) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) in conjunction with presence or absence surveys throughout the species' range for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. TE-006333

Applicant: Douglas F. Markle, Corvallis, Oregon

The applicant requests an amendment to take (capture, handle, tag, transport, and sacrifice) the shortnose sucker (*Chasmistes brevirostris*) and the Lost River sucker (*Deltistes luxatus*) in conjunction with population and ecological studies throughout each species' range for the purpose of enhancing their survival. Some of the above activities were previously authorized under subpermit MARKDF-7.

Permit No. TE-837448

Applicant: Douglas W. Allen, San Diego, California

The applicant requests an amendment to: take (harass by survey) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) in conjunction with presence or absence surveys; take (locate and monitor nests) the least Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*) in conjunction with population studies and removal of brown-headed cowbird (*Molothrus ater*) eggs and chicks from parasitized nests; and take (harass by survey; locate and monitor nests) the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) in conjunction with presence or absence surveys, population studies, and removal of brown-headed cowbird eggs and chicks from parasitized nests of these species throughout San Diego, Imperial, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Los Angeles, and Ventura Counties, California, for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. TE-006745

Applicant: Yvonne C. Moore, Riverside, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and harass by marking) the Stephens' kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys stephensi*) in conjunction with surveys and scientific research in Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego Counties, California, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No's. TE-006112, TE-007074

Applicant: Gretchen Flohr, Fremont, California; Ellen Piazza, Fair Oaks, California

The applicants are requesting permits to take (harass by survey, collect and sacrifice) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*), San Diego fairy shrimp (*Brachinecta sandiegonensis*), and the Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*) in conjunction with surveys throughout the species' range in California, for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. TE-006953

Applicant: Moore Biological Consultants, Lodi, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey, collect and sacrifice) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), and vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*) in conjunction with surveys throughout the species' range in California, for the purpose of enhancing their survival. The applicant was previously authorized to conduct these activities under PRT-795929.

Permit No. TE-005687

Applicant: Anthony Cario, San Diego, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey, collect and sacrifice) the San Diego fairy shrimp (*Brachinecta sandiegonensis*) and the Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*) in conjunction with surveys in San Diego County, California, for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. TE-005956-9

Applicant: National Biological Service, Reno, Nevada

The applicant requests a renewal to take (capture, measure, weigh, release, and sacrifice) the Cui-ui (*Chasmistes cujus*), Ash Meadows speckled dace (*Rhinichthys osculus nevadensis*), Moapa dace (*Moapa coriacea*), Ash Meadows Amargosa pupfish (*Cyprinodon nevadensis mionectes*), Warm Springs pupfish (*Cyprinodon nevadensis pectoralis*), White River spinedace (*Lepidomeda albivallis*), White River springfish (*Crenichthys baileyi baileyi*), Hiko White River springfish (*Crenichthys baileyi grandis*), Lost River sucker (*Deltistes luxatus*), shortnose sucker (*Chasmistes brevirostris*), Borax Lake chub (*Gila boraxobius*), Independence Valley speckled dace (*Rhinichthys osculus lethoporus*), and Pahrnagat roundtail chub (*Gila robusta jordanii*) in conjunction with scientific research in specific areas where the species occur in the States of Oregon, Nevada, and California for the purpose of enhancing their survival. These activities were previously authorized under subpermit NBSRFS-9.

Permit No. TE-007011

Applicant: John H. Burke, Oceanside, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey) the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) and take (capture and release) the Stephens' kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys stephensi*) and Pacific pocket mouse

(*Perognathus longimembris pacificus*) in conjunction with presence or absence surveys where each species occurs in San Diego, Imperial, Orange, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura Counties, California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. TE-725726

Applicant: Dennis D. Murphy, Reno, Nevada

The applicant requests an amendment to take (harass by survey) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) in conjunction with presence or absence surveys in Orange, Riverside, and San Diego Counties, California, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. TE-787645

Applicant: Thomas Olsen Associates, Incorporated, Hemet, California

The applicant requests an amendment to take (harass by survey) the cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum cantorum*) and the Pima pineapple cactus (*Coryphantha scheeri* var. *robustispina*) in conjunction with presence or absence surveys in Pima, Pinal, and Maricopa Counties, Arizona for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. TE-006328

Applicant: Michael Brian Drake, Nuevo, California

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

Permit No. TE-829554

Applicant: Barbara Kus, San Diego, California

The applicant requests an amendment to take (harass by survey; locate and monitor nests; and capture, band, and release) the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) in conjunction with scientific studies throughout the species range in California and New Mexico for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

DATES: Written comments on these permit applications must be received on or before March 3, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the Chief, Division of Recovery, Planning and Permits, Ecological Services, Fish and Wildlife Service, 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 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: 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 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: January 21, 1999.

Thomas J. Dwyer,

Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Availability of a Recommended Survey Protocol for the Endangered Quino Checkerspot Butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) for the 1999 Field Season

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability; Survey Protocol.

SUMMARY: The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces the availability of its recommended survey protocol for the 1999 field season for determining the presence/absence of the endangered Quino checkerspot butterfly. Using information gathered during the 1998 field survey season, we revised the "Interim General Survey Protocols and Mitigation Guidelines for the Endangered Quino Checkerspot Butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*)" dated November 4, 1997. The current recommended protocol entitled "Survey Protocol for the Endangered Quino Checkerspot Butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) for the 1999 Field Season" dated January 25, 1999, incorporates those modifications found to be appropriate and replaces the 1997 interim protocol. We intend to annually review and modify this survey protocol to ensure that the best scientific information is incorporated into the prescribed methodology.

DATES: Data, and comments on the 1999 field season protocol received by August 2, 1999, will be considered in the

development of the year 2000 field season protocol.

ADDRESSES: Copies of this protocol may be obtained from the Service's Region 1 World Wide Web Home Page at <http://www.r1.fws.gov/text/species.html> or from the Field Supervisor, Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office, 2730 Loker Ave. West, Carlsbad California 92008.

Comments and materials concerning the survey protocol should be sent to the Field Supervisor at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Douglas Krofta or Paul Barrett at the above address (telephone 760/431-9440, facsimile 760/431-9618).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Quino checkerspot butterfly was listed as an endangered species on January 16, 1997 (62 FR 2313) as result of loss and degradation of habitat, invasion by alien species, overgrazing, poorly planned fire management practices, and off-road vehicle use. The historic range of the Quino checkerspot butterfly extended from the Santa Monica Mountains east and south along the foothills of the Transverse and Peninsular Ranges in California, and south into northwest Baja California, Mexico. Adults have been found from sea level to approximately 1,500 meters (5,000 feet) and populations can be found today in southern San Diego County and southwestern Riverside County, California in association with grasslands, and open areas in coastal sage scrub, chaparral, and sparse native woodlands. Adult butterflies can be observed from mid-February to mid-May depending on weather and are most easily detected on open or sparsely vegetated rounded hilltops, ridgelines, and occasionally rocky outcrops.

We are seeking additional information to more adequately understand the occurrence and biology of the Quino checkerspot butterfly throughout its range. Because we intend to annually review and modify the recommended survey protocol to ensure that the best scientific information is incorporated into the prescribed methodology, data and comments on the 1999 field season protocol received by August 2, 1999, will be considered in the development of the year 2000 field season protocol.

Dated: January 22, 1999.

Michael J. Spear,

Manager, California/Nevada Operations Office, Sacramento, California.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Amendments to Approved Tribal-State Compact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, Pub. L. 100-497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the **Federal Register**, notice of approved Tribal-State Compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III (casino) gambling on Indian reservations. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority, has approved the Amendments to the Forest County Potawatomi Community of Wisconsin and the State of Wisconsin Gaming Compact of 1992, which were executed on December 11, 1998.

DATES: This action is effective February 1, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George T. Skibine, Director, Indian Gaming Management Staff, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219-4066.

Dated: January 22, 1999.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Amendments to Approved Tribal-State Compact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, Pub. L. 100-497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the **Federal Register**, notice of approved Tribal-State Compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III (casino) gambling on Indian reservations. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority, has approved the Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Nation and the State of Wisconsin Gaming Compact of 1992, which were executed on December 11, 1998.

DATES: This action is effective February 1, 1999.