

colorectal cancer deaths. Screening is beneficial for: (1) Detection and removal of precancerous polyps, resulting in patients recovering without progression to a diagnosis of cancer, and (2) early detection of CRC for more effective treatment and improved survival. Regular CRC screening is recommended for people aged 50 years and older. Many screening tests are widely available and screening has been shown to be effective in reducing CRC mortality. Despite this demonstrated effectiveness, CRC screening remains low. Some reasons attributed to the low screening rates include limited public awareness of CRC and the benefits of screening, failure of health care providers to recommend screening to patients, and inefficient surveillance and support systems in many health care settings.

The purpose of this one-time study is to evaluate and understand the effect of a multi-component intervention on CRC

screening rates in primary care clinics. The study will also examine the effects of the intervention conditions on behavioral outcomes (e.g., clinician-patient discussions about CRC screening) and on attitudes, beliefs, opinions, and social influence surrounding CRC screening among patients. The target population includes average-risk patients aged 50–80 years, clinicians, and clinic support staff within the primary care clinics in two managed care organizations (MCOs). There are three tasks in this study. In Task 1, 140 primary care clinicians will complete a survey assessing demographics, opinions about preventive services, CRC screening training and practices, satisfaction with CRC screening, and CRC screening beliefs, facilitators, and barriers. The survey will be administered to primary care clinicians post-intervention. In Task 2, 140 clinic support staff will

complete a survey assessing demographics, work-related responsibilities, opinions about preventive services, CRC training and practices, satisfaction with CRC screening, and CRC screening beliefs, facilitators and barriers. The survey will be administered to clinic support staff post intervention. In Task 3, clinic patients will complete a survey assessing demographics, health status, receipt of previous CRC screening and other preventive services, knowledge and opinions about CRC and CRC screening, and social support. The survey will be administered to 3307 patients pre-intervention and 3307 patients post-intervention. Of these, 972 patients will receive both the pre- and post-intervention survey.

There are no costs to respondents except their time to participate in the survey.

Estimated Annualized Burden Hours

Respondents	No. of respondents	No. of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden (hours)
Clinicians	140	1	30/60	70
Clinic Support Staff	140	1	25/60	58
Patients surveyed only at baseline	2335	1	20/60	788
Patients surveyed at baseline and follow-up	972	2	20/60	648
Patients surveyed only at follow-up	2335	1	20/60	788
Totals	2352

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

National Advisory Committee on Rural Health and Human Services; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), notice is hereby given that the following committee will convene its fifty-second meeting.

Name: National Advisory Committee on Rural Health and Human Services.

Dates and Times: September 28, 2006, 2 p.m.–5:30 p.m.; September 29, 2006, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.; September 30, 2006, 9 a.m.–10:30 a.m.

Place: Center for Rural Health, University of North Dakota, 501 N. Columbia Rd., Grand

Forks, North Dakota 58203; Holiday Inn Grand Forks, 1210 N 43rd Street, Grand Forks, North Dakota 58203; Spirit Lake Casino and Resort, 7889 Highway 57, St. Michael, North Dakota 58370, Phone: 701-766-4747.

Status: The meeting will be open to the public.

Purpose: The National Advisory Committee on Rural Health and Human Services provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary with respect to the delivery, research, development and administration of health and human services in rural areas.

Agenda: Thursday afternoon, September 28, at 2 p.m., a press conference will be held with the Chairperson of the Committee, the Honorable David Beasley. The meeting will begin at 2:30 p.m., at the University of North Dakota, with opening remarks by the Honorable David Beasley. Introductions will be made by Mary Wakefield, Associate Dean for Rural Health and Director of the Center for Rural Health at the University of North Dakota and Charles Kupchella, President of the University of North Dakota. This will be followed by a brief history of North Dakota by Mike Jacobs (invited speaker), editor of the Grand Forks Herald, and an overview of rural health innovation by Bruce Gjovig with the Center for Innovation and Rural Technology Center. The next session will be

an overview of the Rural Assistance Center by Kristine Sande. The final session of the day will be a discussion on the purpose of the site visits and future agenda setting led by the Honorable David Beasley and Tom Morris, Committee Executive Secretary. The Thursday meeting will close at 5:30 p.m.

Friday morning, September 29, at 8:30 a.m., the Committee will convene at the Holiday Inn Grand Forks, Grand Forks, North Dakota. The meeting will begin with an explanation of the day and an overview of the site visits. At 9 a.m., the Committee will break into subcommittee format for the site visits. At 9:15 a.m., the Medicare Advantage Subcommittee will depart for Mercy Hospital in Devils Lake, North Dakota. Also, at 9:15 a.m., the Head Start Subcommittee will depart for the Early Explorers Head Start Program in Devils Lake, North Dakota. The Substance Abuse Subcommittee will depart for the Center for Solutions, Towner County Medical Center in Cando, North Dakota, at 9:30 a.m. Transportation to these sites will not be provided. The Subcommittees will return to Spirit Lake Casino and Resort in St. Michael, North Dakota, for the remainder of the meeting. The Subcommittees will meet at 2:15 p.m. to discuss the site visits. The Committee of the whole will reconvene at 3:30 p.m. for a discussion of the 2007 report topics. The Friday meeting will close at 4:30 p.m.

The final session will be convened Saturday morning, September 30, at 9 a.m. The Committee will review the discussion of the 2007 Workplan, have updates on the Subcommittee site visits and discuss the letter to the Secretary. The meeting will be adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

For Further Information Contact: Anyone requiring information regarding the Committee should contact Tom Morris, M.P.A., Executive Secretary, National Advisory Committee on Rural Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Parklawn Building, Room 9A-55, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, Telephone (301) 443-0835, Fax (301) 443-2803.

Persons interested in attending any portion of the meeting should contact Michele Pray-Gibson, Office of Rural Health Policy (ORHP), Telephone (301) 443-0835. The Committee meeting agenda will be posted on ORHP's Web site <http://www.ruralhealth.hrsa.gov>.

Dated: August 28, 2006.

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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 scientific research permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended.

DATES: To ensure consideration, written comments must be received on or before October 5, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be submitted to the Chief, Endangered Species Division, Ecological Services, P.O. Box 1306, Room 4102, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act. Documents will be available for public inspection, by appointment only, during normal business hours at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 500 Gold Ave. SW., Room 4102, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when submitting comments. All comments received, including names and

addresses, will become part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chief, Endangered Species Division, (505) 248-6920.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Permit No. TE-038050

Applicant: Trevor Hare, Tucson, Arizona.

Applicant requests an amendment to an existing permit to conduct presence/absence surveys and enhance propagation for Gila Chub (*Gila intermedia*) within Arizona.

Permit No. TE-794593

Applicant: Texas State Aquarium, Corpus Christi, Texas.

Applicant requests an amendment to an existing permit to hold northern aplomado falcon (*Falco femoralis septentrionalis*) for educational displays within Texas.

Permit No. TE-828830

Applicant: Bureau of Land Management-Tucson, Tucson, Arizona.

Applicant requests an amendment to an existing permit to conduct presence/absence surveys and enhance propagation for Gila Chub (*Gila intermedia*) within Arizona.

Permit No. TE-841909

Applicant: Prescott National Forest, Chino Valley, Arizona.

Applicant requests an amendment to an existing permit to conduct presence/absence surveys and enhance propagation for Gila Chub (*Gila intermedia*) within Arizona.

Permit No. TE-841359

Applicant: Gila National Forest, Silver City, New Mexico.

Applicant requests an amendment to an existing permit to conduct presence/absence surveys and enhance propagation for Gila Chub (*Gila intermedia*) within Arizona.

Permit No. TE-122838

Applicant: Jennifer Gumm, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for Leon Springs pupfish (*Cyprinodon bovinus*) within Texas.

Permit No. TE-814841

Applicant: Desert Botanical Gardens, Phoenix, Arizona.

Applicant requests an amendment to an existing permit to conduct presence/

absence surveys and to collect seed and/or cuttings for *Pediocactus bradyi* (Brady pincushion cactus) and *Pediocactus peeblesianus* (Peebles Navajo cactus) within Arizona.

Permit No. TE-122856

Applicant: George Robert Myers, Austin, Texas.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for Mexican long-nosed bat (*Leptonycteris nivalis*), lesser long-nosed bat (*Leptonycteris curasoae yerbabuena*), Barton Springs salamander (*Eurycea sosorum*), San Marcos Salamander (*Eurycea nana*), Texas blind salamander (*Typhlomolge rathbuni*), and Peck's cave amphipod (*Stygobromus pecki*) within Texas. Additionally, applicant requests authorization to survey for and collect the following species within Texas: *Batrises texanus* (Coffin Cave mold beetle), *Stygoparnus comalensis* (Comal Springs dryopid beetle), *Heterelmis comalensis* (Comal Springs riffle beetle), *Batrises ventyivi* (Helotes mold beetle), *Cicurina baronia* (Robber Baron Cave meshweaver), *Cicurina madla* (Madla's cave meshweaver), *Cicurina venii* (Braken Bat Cave meshweaver), *Cicurina vespera* (Government Canyon Bat Cave meshweaver), *Neoleptoneta microps* (Government Canyon Bat Cave spider), *Neoleptoneta myopica* (Tooth Cave spider), *Rhadine exilis* (ground beetle, no common name), *Rhadine infernalis* (ground beetle, no common name), *Rhadine persephone* (Tooth Cave ground beetle), *Tartarocreagris texana* (Tooth Cave pseudoscorpion), *Texamaurops reddelli* (Kretschmar Cave mold beetle), *Texella cokendolpheri* (Cokendolpher cave harvestman), *Texella reddelli* (Bee Creek Cave harvestman), and *Texella reyesi* (Bone Cave harvestman).

Permit No. TE-122857

Applicant: Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to collect and survey for *Heterelmis comalensis* (Comal Springs riffle beetle) within Texas.

Permit No. TE-123070

Applicant: Susana Morales, Tucson, Arizona.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for the following species within Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas: black-capped vireo (*Vireo atricapillus*),