

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 July 19, 2004.

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. 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: Chief, Endangered Species Division, (505) 248-6922.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Permit No. TE-086559

Applicant: Ricky Lee Jones, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for and translocate American burying beetles (*Nicrophorus americanus*) within Oklahoma.

Permit No. TE-087167

Applicant: Constance Dustin Becker, Zuni, New Mexico. Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys and nest monitoring for southwestern willow flycatchers (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) within New Mexico.

Permit No. TE-088876

Applicant: Mark Kaltenbach, Santa Fe, New Mexico. Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys and nest monitoring for southwestern willow flycatchers (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) within New Mexico.

Permit No. TE-088890

Applicant: Priscilla Titus, Tucson, Arizona. Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery

purposes to conduct presence/absence and monitoring surveys for the following species in Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas: Lesser long-nosed bat (*Leptonycteris curasoae yerbabuenae*), Hualapai Mexican vole (*Microtus mexicanus hualpaiensis*), cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum*), southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*), Yuma clapper rail (*Rallus longirostris yumanensis*), Sonoran tiger salamander (*Ambystoma tigrinum stebbinsi*), desert pupfish (*Cyprinodon macularius*), and Gila topminnow (*Poeciliopsis occidentalis*).

Permit No. TE-021881

Applicant: TRC Co., Inc., Albuquerque, New Mexico. Applicant requests an amendment to an existing permit to allow presence/absence surveys for the following species within New Mexico: black-footed ferret (*Mustela nigripes*), interior least tern (*Sterna antillarum*), and northern aplomado falcon (*Falco femoralis septentrionalis*).

Permit No. TE-814841

Applicant: Desert Botanical Garden, Phoenix, Arizona. Applicant requests an amendment to an existing permit to allow collection of Sacramento prickly-poppy (*Argemone pliecantha* var. *pinnatisecta*) within New Mexico and Arizona cliffrose (*Purshia subintegra*) within Arizona.

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

Dated: June 4, 2004.

Stuart Leon,

Acting Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Region 2, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Receipt of Application for an Endangered Species Permit

AGENCY: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt.

SUMMARY: The following applicant has applied for a permit to conduct certain activities with an 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.*):

PRT-TE085765

Applicant: University of Maine, Orono, Maine.

DATES: Written data or comments on this application must be received at the address given below by 30 days from date of publication.

ADDRESSES: Documents and other information submitted with this application are available for review by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 300 Westgate Center Drive, Hadley, Massachusetts 01035. Attention: Diane Lynch, Regional Endangered Species Permits Coordinator, telephone: (413) 253-8628; facsimile: (413) 253-8482.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Diane Lynch, telephone: 413-253-8628; facsimile: 413-253-8482.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: You are invited to comment on the application from the University of Maine, PRT-TE085765. This application requests authorization to take (harass, in the form of stress, and kill) Gulf of Maine, distinct population segment (DPS), Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*) stocks, for scientific purposes. DPS stocks for this study include stock from the Denny's, Machias, East Machias, Pleasant, Sheepscot, and Narraguagus Rivers. No wild fish will be used in this study, only stocks currently propagated at the Craig Brook National Fish Hatchery. This proposal seeks to monitor and evaluate certain tasks associated with juvenile salmon stocking and survival. The proposed plan of study will include: Tagging of juvenile salmon (PIT tags) in order to follow life history variation through time to smoltification; lethal sampling of stocked fry in order to sample otoliths; and a diet study in order to better understand competition within a focal study system.

Dated: June 1, 2004.

Marvin E. Moriarty,

Regional Director, Region 5, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Issuance of Permits

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of permits for marine mammals.

SUMMARY: The following permits were issued.

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 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: Notice is hereby given that on the dates below, as

authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Fish and Wildlife Service issued the requested permits subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

Marine Mammals

Permit number	Applicant	Receipt of application <i>Federal Register</i> notice	Permit issuance date
082265	Anthony B. Bouneff	69 FR 5568; February 5, 2004	May 21, 2004.
080829	John R. Beckstrand	68 FR 75618; December 31, 2003	May 14, 2004.
081755	James M. Williams	69 FR 5569; February 5, 2004	May 14, 2004.

Dated: May 28, 2004.

Michael S. Moore,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

North American Wetlands Conservation Council Meeting Announcement

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The North American Wetlands Conservation Council (Council) will meet to select North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) grant proposals for recommendation to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission (Commission). The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: July 13, 2004, 1-3:30 pm.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Delta Lodge at Kananaskis, Kananaskis Village, Alberta, Canada. The Council Coordinator is located at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop: MBSP 4501-4075, Arlington, Virginia 22203.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David A. Smith, Council Coordinator, (703) 358-1784 or dbhc@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with NAWCA (Pub. L. 101-233, 103 Stat. 1968, December 13, 1989, as amended), the State-private-Federal Council meets to consider wetland acquisition, restoration, enhancement, and management projects for recommendation to, and final funding approval by, the Commission. Proposal due dates, application instructions, and eligibility requirements are available

through the NAWCA Web site at <http://birdhabitat.fws.gov>. Proposals require a minimum of 50 percent non-Federal matching funds. Canadian and U.S. Standard grant proposals will be considered at the Council meeting. The tentative date for the Commission meeting is September 8, 2004.

Dated: May 28, 2004.

Paul Schmidt,

Assistant Director—Migratory Birds and State Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Request for Public Comments on Extension of Existing Information Collection To Be Submitted to OMB for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

A request extending the information collection described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)). Copies of the proposed collection may be obtained by contacting the Bureau's clearance officer at the phone number listed below. Comments on the proposal should be made within 60 days to the Bureau Clearance Officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 807 National Center, Reston, VA 20192.

As required by OMB regulations at 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), the U.S. Geological Survey solicits specific public comments as to:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions on the bureaus, including whether the information will have practical utility;

2. The accuracy of the bureau's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

3. The quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

4. How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Title: User Survey for National Biological Information Infrastructure (NBII).

OMB Approval No.: 1028-0069.

SUMMARY: The collection of information referred herein applies to a voluntary survey that allows visitors to the NBII World-Wide Web site (<http://www.nbii.gov>) the opportunity to provide feedback on the utility and effectiveness of the NBII operation and contents in meeting their needs.

Estimated Completion Time: 3 minutes.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 3000.

Frequency: Once.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 150 hours.

Affected Public: Public and private, individuals and institutions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To obtain copies of the survey, contact the Bureau clearance officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 807 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia, 20192, telephone (703) 648-7313, or go to the Web site (<http://www.nbii.gov>).

Dated: June 9, 2004.

Susan Haseltine,

Associate Director for Biology.

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