

a periodic process conducted to ensure that the listing classification of a species is accurate. A 5-year review is based on the best scientific and commercial data available at the time of the review; therefore, we are requesting submission of any such information on the purple bean, clubshell, northern red-bellied cooter, Roanoke logperch, northern riffleshell, and dwarf wedgemussel, that has become available since their original listings as endangered species in 1997 (62 FR 1647–1658), 1993 (58 FR 5638–5642), 1980 (45 FR 21828–21833), 1989 (54 FR 34468–34472), 1993 (58 FR 5638–5642), and 1990 (55 FR 9447–9451), respectively. In addition, we are requesting submission of any such information on the swamp pink, flat-spined, three-toothed land snail, and Puritan tiger beetle that has become available since their listing as threatened species in 1988 (53 FR 35076–35080), 1978 (43 FR 28932–28935), and 1998 (55 FR 32088–32094), respectively. Based on the results of these 5-year reviews, we will make the requisite findings under section 4(c)(2)(B) of the ESA.

DATES: To allow us adequate time to conduct this review, we must receive your information no later than June 20, 2006. However, we will continue to accept new information about any listed species at any time.

ADDRESSES: Submit information to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Northeast Regional Office, 300 Westgate Center Drive, Hadley, Massachusetts 01035, to the attention of Ms. Mary Parkin. Information received in response to this notice and review will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours, at the above address. Information may also be sent to Mary_Parkin@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Mary Parkin at the above address or at 617–876–6173.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Act, the Service maintains a list of endangered and threatened wildlife and plant species at 50 CFR 17.11 (for animals) and 17.12 (for plants). Section 4(c)(2)(A) of the Act requires that we conduct a review of listed species at least once every 5 years. Then, on the basis of such reviews under section 4(c)(2)(B), we determine whether or not any species should be removed from the list (delisted), or reclassified from endangered to threatened or from threatened to endangered. Delisting a species must be supported by the best scientific and commercial data available and only considered if such data substantiates that the species is neither

endangered nor threatened for one or more of the following reasons: (1) The species is considered extinct; (2) the species is considered to be recovered; and/or (3) the original data available when the species was listed, or the interpretation of such data, were in error. Any change in Federal classification would require a separate rulemaking process. The regulations in 50 CFR 424.21 require that we publish a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing those species currently under active review. This notice announces our active review of the purple bean, clubshell, northern red-bellied cooter, Roanoke logperch, northern riffleshell, and dwarf wedgemussel, currently listed as endangered, and the swamp pink, flat-spined three-toothed land snail, and Puritan tiger beetle, currently listed as threatened.

Public Solicitation of New Information

To ensure that the 5-year review is complete and based on the best available scientific and commercial information, we are soliciting new information from the public, concerned governmental agencies, Tribes, the scientific community, industry, environmental entities, and any other interested parties concerning the status of the purple bean, clubshell, northern red-bellied cooter, Roanoke logperch, swamp pink, northern riffleshell, flat-spined three-toothed land snail, Puritan tiger beetle, and dwarf wedgemussel.

The 5-year review considers the best scientific and commercial data and all new information that has become available since the listing determination or most recent status review. Categories of requested information include (A) Species biology, including but not limited to, population trends, distribution, abundance, demographics, and genetics; (B) habitat conditions, including but not limited to, amount, distribution, and suitability; (C) conservation measures that have been implemented that benefit the species; (D) threat status and trends; and (E) other new information, data, or corrections, including but not limited to, taxonomic or nomenclatural changes, identification of erroneous information contained in the list, and improved analytical methods.

If you wish to provide information for this 5-year review, you may submit your comments and materials to the Ms. Mary Parkin (see **ADDRESSES** section). Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that

we withhold their identity, to the extent allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name or address, you must state this request prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will not, however, consider anonymous comments. To the extent consistent with applicable law, we will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety. Comments and materials received will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours (see **ADDRESSES** section).

Author: The primary author of this notice is Ms. Mary Parkin of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Northeast Regional Office, 300 Westgate Center Drive, Hadley, Massachusetts 01035.

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Dated: March 31, 2006.

Richard O. Bennett,

Acting Regional Director, Region 5, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan and Receipt of Application for Incidental Take of the Houston toad (Blair Warren—Sac-N-Pac)

AGENCY: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Blair Warren (Applicant) has applied to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for an incidental take permit (TE–124123–0) pursuant to Section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The requested permit, which is for a period of five years, would authorize incidental take of the Houston toad. The proposed take would occur as a result of the construction and operation of a convenience store on a 1.43-acre (0.58-hectare) property on Highway 71 in the Tahitian Village Subdivision, Bastrop County, Texas. We invite the public to review and comment on the permit application and associated draft

Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan (EA/HCP).

DATES: To ensure consideration, written comments must be received on or before June 20, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the application may obtain a copy by writing to the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1306, Room 4102, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. Persons wishing to review the EA/HCP may obtain a copy by contacting Clayton Napier, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78758 (512/490-0057). Documents will be available for public inspection by written request, by appointment only, during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) at the Service's Austin office. Written data or comments concerning the application and EA/HCP should be submitted to the Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78758. Please refer to permit number TE-124123-0 when submitting comments. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become a part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Clayton Napier at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78758 (512/490-0057) or by e-mail, Clayton_Napier@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Applicant has applied to the Service for a Section 10(a)(1)(B) incidental take permit for a period of five years in order to authorize incidental take of the Houston toad.

Section 9 of the Act prohibits the "taking" of endangered species such as the Houston toad. However, the Service, under limited circumstances, may issue permits to take endangered wildlife species incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities.

We provide this notice under section 10(c) of the Act, and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.22), the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4371 *et seq.*), and its implementing regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

Applicant: Blair Warren plans to construct and operate a convenience store on a 1.43-acre property on Highway 71 in the Tahitian Village Subdivision, Bastrop County, Texas.

This action will eliminate 1.43-acres of Houston toad habitat and result in indirect impacts within the lot. The Applicant proposes to compensate for incidental take of the Houston toad by providing \$4,290.00 to the Houston Toad Conservation Fund at the National

Fish and Wildlife Foundation for the specific purpose of land acquisition and management within Houston toad habitat.

Geoffrey L. Haskett,

*Acting Regional Director, Region 2,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Availability of a Final Environmental Impact Report/ Environmental Impact Statement for the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan and Natural Community Conservation Plan, Riverside County, CA

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of the final Coachella Valley Association of Governments Habitat Conservation Plan and Natural Community Conservation Plan (Plan), final Implementing Agreement, and final Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for public review and comment. The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is considering the proposed action of issuing a 75-year incidental take permit, pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 as amended (ESA), for 27 species in response to receipt of an application from the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG), Coachella Valley Conservation Commission, County of Riverside, Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Riverside County Parks and Open Space District, Riverside County Waste Management District, Coachella Valley Water District, Imperial Irrigation District, California Department of Transportation, California Department of Parks and Recreation, Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy, and the cities of Cathedral City, Coachella, Desert Hot Springs, Indian Wells, Indio, La Quinta, Palm Desert, Palm Springs, and Rancho Mirage (Applicants). The proposed permit would authorize take of individual members of animal species listed under the Federal Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA). The permit is needed because take of species could occur during proposed urban development activities, rural infrastructure projects, and preserve management activities within a 1.1

million-acre planning area located in the Coachella Valley, California.

The Final Plan also incorporates a Public Use and Trails Plan which includes proposals that address non-motorized recreation activities on Federal and non-Federal lands in the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is a Cooperating Agency in this planning process and will use this EIR/EIS to make decisions on BLM-administered public lands pertaining to trail use in the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains. These proposals constitute activity (implementation) level actions in furtherance of the *California Desert Conservation Area Plan* (1980), as amended, and the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Management Plan (2004). The BLM will issue a separate record of decision regarding non-motorized recreation activities on public lands.

DATES: The 30-day waiting period will end on May 22, 2006. Written comments must be received on or before this date.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to Mr. James Bartel, Field Supervisor, Fish and Wildlife Service, Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office, 6010 Hidden Valley Road, Carlsbad, California 92011; facsimile (760) 431-9624.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: (1) Jim Sullivan, Director of Environmental Resources, CVAG, 73710 Fred Waring Drive, Room 119, Palm Desert, CA 92260, (760) 346-1127; or, (2) Ms. Therese O'Rourke, Assistant Field Supervisor, 6010 Hidden Valley Road, Carlsbad, California 92011, (760) 431-9440.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Availability of Documents

Copies of the Plan, Implementation Agreement, and Final EIR/EIS are available for public review, by appointment, during regular business hours, at the Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office and at the CVAG office (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

The documents can also be viewed on the World Wide Web at <http://www.cvmshcp.org>. Copies are also available for viewing in each of the Applicant cities, in public libraries, the Riverside County Planning Departments, as follows:

- (1) Riverside County Planning Department: 4080 Lemon Street, 9th Floor Riverside, California 92502.
- (2) Riverside County Planning: 82675 Hwy 111, Room 209, Indio, California 92201.