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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

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U.S. Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative Multi-Stakeholder Group (USEITI MSG) Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Policy, Management and Budget, Interior.

ACTION: Meetings.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the next four meetings of the United States Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (USEITI) Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG) Advisory Committee.

DATES: *Dates and Times:* All four meetings will occur on April 23-24, 2014; June 10-12, 2014; September 9-11, 2014 and November 18-20, 2014; in Washington, DC. in-person from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time the first two days, and from 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. the third day unless otherwise indicated at www.doi.gov/eiti/faca, where agendas, meeting logistics, and meeting materials will be posted.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held in Room 5160 of the Main Interior Building, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240. Members of the public may attend in person or view documents and presentations under discussion via WebEx at <http://bit.ly/1cR9W6t> and listen to the proceedings at telephone number 1-866-707-0640 (passcode: 1500538).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rosita Compton Christian, USEITI Secretariat; 1849 C Street NW., MS-4211, Washington, DC 20240. You may also contact the USEITI Secretariat via email at useiti@ios.doi.gov, by phone at 202-208-0272, or by fax at 202-513-0682.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Department of the Interior established the USEITI Advisory Committee (Committee) on July 26, 2012, to serve

as the initial USEITI multi-stakeholder group. More information about the Committee, including its charter, can be found at www.doi.gov/eiti/faca.

Meeting Agenda: Agenda items for the April 23-24 meeting will include a review of the draft Terms of Reference for procuring an independent administrator for USEITI implementation. The agenda for the June 10-12 meeting will include a review and discussion of the Opt-in process for States and Tribes to participate in USEITI. The agenda for the September 9-11 meeting will include a review and discussion of the reporting template and the Department's hiring of an independent administrator. The agenda for the November 18-20 meeting will include drafting of the work-plan to meet all EITI requirements and planning for 2015.

The final agendas and materials for all meetings will be posted on the USEITI MSG Web site at www.doi.gov/eiti/faca. All Committee meetings are open to the public. Whenever possible, we encourage those participating by telephone to gather in conference rooms in order to share teleconference lines. Please plan to dial into the meeting and/or log-in to WebEx at least 10-15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time in order to avoid possible technical difficulties. Individuals with special needs will be accommodated whenever possible. If you require special assistance (such as an interpreter for the hearing impaired), please notify Interior staff in advance of the meeting at 202-208-0272 or via email at useiti@ios.doi.gov.

The minutes from these proceedings will be posted on USEITI MSG Web site at www.doi.gov/eiti/faca and will also be available for public inspection and copying at our office in the Main Interior Building in Washington, DC, by contacting Interior staff at useiti@ios.doi.gov or by telephone at 202-208-0272. For more information on USEITI, visit www.doi.gov/eiti.

Dated: February 26, 2014.

Amy Holley,

Chief of Staff—Policy, Management and Budget, Department of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R4-ES-2014-N025; 40120-1112-0000-F2]

Receipt of Applications for Endangered Species Permits

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

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 a Federal permit is issued that allows such activities. The ESA requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

DATES: We must receive written data or comments on the applications at the address given below, by *April 10, 2014*.

ADDRESSES: *Reviewing Documents:* Documents and other information submitted with the applications 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 to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, GA 30345 (Attn: Angela Romito, Permit Coordinator). *How to Submit Comments:* See Submitting Comments, under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Angela Romito, Permit Coordinator, by telephone at 404-679-7101, or by facsimile at 404-679-7081.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Introduction

The public is invited to comment on the following applications for permits to conduct certain activities with endangered and threatened species pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and our regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17. This notice is provided under section 10(c) of the Act.

Submitting Comments

If you wish to comment, you may submit comments by any one of the following methods. You may mail comments to the Fish and Wildlife Service's Regional Office (see **ADDRESSES** section) or send them via electronic mail (email) to *permitsR4ES@fws.gov*. Please include your name and return address in your email message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the Fish and Wildlife Service that we have received your email message, contact us directly at the telephone number listed above (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). Finally, you may hand-deliver comments to the Fish and Wildlife Service office listed above (see **ADDRESSES**).

Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, telephone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, 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 comments to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Permit Applications

Permit Application Number: TE79580A

Applicant: Jason Butler, Lexington, Kentucky

The applicant requests authorization to amend his permit to take (capture, mark, apply transmitters, track, survey) the Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*), northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*), gray bat (*M. grisescens*), and Virginia big-eared bat (*Corynorhinus townsendii virginianus*) in Kentucky, while conducting presence/absence surveys, studies to document habitat use, and population monitoring.

Permit Application Number: TE23583B

Applicant: Holly Ober, Quincy, Florida

The applicant requests authorization to take (capture, mark, apply transmitters, track, survey) the Florida bonneted bat (*Eumops floridanus*) in Florida, while conducting presence/absence surveys, studies to document habitat use, and population monitoring.

Permit Application Number: TE171545

Applicant: Ronald K. Redman, Benton, Arkansas

The applicant requests authorization to capture, examine, and release gray bat (*Myotis grisescens*), Indiana bat (*Myotis*

sodalis), northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*), and Ozark big-eared bat (*Corynorhinus townsendii ingens*), to survey for occurrences throughout Arkansas.

Permit Application Number: TE24030B-0

Applicant: Magdalena Rodriguez, Miami, Florida

The applicant requests authorization to hold for veterinary treatment, to retain unreleasable specimens, or to euthanize specimens of Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*), hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), leatherback (*Dermodochelys coriacea*), green (*Chelonia mydas*), and loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*) sea turtles. Treatment facilities are at the Miami Seaquarium, but specimens may be accepted from authorized sources throughout Florida and other southeastern states.

Permit Application Number: TE24053B-0

Applicant: Gulf Specimen Marine Laboratory, Panama, Florida

The applicant requests authorization to hold for veterinary treatment, tag, retain unreleasable specimens, or euthanize specimens of Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*), hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), green (*Chelonia mydas*), and loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*) sea turtles. Treatment facilities are at the Gulf Specimen Marine Laboratory, but specimens may be accepted from authorized sources throughout Florida and other southeastern states.

Permit Application Number: TE24343B

Applicant: EGIS, Inc., Bentonville, Arkansas

The applicant requests authorization to take the American burying beetle (*Nicrophorus americanus*) while surveying for its occurrence throughout Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma.

Permit Application Number: TE011542-9

Applicant: Conservation Fisheries Incorporated, Knoxville, Tennessee

The applicant requests authorization to renew their existing permit to take endangered fish species for captive propagation, genetic research, presence/absence surveys, and other research activities. The applicant has also requested to amend their current permit to add the diamond darter (*Crystallaria cincotta*) and spring pygmy sunfish (*Elassoma alabamae*) to their list of species and to increase amount of take for boulder darter (*Etheostoma wapiti*)

from 12 adults to 16 adults throughout the range of these species.

Permit Application Number: TE-91366A

Applicant: Dr. Paul Stewart, Troy, Alabama

Applicant requests authorization to add waters of the State of Florida to their existing permit authorizing take (capture, translocate, collect voucher specimens, and release) of aquatic species.

Permit Application Number: TE-91373A

Applicant: Jonathan Miller, Troy, Alabama

Applicant requests authorization to add waters of the state of Florida their existing permit authorizing take (capture, translocate, collect voucher specimens, and release) of aquatic species.

Permit Application Number: TE171488-2

Applicant: Walt Disney World Living Seas, Lake Buena Vista, Florida

The applicant requests authorization to hold for veterinary treatment, to retain unreleasable specimens, or to euthanize specimens of Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*), hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), leatherback (*Dermodochelys coriacea*), green (*Chelonia mydas*), loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*), and olive ridley (*Lepidochelys olivacea*) sea turtles. Treatment facilities are at Walt Disney World Living Seas, but specimens may be accepted from authorized sources throughout Florida and other southeastern states.

Permit Application Number: TE20020A-3

Applicant: Dr. Reed Noss, University of Central Florida, TE-20020A

The applicant requests authorization to take Florida grasshopper sparrows (*Ammodramus savannarum floridanus*) through capture and banding. This activity will take place on State and Federal lands in Okeechobee, Osceola, Highlands, and Polk Counties, Florida.

Permit Application Number: TE25057B-0

Applicant: Nicole Angeli, College Station, Texas

The applicant requests authorization to take (capture, mark, measure, collect tissue, track, survey) the Saint Croix ground lizard (*Ameiva polops*) in Saint Croix, while conducting population and genetic studies.

Permit Application Number: TE102292-10

Applicant: Jeremy Jackson, Richmond, Kentucky

The applicant requests authorization to amend his current permit to take (capture, mark, apply transmitters, track, survey) the Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*), gray bat (*M. grisescens*), and Virginia big-eared bat (*Corynorhinus townsendii virginianus*) in West Virginia, Virginia, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Alabama, Arkansas, Tennessee, North Carolina, Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, New York, Georgia, and Mississippi, while conducting presence/absence surveys, studies to document habitat use, and population monitoring.

Permit Application Number: TE054963-6

Applicant: Heather Barron, Sanibel, Florida

The applicant requests authorization to hold for veterinary treatment, to retain unreleasable specimens, or to euthanize specimens of Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*), hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*), green (*Chelonia mydas*), loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*) and olive ridley (*Lepidochelys olivacea*) sea turtles. Treatment facilities are at CROW Wildlife Hospital, but specimens may be accepted from authorized sources throughout Florida and other southeastern states.

Permit Application Number: TE26395B-0

Applicant: Montgomery Zoo, Montgomery, Alabama

The applicant requests authorization to purchase in interstate commerce six American crocodiles (*Crocodylus acutus*) from Jerry Motta, Bushnell, Florida.

Permit Application Number: TE-27608B

Applicant: McGehee Engineering Incorporated, Jasper, Alabama

Applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys and other research activities on aquatic species throughout Alabama. The applicant also requests authorization to capture, examine, and release gray bat (*Myotis grisescens*) and Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*), to survey for occurrences throughout Alabama.

Dated: February 24, 2014.

Cynthia K. Dohner,
Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered or threatened species. The Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), prohibits activities with endangered and threatened species unless a Federal permit allows such activities. The Act and the National Environmental Policy Act also require that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

DATES: To ensure consideration, written comments must be received on or before April 10, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Wendy Brown, Chief, Recovery and Restoration Branch, by U.S. mail at Division of Classification and Restoration, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, NM 87103 at 505-248-6920. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Jacobsen, Chief, Division of Classification and Restoration, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, NM 87103; 505-248-6665.

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

A permit granted by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act authorizes applicants to conduct activities with U.S. endangered or threatened species for scientific purposes, enhancement of survival or propagation, or interstate commerce. Our regulations regarding implementation of section 10(a)(1)(A) 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, Tribal, and Federal agencies and the public to comment on the following applications. Please refer to the appropriate permit number (e.g., Permit No. TE-123456) when requesting application documents and when submitting comments.

Documents and other information the applicants have submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) and Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

Permit TE-082492

Applicant: AZTEC Engineering Group, Inc., Phoenix, Arizona.

Applicant requests a renewal to a current permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys of black-footed ferret (*Mustela nigripes*) in Arizona and New Mexico; southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) in Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas; and Yuma clapper rail (*Rallus longirostris yumanensis*) in Arizona.

Permit TE-061127

Applicant: Tierra Right of Way Services, Tucson, Arizona.

Applicant requests a renewal to a current permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys of lesser long-nosed bat (*Leptonycteris yerbabuena*), Mexican long-nosed bat (*Leptonycteris nivalis*), and southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*), and to conduct transplanting activities for Pima pineapple cactus (*Coryphantha scheeri* var. *robustispina*) within Arizona.

Permit TE-819491

Applicant: Ecosphere Environmental Services, Inc., Durango, Colorado.

Applicant requests a renewal to a current permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for black-footed ferret (*Mustela nigripes*) within Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming, and southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) within Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, and Utah.

Permit TE-842583

Applicant: La Tierra Environmental Consulting, LLC., Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Applicant requests a renewal to a current permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys of southwestern willow