

ADFG, and a number of Alaska Native organizations.

We gather information on the annual subsistence harvest of about 60 bird species/species categories (ducks, geese, swans, cranes, upland game birds, seabirds, shorebirds, and grebes, and loons) in the subsistence eligible areas of Alaska. The survey covers 11 regions of Alaska, which are further divided into 29 subregions. We survey the regions and villages in a rotation schedule to accommodate budget constraints and to minimize respondent burden. The survey covers spring, summer, and fall harvest in most regions.

In collaboration with Alaska Native organizations, we hire local resident surveyors to collect the harvest information. The surveyors list all households in the villages to be surveyed and provide survey information and harvest report forms to randomly selected households that have agreed to participate in the survey. To ensure anonymity of harvest information, we identify households by a numeric code. The surveyor visits households three times during the survey year. At the first household visit, the surveyor explains the survey purposes and invites household participation. The surveyor returns at the end of the season of most harvest and at the end of the two other seasons combined to help the household complete the harvest report form.

We have designed the survey methods to streamline procedures and reduce respondent burden. We plan to use two forms for household participation:

- FWS Form 3-2380 (Tracking Sheet and Household Consent). The surveyor visits each household selected to participate in the survey to provide information on the objectives and to obtain household consent to participate. The surveyor uses this form to record consent and track subsequent visits for completion of harvest reports.

- FWS Forms 3-2381-1, 3-2381-2, 3-2381-3, and 3-2381-4 (Harvest Report). The Harvest Report has drawings of bird species most commonly available for harvest in the different regions of Alaska with fields for writing down the numbers of birds and eggs taken. There are four versions of this form: Interior Alaska, North Slope, Southern Coastal Alaska, and Western Alaska. This form has a sheet for each season surveyed, and each sheet has fields for the household code, community name, harvest year, date of completion, and comments.

*Comments:* On October 25, 2012, we published in the **Federal Register** (75 FR 65201) a notice of our intent to

request that OMB renew approval for this information collection. In that notice, we solicited comments for 60 days, ending on December 24, 2012. We received one comment. The commenter stated that migratory birds should not be hunted, that people extensively lie in harvest reports, and, therefore, this survey is a waste of taxpayer dollars. Traditionally, harvest and sharing of wild fish, caribou, moose, marine mammals, and birds have been (and still are) the core of the diet, social organization, and spiritual life of Alaska Native cultures. The large majority of these villages are in remote, non-roaded areas, and subsistence harvests play an important role in food security. Subsistence harvest surveys allow Alaska Native people to actively engage as stakeholders in the management and conservation of the wildlife resources they rely upon. We believe the vast majority of the information provided in this survey is honest and truthful. Harvest survey data are used to assess and adjust hunting regulations that help protect the birds and sustainable hunting opportunities. Taxpayer dollars invested in harvest surveys help protect birds that people rely upon for food and for the enjoyment by present and future generations of both hunters and non-hunters. We did not make any changes to the information collection requirements.

We again invite comments concerning this information collection on:

- Whether or not the collection of information is necessary, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;
- The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information;
- Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. 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 OMB in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that it will be done.

Dated: March 27, 2013.

**Tina A. Campbell,**

*Chief, Division of Policy and Directives Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

**[FWS-HQ-IA-2013-N079;  
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### Wild Bird Conservation Act; Receipt of Application for Approval

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of application for approval; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The public is invited to comment on the following application for approval to conduct certain activities with birds that are protected in accordance with the Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992.

**DATES:** Written data, comments, or requests for a copy of this application must be received by May 2, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** Documents and other information submitted with this application 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: Chief, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 212, Arlington, VA 22203; fax 703/358-2298.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Craig Hoover, Chief, Branch of Operations, Division of Management Authority, at 703-358-2104.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The public is invited to comment on the following application for approval to conduct certain activities with bird species covered under the Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 112(4) of the Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992, 50 CFR 15.26(c). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of this complete application should be submitted to the Chief (address above).

*Applicant:* Mr. Vernon Bret Padgett, Stone Mountain, GA.

The applicant wishes to establish a cooperative breeding program for Red-necked Aracari (*Pteroglossus aracari*), Green Aracari (*Pteroglossus viridis*), Toco Toucan (*Ramphastos toco*), Red-billed Toucan (*Ramphastos tucanus*),

and Channel-billed Toucan (*Ramphastos vitellinus*). The applicant wishes to be an active participant in this program along with one other individual. If approved, the program will be overseen by the Zoological Association of America.

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 27, 2013.

**Craig Hoover,**

Chief, Branch of Operations, Division of Management Authority.

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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 May 2, 2013.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Grant Canterbury, 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 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).

##### Permit Number: TE-99474A

*Applicant:* Tyler Hicks, Ridgefield, Washington.

The applicant requests a new recovery permit to take (capture and release) the Fender's blue butterfly (*Icaricia icarioides fenderi*) in conjunction with research in Lane, Polk, Benton, Yamhill, and Washington Counties, Oregon, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

##### Permit Number: TE-98468A

*Applicant:* Amnis Opes Institute, Bend, Oregon.

The applicant requests a new recovery permit to take (capture and release) the Modoc sucker (*Catostomus microps*), Lost River sucker (*Deltistes luxatus*), shortnose sucker (*Chasmistes brevirostris*), Mohave tui chub (*Gila*

*bicolor mohavensis*), and Owens tui chub (*Gila bicolor snyderi*) in conjunction with research in Oregon and California for the purpose of enhancing their 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 25, 2013.

**Richard R. Hannan,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

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#### Endangered Species; Marine Mammals; Issuance of Permits

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of issuance of permits.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), have issued the following permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species, marine mammals, or both. We issue these permits under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA).

**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](mailto:DMAFR@fws.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brenda Tapia, (703) 358-2104 (telephone); (703) 358-2280 (fax); [DMAFR@fws.gov](mailto:DMAFR@fws.gov) (email).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On the dates below, as authorized by the