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R. David Paulison,

Acting Director, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[FEMA-1624-DR]

Texas; Amendment No. 5 to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of a major disaster for the State of Texas (FEMA-1624-DR), dated January 11, 2006, and related determinations.

DATES: *Effective Date:* April 25, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Magda Ruiz, Recovery Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-2705.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that the incident period for this declared disaster is now November 27, 2005, and continuing.

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Assistance Grants; 97.039, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

R. David Paulison,

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[FEMA-1624-DR]

Texas; Amendment No. 6 to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of Texas (FEMA-1624-DR), dated January 11, 2006, and related determinations.

DATES: *Effective Date:* May 1, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Magda Ruiz, Recovery Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-2705.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of Texas is hereby amended to include the following area among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the catastrophe declared a major disaster by the President in his declaration of January 11, 2006: Kerr County for Individual Assistance (already designated for Public Assistance Category B (emergency protective measures), subject to subsequent designation by FEMA for reimbursement.)

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Assistance Grants; 97.039, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

R. David Paulison,

Acting Director, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications.

SUMMARY: The following applicants have applied for permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species.

DATES: Written data or comments must be received on or before June 21, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Send written data or comments to the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111-4056.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Peter Fasbender, (612) 713-5343.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following applicants have applied for a scientific research permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.). The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service ("we") solicits review and comment from local, State, and Federal agencies, and the public on the following permit requests.

Permit Number TE125544

Applicant: Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC

The applicant requests a permit to take the Kirtland's warbler (*Dendroica kirtlandii*) throughout Michigan. The scientific research is aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Number TE125549

Applicant: Maartan Vonhof, Kalamazoo, Michigan

The applicant requests a permit to take the Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*) throughout Michigan. The scientific research is aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Number TE125552

Applicant: Michael Burt, Kirksville, Missouri

The applicant requests a permit to take the Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*) throughout Missouri. The scientific research is aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Number TE120231

Applicant: John Timpone, Ballwin, Missouri

The applicant requests a permit to take the Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*) throughout Maryland, Missouri, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. The scientific research is aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Authority: 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.*).

Dated: April 28, 2006.

Wendi Weber,

Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Region 3, Fort Snelling, Minnesota.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Proposed Programmatic Statewide Red-Cockaded Woodpecker Safe Harbor Agreement, North Carolina

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC, or Applicant) has applied to the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for an enhancement of survival permit (ESP) under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The ESP application includes a proposed Safe Harbor Agreement (SHA) for the endangered Red-cockaded Woodpecker (*Picoides borealis*) (RCW) for a period of 99 years, along with a supporting Environmental Assessment (EA). We announce the opening of a 30-day comment period and request comments from the public on the proposed SHA and the supporting EA.

DATES: Written comments should be sent to the Service's Regional Office (see **ADDRESSES**) and must be received on or before June 21, 2006.

ADDRESSES: To obtain copies of the proposed SHA and the supporting EA for review, write to the Service's Southeast Regional Office, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia

30345 (Attn: Endangered Species Permits). Send your comments to this address as well. For commenting guidelines, see "Public Comments" under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

Documents will also be available for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours at the Regional Office in Atlanta, or at the Field Office at 551-F Pylon Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27636. Do not write to this address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Rick Gooch, Regional Safe Harbor Coordinator, at the Atlanta address above, 404-679-7124 (phone), or 404-679-7081 (facsimile), or John Hammond, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, at the Raleigh address above or 919-856-4556 (phone).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Applicant has applied to the Service for an ESP under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act) (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The application includes a proposed SHA for the endangered RCW for a period of 99 years, along with a supporting EA. We announce the opening of a 30-day comment period and request comments from the public on the proposed SHA and the supporting EA. If approved, the SHA would allow the Applicant to issue certificates of inclusion throughout certain areas of North Carolina to eligible non-Federal landowners that complete an approved Safe Harbor Management Agreement (SHMA).

Background

The EA identifies and describes several alternatives. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act. For further information and instructions on reviewing and commenting on this application, see **ADDRESSES** and, in this section, "Public Comments."

Under a SHA, participating property owners voluntarily undertake management activities on their property to enhance, restore, or maintain habitat benefiting species listed under the Act. SHAs encourage private and other non-Federal property owners to implement conservation efforts for listed species by assuring property owners they will not be subjected to increased property use restrictions if their efforts attract listed species to their property or increase the numbers or distribution of listed species already on their property. Application requirements and issuance criteria for

enhancement of survival permits through SHAs are found in 50 CFR 17.22 and 17.32.

NCWRC's proposed Statewide SHA is designed to encourage voluntary RCW habitat restoration or enhancement activities by relieving a landowner who enters into a landowner-specific agreement (*i.e.*, the SHMA) from any additional responsibility under the Act beyond that which exists at the time he or she enters into the program. The SHMA will identify any existing RCWs and any associated habitat (the baseline) and will describe the actions that the landowner commits to take (*e.g.*, hardwood midstory removal, cavity provisioning) or allows to be taken to improve RCW habitat on the property, and the time period within which those actions are to be taken and maintained. A participating landowner must maintain the baseline on his/her property (*i.e.*, any existing RCW groups and/or associated habitat), but may be allowed the opportunity to incidentally take RCWs at some point in the future if above-baseline numbers of RCWs are attracted to that site by the proactive management measures undertaken by the landowner. It is important to note that the SHA does not envision, nor will it authorize, incidental take of existing RCW groups, with one exception. This exception is incidental take related to a baseline shift; in this circumstance, the baseline will be maintained but redrawn or shifted on that landowner's property. Among the minimization measures proposed by the Applicant are no incidental taking of RCWs during the breeding season, consolidation of small, isolated RCW populations at sites capable of supporting a viable RCW population, and measures to improve current and potential habitat for the species. Further details on the topics described above are found in the aforementioned documents available for review under this notice.

The geographic scope of the Applicant's SHA is the State of North Carolina, with the exception of six counties (Cumberland, Harnett, Hoke, Moore, Richmond, and Scotland) located in the Sandhills Region that are already covered in an existing SHA (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Permit Number TE798839-12)). Lands potentially eligible for inclusion include all privately owned lands, State lands, and public lands owned by cities, counties, and municipalities with potentially suitable RCW habitat.

We have evaluated several alternatives to the proposed action, and these are described at length in the accompanying EA. The alternative of our paying landowners for desired