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Permit Application Number: TE98296A

Applicant: Braden A. Hoffman, DBA Alliance Consulting, Fayetteville, WV.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and release) Indiana bats and gray bats throughout the range of the species: Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, New York, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. Proposed activities are for the recovery and enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Application Number: TE82665A

Applicant: Melody L. Myers-Kinzie, Indianapolis, IN.

The applicant requests a permit amendment to add rabbitsfoot and spectaclecase mussels to the list of mussels on her permit to take (capture and release) mussel species for the purpose of enhancement of survival of the species in the wild. The proposed amendment also includes adding the States of Illinois, Iowa, and Michigan to the scope of the permit.

Permit Application Number: TE98298A

Applicant: Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Groveport, OH.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and release; salvage dead specimens) mussels within Ohio's streams and rivers. Federally listed species proposed to be included on the permit are: clubshell, fanshell, northern riffleshell, pink mucket pearlymussel, purple catspaw, rabbitsfoot, rayed bean, sheepnose, snuffbox, and white catspaw. Proposed activities are for the conservation and recovery of the species through evaluation and protection of habitats.

Public Comments

We seek public review and comments on these permit applications. Please refer to the permit number when you submit comments. Comments and materials we receive are available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section. 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.

Dated: March 7, 2013.

Lynn M. Lewis,

Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Midwest Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Recovery Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following applications for permits to conduct activities with the purpose of enhancing the survival of endangered species. The Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), prohibits certain activities with respect to endangered species unless a Federal permit allows such activity. The Act also requires that we invite public comment before issuing such permits.

DATES: To ensure consideration, please send your written comments by April 15, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Endangered Species Program Manager, Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Regional Office, 911 NE 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-4181. Please refer to the permit number for the application when submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Colleen Henson, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, at the above address or by telephone (503-231-6131) or fax (503-231-6243).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) prohibits certain activities with respect to endangered and threatened species unless a Federal permit allows such activity. Along with our implementing regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR part 17, the Act provides for certain permits, and requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits for endangered species.

A permit granted by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act authorizes the permittee to conduct activities (including take or interstate commerce) with respect to U.S. endangered or threatened species for scientific purposes or enhancement of propagation or survival. Our regulations implementing section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act for these permits are found at 50 CFR 17.22 for endangered wildlife species, 50 CFR 17.32 for threatened wildlife species, 50 CFR 17.62 for endangered plant species, and 50 CFR 17.72 for threatened plant species.

Applications Available for Review and Comment

We invite local, State, and Federal agencies, and the public to comment on the following applications. Please refer to the appropriate permit number for the application when submitting comments.

Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review by request from the Endangered Species Program Manager at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) and Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

Subpermit Number: TE-97901A

Applicant: Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge, Ridgefield, Washington.

The applicant requests a subpermit to take (haze, capture, and relocate) the Columbian white-tailed deer in conjunction with a translocation effort in the State of Washington for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit Number: TE-97903A

Applicant: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services, Olympia, Washington.

The applicant requests a permit to take (haze, capture, and relocate) the Columbian white-tailed deer in conjunction with a translocation effort in the State of Washington for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit Number: TE-98686A

Applicant: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Olympia, Washington.

The applicant requests a permit to take (haze, capture, and relocate) the Columbian white-tailed deer in conjunction with a translocation effort in the State of Washington for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit Number: TE-98069A

Applicant: Cowlitz Indian Tribe,
Longview, Washington.

The applicant requests a permit to take (haze, capture, and relocate) the Columbian white-tailed deer in conjunction with a translocation effort in the State of Washington for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Public Availability of Comments

All comments and materials we receive in response to this request 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.

Authority

We provide this notice under section 10 of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: March 5, 2013.

Richard Hannan,

Acting Regional Director, Pacific Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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

[FWS-HQ-IA-2013-N067;

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Endangered Species; Receipt of Applications for Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (ESA) prohibits activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is acquired that allows such activities.

DATES: We must receive comments or requests for documents on or before April 15, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Brenda Tapia, Division of Management Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 212, Arlington, VA 22203; fax (703) 358-2280; or email DMAFR@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Brenda Tapia, (703) 358-2104 (telephone); (703) 358-2280 (fax); DMAFR@fws.gov (email).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Public Comment Procedures****A. How do I request copies of applications or comment on submitted applications?**

Send your request for copies of applications or comments and materials concerning any of the applications to the contact listed under **ADDRESSES**. Please include the **Federal Register** notice publication date, the PRT-number, and the name of the applicant in your request or submission. We will not consider requests or comments sent to an email or address not listed under **ADDRESSES**. If you provide an email address in your request for copies of applications, we will attempt to respond to your request electronically.

Please make your requests or comments as specific as possible. Please confine your comments to issues for which we seek comments in this notice, and explain the basis for your comments. Include sufficient information with your comments to allow us to authenticate any scientific or commercial data you include.

The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are: (1) Those supported by quantitative information or studies; and (2) Those that include citations to, and analyses of, the applicable laws and regulations. We will not consider or include in our administrative record comments we receive after the close of the comment period (see **DATES**) or comments delivered to an address other than those listed above (see **ADDRESSES**).

B. May I review comments submitted by others?

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the street address listed under **ADDRESSES**. The public may review documents and other information applicants have sent in support of the application unless our allowing viewing would violate the Privacy Act or Freedom of Information Act. 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.

II. Background

To help us carry out our conservation responsibilities for affected species, and in consideration of section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), along with Executive Order 13576, "Delivering an Efficient, Effective, and Accountable Government," and the President's Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies of January 21, 2009—Transparency and Open Government (74 FR 4685; January 26, 2009), which call on all Federal agencies to promote openness and transparency in Government by disclosing information to the public, we invite public comment on these permit applications before final action is taken.

III. Permit Applications**A. Endangered Species**

Applicant: Birmingham Zoo, Inc.
Birmingham, AL; PRT-675484

The applicant requests renewal of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the following families, and species, to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Families:

Cebidae
Cercopithecidae
Felidae (*does not include* jaguar, margay or ocelot)
Hominidae
Hylobatidae
Lemuridae
Rhinocerotidae
Tapiridae
Accipitridae

Applicant: Animal Conservation Unlimited, dba Animal Interaction Design Group, Virginia Beach, VA; PRT-93580A

The applicant requests a permit to export and re-import 4 male captive hatched jackass penguins (*Spheniscus demersus*) to and from Assiniboine Park Zoo, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through temporary exhibition. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 1-year period.