

documents through an additional public comment period.

The scoping meetings will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time at the following locations on the following dates:

1. Chartiers Township Community Center (Banquet Room; 2013 Community Center Drive, Houston, PA 15342) on Monday, December 12, 2016.
2. Southgate Hotel (Banquet Rooms 1 and 2; 2248 Southgate Parkway, Cambridge, OH 43725) on Tuesday, December 13, 2016.
3. Beni Kedem Temple (Ballroom; 100 Quarrier Street, Charleston, WV 25301) on Wednesday, December 14, 2016.
4. Village Square Conference Center (Ballroom A; Rt. 19 South/1489 Milford Street, Clarksburg, WV 26301) on Thursday, December 15, 2016.
5. Genetti Hotel (Washington Room; 200 West Fourth Street, Williamsport, PA 17701) on Friday, December 16, 2016.

The webinar will be held on Tuesday, December 20, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Registration and log-in information for the webinar is available on the Service's project Web page: www.fws.gov/northeast/ecologicalservices/hcp/oghcp.html.

Persons needing reasonable accommodations to attend and participate in the public meetings should contact Pam Shellenberger at 814-234-4090, extension 7459, as soon as possible. To allow sufficient time to process requests, please call at least 1 week before the public meetings. Information regarding this proposed action is available in alternative formats upon request.

Dated: November 15, 2016.
Paul Phifer,
Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Northeast Region.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

**[FWS-R3-ES-2016-N190;
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Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.
ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following applications for a permit to conduct activities intended to enhance the survival of endangered or threatened species. Federal law prohibits certain activities with endangered species unless a permit is obtained.

DATES: We must receive any written comments on or before December 27, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments by U.S. mail to the Regional Director, Attn: Carlita Payne, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, 5600 American Blvd. West, Suite 990, Bloomington, MN 55437-1458; or by electronic mail to permitsR3ES@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carlita Payne, (612) 713-5343.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA), as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et*

seq.), prohibits certain activities with endangered and threatened species unless the activities are specifically authorized by a Federal permit. The ESA and our implementing regulations in part 17 of title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) provide for the issuance of such permits and require that we invite public comment before issuing permits for activities involving endangered species.

A permit granted by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA authorizes the permittee to conduct activities with U.S. endangered or threatened species for scientific purposes, enhancement of propagation or survival, or interstate commerce (the latter only in the event that it facilitates scientific purposes or enhancement of propagation or survival). Our regulations implementing section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA for these 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 permit number when you submit comments. Documents and other information the applicants have submitted with the 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 Applications

Proposed activities in the following permit requests are for the recovery and enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

| Application No. | Applicant | Species | Location | Activity | Type of take | Permit action |
|-----------------|-------------------------|--|-----------------|--|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| TE38856A | Skelly & Loy, Inc | Indiana bat (<i>Myotis sodalis</i>), northern long-eared bat (<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>), Virginia big eared bat (<i>Corynorhinus townsendii virginianus</i>). | Rangewide | Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, evaluate impacts. | Capture, handle, radio-tag, release. | Amend, renew. |

| Application No. | Applicant | Species | Location | Activity | Type of take | Permit action |
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| TE11135C | Herpetological Resource and Management, LLC. | Copperbelly water snake (<i>Nerodia erythrogaster neglecta</i>), Eastern massasauga (<i>Sistrurus catenatus catenatus</i>), Karner blue butterfly (<i>Lycaeides melissa samuelis</i>), Mitchell's satyr butterfly (<i>Neonympha mitchellii mitchellii</i>), Poweshiek skipperling butterfly (<i>Oarisma poweshiek</i>), Pitcher's Thistle (<i>Cirsium pitcheri</i>), Dwarf Lake Iris (<i>Iris lacustris</i>), Michigan monkey flower (<i>Mimulus michiganensis</i>), and Eastern prairie fringed orchid (<i>Platanthera leucophaea</i>). | Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Ohio. | Survey and Monitoring, Habitat mapping and assessment. | Capture and release | New. |
| TE11145C | Lisa Kleinschmidt | Indiana bat, northern long-eared bat, gray bat (<i>Myotis grisescens</i>). | Rangewide | Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, evaluate impacts. | Capture, handle, radiotag, harp trap, release. | New. |
| TE11170C | Ashleigh Cable | Indiana bat, northern long-eared bat, gray bat. | Illinois | Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, evaluate impacts. | Capture, handle, radiotag, harp trap, release. | New. |
| TE174388 | Metropolitan Park District of the Toledo Area. | Karner blue butterfly (<i>Lycaeides melissa samuelis</i>). | Ohio | Conduct habitat management for the benefit of the species; document habitat use. | Conservation and species management. | Renew. |
| TE64241B | Barker Lemar Engineering Consultants. | Indiana bat, northern long-eared bat. | Illinois, Iowa | Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, evaluate impacts. | Capture, handle, radiotag, release. | Amend. |

National Environmental Policy Act

The proposed activities in the requested permits qualify as categorical exclusions under the National Environmental Policy Act, as provided by Department of the Interior implementing regulations in part 46 of title 43 of the CFR (43 CFR 46.205, 46.210, and 46.215).

Public Availability of Comments

We seek public review and comments on these permit applications. Please refer to the permit number when you submit comments. Comments and materials we receive in response to this notice are available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the address listed above in **ADDRESSES**.

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.

Authority: We provide this notice under section 10 of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: November 18, 2016.

Lori H. Nordstrom,

Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Midwest Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Freedom of Information Act; Notice of Lawsuit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service seeks information about potential objections to the public release of possibly confidential information regarding import and export activities tracked via the Service's Law Enforcement Management Information System. We issue this notice and solicit this information in response to a lawsuit under the Freedom of Information Act.

DATES: You must submit comments on or before December 16, 2016.