

**Permit No. TE-89998A**

*Applicant: Matthew L. Amalong, Fountain Valley, California*

The applicant requests a permit to take (survey, locate and monitor nests) the California least tern (*Sternula antillarum browni*) in conjunction with survey and population monitoring activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

**Permit No. TE-89496A**

*Applicant: Nathan W. Mudry, Fullerton, California*

The applicant requests a permit to take (survey, locate and monitor nests) the California least tern (*Sternula antillarum browni*) in conjunction with survey and population monitoring activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

**Permit No. TE-227263**

*Applicant: Emilie A. Strauss, San Rafael, California*

The applicant requests an amendment to a permit to take (harass by survey) the California clapper rail (*Rallus longirostris obsoletus*) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

**Permit No. TE-90002A**

*Applicant: Todd J. Wong, Elk Grove, California*

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture, collect, and collect vouchers) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*), San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*), and vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of each species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

**Permit No. TE-179036**

*Applicant: Cullen A. Wilkerson, Richmond, California*

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, mark, and release) the San Francisco garter snake (*Thamnophis sirtalis tetrataenia*) in conjunction with survey and research activities throughout the range of the species in California, and take (harass by survey, capture, handle, and release)

the California tiger salamander (central DPS) (*Ambystoma californiense*) and the California red-legged frog (*Rana draytonii*) (*R. aurora d.*) in conjunction with survey and research activities in Contra Costa, San Mateo, Alameda, San Joaquin, Solano, Yolo, Napa, Butte, and Santa Clara Counties, California, for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

**Public Comments**

We invite public review and comment on each of these recovery permit applications. Comments and materials we receive will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

Before including your address, phone number, email 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.

**Mary Grim.**

*Acting Regional Director, Pacific Southwest Region, Sacramento, California.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Fish and Wildlife Service**

**[FWS-R9-MB-2012-N253; 91100-3740-GRNT 7C]**

**Meeting Announcement: North American Wetlands Conservation Council**

**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). This meeting is open to the public, and interested persons may present oral or written statements. **DATES:** *Council:* Meeting is December 4, 2012, 8:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. If you are interested in presenting information at this public meeting, contact the Council Coordinator no later than November 26, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** The Council meeting will be held at the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, 1133 15th Street Suite 1100, Washington, DC 20005.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cynthia Perry, Council Coordinator, by phone at (703) 358-2432; by email at [dbhc@fws.gov](mailto:dbhc@fws.gov); or by U.S. mail at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop MBSP 4075, Arlington, VA 22203.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Background**

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. Project proposal due dates, application instructions, and eligibility requirements are available on the NAWCA Web site at <http://www.fws.gov/birdhabitat/Grants/NAWCA/Standard/US/Overview.shtm>.

Proposals require a minimum of 50 percent non-Federal matching funds. If you are interested in presenting information at this public meeting, contact the Council Coordinator no later than the date under **DATES**.

**Meeting**

The Council will consider U.S. standard grant proposals at the meeting announced in **DATES**. The Commission will consider the Council's recommendations at its meeting tentatively scheduled for March 13, 2013.

**Public Input**

If you wish to: Attend the Council meeting, you must contact the Council Coordinator (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) no later than November 26, 2012.

Submit written information or questions before the Council meeting for consideration during the meeting November 26, 2012.

Give an oral presentation during the Council meeting November 26, 2012.

**Submitting Written Information or Questions**

Interested members of the public may submit relevant information or questions for the Council to consider during the public meeting. If you wish to submit a written statement, so that the information may be made available to the Council for their consideration prior to this meeting, you must contact the Council Coordinator by the date

above. Written statements must be supplied to the Council Coordinator in both of the following formats: One hard copy with original signature, and one electronic copy via email (acceptable file formats are Adobe Acrobat PDF, MS Word, MS PowerPoint, or rich text file).

#### *Giving an Oral Presentation*

Individuals or groups requesting to make an oral presentation at the Council meeting will be limited to 2 minutes per speaker, with no more than a total of 30 minutes for all speakers. Interested parties should contact the Council Coordinator by the date above, in writing (preferably via email; see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**), to be placed on the public speaker list for either of these meetings. Nonregistered public speakers will not be considered during the Council meeting. Registered speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements, or those who had wished to speak but could not be accommodated on the agenda, are invited to submit written statements to the Council within 30 days following the meeting.

#### **Meeting Minutes**

Summary minutes of the Council and meeting will be maintained by the Council Coordinator at the address under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Council meeting minutes will be posted at <http://www.fws.gov/birdhabitat/Grants/NAWCA/CouncilAct.shtm#CouncilMeet> within 30 days following the meeting. Personal copies may be purchased for the cost of duplication.

Dated: November 26, 2012.

**Jerome Ford,**

*Assistant Director, Migratory Birds.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

### **U.S. Geological Survey**

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#### **Agency Information Collection Activities: Submitted for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of an extension of currently approved information Collection, 1028-0103.

**SUMMARY:** To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) is inviting comments on an

information collection request (ICR) that we have sent to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The ICR concerns the paperwork requirements for the *USA National Phenology Network—The Nature's Notebook Plant and Animal Observing Program*. As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, and as part of our continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, we invite the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on this ICR. This collection is scheduled to expire on January 31, 2013.

**DATES:** Submit written comments by January 3, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** Please submit comments on this information collection directly to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior via email: (OIRA\_SUBMISSION@omb.eop.gov); or by fax (202) 395-5806; and identify your submission with #1028-0103. Please also submit a copy of your comments to Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 807 National Center, Reston, VA 20192 (mail); or [smbaloch@usgs.gov](mailto:smbaloch@usgs.gov) (email). Please Reference Information Collection 1028-0103 in the subject line.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jake F. Weltzin, Ecologist, U.S. Geological Survey, [jweltzin@usgs.gov](mailto:jweltzin@usgs.gov), (520) 626-3821.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Title:** USA National Phenology Network—The *Nature's Notebook* Plant and Animal Observing Program.

**OMB Control Number:** 1028-0103.

**Type of Request:** Notice of an extension of a currently approved information collection.

**Respondent Obligation:** Voluntary.

**Abstract:** The USA-NPN is a program sponsored by the USGS that uses standardized forms for tracking plant and animal activity as part of a project called *Nature's Notebook*. The *Nature's Notebook* forms are used to record phenology (e.g., timing of leafing or flowering of plants and reproduction or migration of animals) as part of a nationwide effort to understand and predict how plants and animals respond to environmental variation and changes in weather and climate. Contemporary data collected through *Nature's Notebook* are quality-checked, described and made publicly available; data are used to inform decision-making in a variety of contexts, including

agriculture, drought monitoring, and wildfire risk assessment. Phenological information is also critical for the management of wildlife, invasive species, and agricultural pests, and for understanding and managing risks to human health and welfare, including allergies, asthma, and vector-borne diseases. Participants may contribute phenology information to *Nature's Notebook* through a browser-based web application or via mobile applications for iPhone and Android operating systems, meeting GPEA requirements. The web application interface consists of several components: user registration, a searchable list of 877 plant and animal species which can be observed; a "profile" for each species that contains information about the species including its description and the appropriate monitoring protocols; a series of interfaces for registering as an observer, registering a site, registering plants and animals at a site, generating datasheets to take to the field, and a data entry page that mimics the datasheets.

**Frequency of Collection:** On occasion. During the Spring and Fall seasons when phenology is changing quickly, we recommend respondents make observations twice per week.

**Estimated Number and Description of Respondents:** In addition to those users already registered, we expect an additional 1,027 users will register each year. These respondents are members of the public, registered with *Nature's Notebook*.

**Estimated Annual Responses:** 501,130.

**Estimated Annual burden hours:** 17,032.

**Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-Hour Cost"**

**Burden:** We estimate the non-hour cost burden to be \$3.34 per respondent. This cost applies to new observers and includes material used to mark sites or plants during the first observation. Marking helps to ensure reporting consistency for future observations.

**Public Disclosure Statement:** The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor and you are not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**Comments:** To comply with the public consultation process, on August 10, 2012, we published a **Federal Register** notice (77 FR 47867) announcing that we would submit this ICR to OMB for approval. The notice provided the required 60-day public comment period, which ended October 9, 2012. In response to our **Federal Register** Notice, we received one