

surveys and population monitoring activities throughout the range of each species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-58888A

Applicant: Dale E. Ritenour, La Mesa, California

The applicant requests an amendment to a permit to take (capture, collect, receive, transport, hatch, identify, and rear) the Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*), and San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*) in conjunction with fairy shrimp cyst identification activities throughout the range of each species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-54614A

Applicant: California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Rancho Cordova, California

The applicant requests a permit amendment to take (survey, capture, handle, transport, hold in captivity, captive propagate, obtain genetic samples, and release) the Amargosa vole (*Microtus californicus scirpensis*) while conducting scientific research and captive propagation activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-161496

Applicant: California State Parks, Felton, California

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (survey, capture, handle, mark, collect genetic material, record morphological data, and release) the San Francisco garter snake (*Thamnophis sirtalis tetrataenia*) in conjunction with survey and research activities throughout the range of the species in Santa Cruz and San Mateo Counties, California, for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-41825B

Applicant: Virgil T. Parker, Pacifica, California

The applicant requests a permit to remove/reduce to possession *Arctostaphylos glandulosa* subsp. *crassifolia* (Del Mar manzanita) in conjunction with population surveys and genetic research activities on Federal lands in San Diego County, California, for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-808214-5

Applicant: Sonoma County Water Agency, Santa Rosa, California

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, and release) the California freshwater shrimp (*Syncares pacifica*) and California tiger salamander (Sonoma County Distinct Population Segment (DPS)) (*Ambystoma californiense*) in conjunction with surveys and population monitoring in Sonoma County, California, for the purpose of enhancing each species' survival.

Permit No. TE-801346

Applicant: Geoffrey L. Rogers, San Diego, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey) the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) in conjunction with surveys and population monitoring activities in San Diego, Riverside, Orange, and Imperial Counties, California, for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-038716

Applicant: Frank J. Wegscheider, Placentia, California

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (capture, collect, and collect vouchers) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*), San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*), and vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of each species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-108099

Applicant: Jane Higginson, Lakeside, California

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (survey by pursuit) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-09389A

Applicant: Michelle E. Giolli, El Cerrito, California

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (capture, collect, and collect vouchers) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*), San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*), and vernal pool

tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of each species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Public Comments

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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: July 25, 2014.

Michael Long,

Acting Regional Director, Pacific Southwest Region, Sacramento, California.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered Species Recovery Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of permit applications; request for 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 species. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (Act) prohibits activities with endangered and threatened species unless a Federal permit allows such activity. The Act also requires that we invite public comment before issuing recovery permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species.

DATES: Comments on these permit applications must be received on or before September 2, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the Endangered Species Program Manager, U.S. Fish and

Wildlife Service, Region 8, 2800 Cottage Way, Room W-2606, Sacramento, CA 95825 (telephone: 916-414-6464; fax: 916-414-6486). Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel Marquez, Fish and Wildlife Biologist; see **ADDRESSES** (telephone: 760-431-9440; fax: 760-431-9624).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following applicants have applied for scientific research permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). We seek review and comment from local, State, and Federal agencies and the public on the following permit requests.

Applicants

Permit No. TE-802094

Applicant: Carl J. Page, Smith River, California

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (harass by survey, capture, and release) the tidewater goby (*Eucyclogobius newberryi*) and unarmored threespine stickleback (*Gasterosteus aculeatus williamsoni*) in conjunction with surveys and population monitoring activities throughout the range of each species in California, for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-35387A

Applicant: Danielle C. Glenn, Ventura, California

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (harass by survey, locate and monitor nests) the California least tern (*Sterna antillarum browni*) (*Sterna a. browni*) in conjunction with surveys and population monitoring activities throughout the range of the species in Ventura County, California, for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-094893

Applicant: Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, Santa Barbara, California

The applicant requests a permit renewal to remove/reduce to possession the following plant species, in conjunction with surveys and monitoring activities on Federal lands throughout the range of each species in California, for the purpose of enhancing each species' survival:

- *Arabis mcdonaldiana* (McDonald's rockcress),
- *Arenaria paludicola* (marsh sandwort),
- *Astragalus pycnostachyus* var. *lanosissimus* (Ventura Marsh milk-vetch),

- *Berberis nevini* (Nevin's barberry),
- *Berberis pinnata* subsp. *insularis* (island barberry),
- *Castilleja mollis* (soft-leaved paintbrush),
- *Caulanthus californicus* (California jewelflower),
- *Cirsium fontinale* var. *obispoense* (Chorro Creek bog thistle),
- *Cirsium loncholepis* (La Graciosa thistle),
- *Clarkia speciosa* var. *immaculata* (Pismo clarkia),
- *Chloropyron maritimum* subsp. *maritimum* (Cordylanthus maritimum subsp. maritimum) (salt marsh bird's-beak),
- *Deinandra increscens* subsp. *villosa* (Gaviota tarplant),
- *Delphinium variegatum* subsp. *kinkiense* (San Clemente Island larkspur),
- *Dudleya traskiae* (Santa Barbara Island liveforever),
- *Eremalche kernensis* (Kern mallow),
- *Eriodictyon altissimum* (Indian Knob mountain balm),
- *Eriodictyon capitatum* (Lompoc yerba santa),
- *Galium buxifolium* (island bedstraw),
- *Gilia tenuiflora* subsp. *hoffmannii* (Hoffmann's slender-flowered gilia),
- *Layia carnosa* (Beach layia),
- *Lithophragma maximum* (San Clemente Island woodland-star),
- *Lupinus nipomensis* (Nipomo Mesa lupine),
- *Malacothamnus clementinus* (San Clemente Island bush-mallow),
- *Malacothamnus fasciculatus* var. *nesioticus* (Santa Cruz Island bush-mallow),
- *Malacothrix indecora* (Santa Cruz Island malacothrix),
- *Malacothrix squalida* (island malacothrix),
- *Nasturtium gambelii* (*Rorippa g.*) (Gambel's watercress),
- *Pentachaeta lyonii* (Lyon's pentachaeta),
- *Sibara filifolia* (Santa Cruz Island rockcress), and
- *Thysanocarpus conchuliferus* (Santa Cruz Island fringe-pod).

Permit No. TE-100006

Applicant: Freeman Biological, Crescent City, California

The applicant requests a permit amendment to take (survey, capture, handle, and release) the San Francisco garter snake (*Thamnophis sirtalis tetrataenia*) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of the species in San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Cruz Counties, California, for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-40211B

Applicant: Melissa M. Newman, Sonoma, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, and release) the California tiger salamander (Santa Barbara County Distinct Population Segment (DPS) and Sonoma County DPS) (*Ambystoma californiense*) in conjunction with surveys and population monitoring throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-806679

Applicant: Spring Rivers Ecological Sciences, LLC, Cassel, California

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (capture, weigh, mark, collect voucher, collect tissue, release, and translocate/release to restored habitat) the Shasta crayfish (*Pacifastacus fortis*) in conjunction with surveys and scientific research activities in Shasta County, California, for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-006559

Applicant: Dale A. Powell, Riverside, California

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (survey by pursuit) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) and Delhi Sands flower-loving fly (*Rhaphiomidas terminatus abdominalis*) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of each species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-40218B

Applicant: John Kunna, Palo Alto, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, and release) the California tiger salamander (Sonoma County DPS) (*Ambystoma californiense*), and take (survey, capture, handle, and release) the San Francisco garter snake (*Thamnophis sirtalis tetrataenia*) in conjunction with surveys and population monitoring activities throughout the range of each species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-237061

Applicant: Daniel H. Chase, San Francisco, California

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, and release) the tidewater goby (*Eucyclogobius*

newberryi) in conjunction with surveys, research, and population monitoring activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-032713

Applicant: California Department of Transportation, Fresno, California

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (capture, collect, and collect vouchers) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*), San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*), and vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*); take (harass by survey, capture, handle, and release) the California tiger salamander (Santa Barbara County DPS and Sonoma County DPS) (*Ambystoma californiense*); and take (capture, handle, and release) the Tipton kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys nitratoides nitratoides*) and giant kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys ingens*) in conjunction with surveys and population monitoring activities throughout the range of each species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-031913

Applicant: Morgan L. Ball, Lompoc, California

The applicant requests a permit renewal and amendment to take (capture, collect, and collect vouchers) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*), San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*), and vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*); take (harass by survey, locate and monitor nests, capture, band, and release) the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*); take (survey by pursuit) the El Segundo blue butterfly (*Euphilotes battoides allyni*); and take (harass by survey, capture, handle, and release) the California tiger salamander (Santa Barbara County DPS and Sonoma County DPS) (*Ambystoma californiense*) in conjunction with surveys and population monitoring activities throughout the range of each species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-110382

Applicant: Ava R. Edens, Mission Viejo, California

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (capture, collect, and collect vouchers) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*), San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*), and vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of each species in California, for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-41182B

Applicant: Karen L. Pope, Arcata, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (survey, capture, handle, swab, and release) the Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frog (*Rana sierrae*) in conjunction with survey and population monitoring activities in Butte, Sierra, Nevada, Placer, and El Dorado Counties, California, for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-203081

Applicant: John P. LaBonte, Goleta, California

The applicant requests a permit amendment to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, and release) the California tiger salamander (Santa Barbara County DPS and Sonoma County DPS) (*Ambystoma californiense*) in conjunction with surveys and population monitoring throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-41184B

Applicant: Mason D. Hyland, Gilroy, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, and release) the California tiger salamander (Santa Barbara County DPS and Sonoma County DPS) (*Ambystoma californiense*) in conjunction with surveys and population monitoring throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-830213

Applicant: EcoPlan Associates, Mesa, Arizona

The applicant requests a permit renewal and amendment to take (harass by survey, locate and monitor nests) the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*), and take (harass by survey) the Yuma clapper rail (*Rallus longirostris yumanensis*) in

conjunction with surveys and population monitoring activities in Riverside, San Bernardino, and Imperial Counties, California, and Clark County, Nevada, for the purpose of enhancing each species' survival.

Permit No. TE-41613B

Applicant: Mitch W. Stewart, Sacramento, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey) the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) in conjunction with surveys and population monitoring activities in Tulare County, California, for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-89998A

Applicant: Matthew L. Amalong, Fountain Valley, California

The applicant requests a permit amendment to take (harass by survey, locate and monitor nests, handle, and band) the California least tern (*Sterna antillarum browni*) (*Sterna a. browni*) in conjunction with surveys and population monitoring activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-049175

Applicant: Melanie R. Dicus, Black Canyon, Arizona

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (survey by pursuit) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) and Delhi Sands flower-loving fly (*Rhaphiomidas terminatus abdominalis*) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of each species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-027427

Applicant: Jeff A. Alvarez, Sacramento, California

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (capture, collect, and collect vouchers) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*), San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*), and vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*), and take (harass by survey, capture, handle, collect tissue and vouchers, and release) the California tiger salamander (Santa Barbara County DPS and Sonoma County DPS) (*Ambystoma californiense*) in conjunction with survey and population monitoring activities throughout the range of each species in

California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-094318

Applicant: Jessica S. Vinje, Escondido, California

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (locate and monitor nests) the least Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*) in conjunction with nest monitoring activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-104080

Applicant: Stephen A. Sykes, Roseville, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, and release) the California tiger salamander (Santa Barbara County DPS and Sonoma County DPS) (*Ambystoma californiense*) in conjunction with surveys and population monitoring throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-43668A

Applicant: Gerald T. Braden, Angelus Oaks, California

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (harass by survey, locate and monitor nests, capture, band, color-band, release and remove brown-headed cowbird [*Molothrus ater*] eggs and chicks from parasitized nests) the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*); take (locate and monitor nests, color-band, release and remove brown-headed cowbird eggs and chicks from parasitized nests) the least Bell's vireo (*Vireo belli pusillus*); take (harass by survey) the light-footed clapper rail (*Rallus longirostris levipes*) and Yuma clapper rail (*Rallus longirostris yumanensis*); and take (capture, handle, and release) the San Bernardino Merriam's kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys merriami parvus*) and the Stephens' kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys stephensi*) in conjunction with nest monitoring activities throughout the range of each species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-094642

Applicant: Howard B. Shaffer, Los Angeles, California

The applicant requests a permit amendment to take (conduct training workshops) the California tiger salamander (Santa Barbara County DPS and Sonoma County DPS) (*Ambystoma californiense*) in conjunction with training activities throughout the range

of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-027422

Applicant: Brian T. Pittman, Petaluma, California

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (capture, collect, and collect vouchers) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*), San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*), and vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*), and take (capture, handle, mark and release, collect tissue or small individuals for genetic analysis, and collect voucher specimens) the California tiger salamander (Sonoma County DPS) (*Ambystoma californiense*) in conjunction with survey and population monitoring activities throughout the range of each species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

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Michael Long,

Acting Regional Director, Pacific Southwest Region, Sacramento, California.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Notice of Suspension of Imports of Zimbabwe Elephant Trophies Taken in 2014 on or After April 4, 2014

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On July 17, 2014, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) made a determination that the import of sport-hunted African elephant trophies taken in Zimbabwe on or after April 4, 2014, until December 31, 2014, would be suspended. The decision to suspend importation of African elephant trophies taken in Zimbabwe was due to the Service being unable to determine that the killing of the animal whose trophy is intended for import into the United States would enhance the survival of the species in the wild. Due to technical revisions needed to address an editorial error and to reflect consideration of ETIS data from the 16th Meeting of the Conference of Parties to CITES unintentionally left out of the July 17 finding document, the July 17 document was revised on July 22. These technical revisions did not alter the analysis or decision announced in the July 17 finding. This 2014 determination supersedes the interim suspension published in the **Federal Register** on May 12, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Timothy J. Van Norman, Chief, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS: IA, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803; fax (703) 358-2280; or email DMAFR@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Timothy J. Van Norman, (703) 358-2104 (telephone); (703) 358-2280 (fax); DMAFR@fws.gov (email).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The African elephant (*Loxodonta africana*) is listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*, and is regulated under a special rule found at 50 CFR 17.40(e). The special rule includes specific requirements for the import of sport-hunted trophies. Under paragraph 17.40(e)(3)(iii)(C), in order for the Service to authorize the import of a sport-hunted elephant trophy, the Service must find that the killing of the animal whose trophy is intended for import would enhance the survival of the species in the wild (an "enhancement finding").

Zimbabwe has had an active elephant hunting program for over 20 years, and imports into the United States have occurred at least since 1997, when the Zimbabwe elephant population, along with populations in Botswana and Namibia, was downlisted to Appendix II of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) (South Africa's population was downlisted at a later