

meet on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to conduct working group sessions. The full Committee will meet on Wednesday, December 6, 2017, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. These meetings may end early if the Committee has completed its business, or the meetings may be extended based on the number of public comments.

*Comments and supporting documentation.* Submit your comments no later than November 21, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** All meetings will be held at the Omni Riverfront Hotel, 701 Convention Center Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130; <https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/new-orleans-riverfront>.

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities, or to request special assistance at the meetings, contact the individuals listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section as soon as possible.

Written comments must be submitted using the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. If you encounter technical difficulties with comment submission, contact the individuals listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section below.

*Instructions:* You are free to submit comments at any time, including orally at the meetings, but if you want Committee members to review your comment before the meetings, please submit your comments no later than November 21, 2017. We are particularly interested in comments on the issues in the "Agenda" section below. You must include "Department of Homeland Security" and the docket number USCG-2016-1059. Comments received will be posted without alteration at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. You may review the Privacy Act and Security Notice for the Federal Docket Management System at <https://www.regulations.gov/privacyNotice>.

*Docket Search:* For access to the docket or to read documents or comments related to this notice, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, insert USCG-2016-1059 in the Search box, press Enter, and then click on the item you wish to view.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Commander Jose Perez, Designated Federal Officer of the Towing Safety Advisory Committee, Commandant (CG-OES-2), U.S. Coast Guard, 2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue SE., Stop 7509, Washington, DC 20593-7509; telephone 202-372-1410, fax 202-372-8382 or email [jose.a.perez3@uscg.mil](mailto:jose.a.perez3@uscg.mil), or

Mr. Kenneth Doyle, telephone 202-372-1363 or email [kenneth.j.doyle@uscg.mil](mailto:kenneth.j.doyle@uscg.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of this meeting is in compliance with the *Federal Advisory Committee Act*, Title 5 United States Code Appendix. The Towing Safety Advisory Committee provides advice and recommendations to the Department of Homeland Security on matters relating to shallow-draft inland and coastal waterway navigation and towing safety.

#### Agenda of Meetings

On December 5 and 6, 2017, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. the Towing Safety Advisory Committee and its subcommittees will meet to review, discuss, deliberate, and formulate recommendations, as appropriate, on the following:

##### (1) Current Subcommittees

- a. Articulated Tug and Barge Operations and Manning (Task 15-02)
- b. Subchapter M Implementation (Task 16-01)
- c. Inland Firefighting (Task 16-02)
- d. Towing Liquefied Natural Gas Barges (Task 16-03)
- e. Regulatory Reform (Task 17-01)

##### (2) Proposed New Subcommittee and Task

- a. Load Line Exemption for River Barges on Lakes Erie and Ontario (Task 17-02)

A copy of all meeting documentation, including any draft final reports, will be available at <https://homeport.uscg.mil/missions/ports-and-waterways/safety-advisory-committees/tsac/meetings-minutes> no later than November 28, 2017. Alternatively, you may contact Mr. Kenneth Doyle as noted in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section above.

Public comments or questions will be taken throughout the meeting as the committee discusses the issues and prior to deliberations and voting. There will also be a public comment period at the end of the meeting. Speakers are requested to limit their comments to 3 minutes. Please note that the public comment period may end before the period allotted, following the last call for comments. Contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section above to register as a speaker.

Dated: 23 October 2017.

**Jeffrey G. Lantz,**

*Director of Commercial Regulations and Standards.*

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## INTER-AMERICAN FOUNDATION

### Sunshine Act Meetings

**TIME AND DATE:** November 6, 2017, 1:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Offices of Baker/McKenzie LLP, 815 Connecticut Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20006.

**STATUS:** Meeting of the Board of Directors with the Advisory Council, Open to the public.

#### MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

- Approval of the Minutes of the meetings held in April, May, and September 2017
- Advisory Council Membership Update
- Management Report
- IAF Mexico Earthquake Response
- New Business
- Adjournment

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Paul Zimmerman, General Counsel, (202) 683-7118.

**Paul Zimmerman,**  
*General Counsel.*

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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 (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 in **ADDRESSES** by November 27, 2017.

**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 (see **DATES**): U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Regional Office, Ecological Services, 1875 Century Boulevard, Atlanta, GA 30345 (Attn: Karen Marlowe, Permit Coordinator).

*Submitting Comments:* If you wish to comment, you may submit comments by any one of the following methods:

- *U.S. mail or hand-delivery:* U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Regional Office (see above).

- *Email:* [permitsR4ES@fws.gov](mailto:permitsR4ES@fws.gov). Please include your name and return address in your email message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service that we have received your email message, contact us

directly at the telephone number listed in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Karen Marlowe, Permit Coordinator, 404-679-7097 (telephone) or 404-679-7081 (fax).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We invite review and comment from local, State, and Federal agencies and the public on applications we have received for permits to conduct certain activities with endangered and threatened species under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*; ESA), and our regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR part 17. With some exceptions, the 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.

**Public Availability of Comments**

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.

**Permit Applications**

Permit application No.	Applicant	Species/numbers	Location	Activity	Type of take	Permit action
TE 049502-8 .....	Carola A. Haas, Blacksburg, VA.	Reticulated flatwoods salamander ( <i>Ambystoma bishopi</i> ).	Eglin Air Force Base and Apalachicola National Forest, Florida.	Research on habitat use, population dynamics, landscape genetic analyses, and population augmentation.	Take tail clips from larvae and terrestrial salamanders; remove eggs and larvae from ponds for head-starting in cattle tanks on site and release following metamorphosis.	Amendment.
TE 070800-4 .....	Ecological Solutions, Inc., Roswell, GA.	Alabama red-bellied turtle ( <i>Pseudemys alabamensis</i> ), eastern indigo snake ( <i>Drymarchon corais couperi</i> ), flat-tailed musk turtle ( <i>Sternotherus depressus</i> ), gopher tortoise ( <i>Gopherus polyphemus</i> ), amber darter ( <i>Percina antesella</i> ), blue shiner ( <i>Cyprinella caerulea</i> ), Cherokee darter ( <i>Etheostoma scotti</i> ), Etowah darter ( <i>Etheostoma etowahae</i> ), goldline darter ( <i>Percina aurolineata</i> ), rush darter ( <i>Etheostoma phytophilum</i> ), snail darter ( <i>Percina tanasi</i> ), spring pygmy sunfish ( <i>Elassoma alabamae</i> ), vermilion darter ( <i>Etheostoma chermocki</i> ), Alabama pearlshell ( <i>Margaritifera marrianae</i> ), Choctaw bean ( <i>Villosa choctawensis</i> ), Cumberland bean ( <i>Villosa trabalis</i> ), fuzzy pigtoe ( <i>Pleurobema strodeanum</i> ), Georgia pigtoe ( <i>Pleurobema hanleyianum</i> ), narrow pigtoe ( <i>Fusconaia escambia</i> ), rabbitsfoot ( <i>Quadrula cylindrica cylindrica</i> ), round ebonyshell ( <i>Fusconaia rotulata</i> ), sheepsnose mussel ( <i>Plethobasus cyphus</i> ), slabshell pearlymussel ( <i>Pleuronaia dolabelloides</i> ), snuffbox mussel ( <i>Epioblasma triquetra</i> ), southern kidneyshell ( <i>Ptychobranthus jonesi</i> ), southern sandshell ( <i>Hamiota australis</i> ), spectaclecase ( <i>Cumberlandia monodonta</i> ), tapered pigtoe ( <i>Fusconaia burkei</i> ), and rough hornsnail ( <i>Pleurocera foremani</i> ).	AL, FL, GA, NC, SC, and TN.	Presence/absence surveys.	Scope burrows, capture, handle, release.	Renewal and Amendment.

Permit application No.	Applicant	Species/numbers	Location	Activity	Type of take	Permit action
TE 171545-3 ....	Ronald K. Redman, Benton, AR.	Gray bat ( <i>Myotis grisescens</i> ), Indiana bat ( <i>M. sodalis</i> ), northern long-eared bat ( <i>M. septentrionalis</i> ), Ozark big-eared bat ( <i>Corynorhinus townsendii ingens</i> ), Virginia big-eared bat ( <i>C. t. virginianus</i> ).	AL, AR, CO, DE, FL, GA, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, NJ, NY, NC, OH, OK, PA, SC, TN, TX, VT, VA, WV, WI.	Presence/absence surveys and white-nose syndrome research.	Enter hibernacula or maternity roost caves, capture with mist nets or harp traps, handle, identify, band, radio-tag, wing-punch, and hold temporarily.	Renewal and Amendment.
TE 070796-9 ....	Apogee, Inc., Whitesburg, KY.	Ozark big-eared bat ( <i>Corynorhinus townsendii ingens</i> ).	AR, MO, OK .....	Presence/absence surveys.	Capture with mist nets or harp traps, handle, collect hair samples, band, radio-tag, light-tag, and wing-punch.	Amendment.
TE 71854A-1 ....	David Eargle, South Carolina DHEC Bureau of Water, Columbia, SC.	Carolina heelsplitter ( <i>Lasmigona decorata</i> ).	NC, SC .....	Presence/absence surveys and collection of relic shells.	Capture, handle, release, salvage shells.	Renewal.
TE 05565B-1 ....	UT-Battelle Corp., Oak Ridge, TN.	Gray bat ( <i>Myotis grisescens</i> ), Indiana bat ( <i>M. sodalis</i> ), and northern long-eared bat ( <i>M. septentrionalis</i> ).	Oak Ridge Reservation, Tennessee.	Presence/absence surveys.	Enter hibernacula or maternity roost caves, salvage dead bats, capture with mist nets or harp traps, handle, identify, collect hair samples, band, radio-tag, light-tag, and wing-punch.	Renewal and Amendment.
TE 65968A-1 ....	Richard J. Dickey, Tallahassee, FL.	Alabama pearlshell ( <i>Margaritifera marrianae</i> ), Chipola slabshell ( <i>Elliptio chipolaensis</i> ), Choctaw bean ( <i>Villosa choctawensis</i> ), fat threeridge ( <i>Amblema neislerii</i> ), fuzzy pigtoe ( <i>Pleurobema strodeanum</i> ), Gulf moccasinshell ( <i>Medionidus penicillatus</i> ), narrow pigtoe ( <i>Fusconaia escambia</i> ), Ochlockonee moccasinshell ( <i>Medionidus simpsonianus</i> ), oval pigtoe ( <i>Pleurobema pyriforme</i> ), purple bankclimber ( <i>Elliptioideus sloatianus</i> ), round ebonyshell ( <i>Fusconaia rotulata</i> ), shinyrayed pocketbook ( <i>Lampsilis subangulata</i> ), southern kidneyshell ( <i>Ptychobranthus jonesi</i> ), southern sandshell ( <i>Hamiota australis</i> ), Suwannee moccasinshell ( <i>Medionidus walkerii</i> ), and tapered pigtoe ( <i>Fusconaia burkei</i> ).	AL, FL, GA .....	Presence/absence surveys.	Capture, identify, and release.	Renewal and Amendment.
TE 37219B-1 ....	Roger W. Perry, USDA Forest Service, Hot Springs, AR.	Gray bat ( <i>Myotis grisescens</i> ), Indiana bat ( <i>M. sodalis</i> ), and northern long-eared bat ( <i>M. septentrionalis</i> ).	AR, LA, OK, TX ....	Presence/absence surveys and studies to document habitat use.	Enter hibernacula or maternity roost caves, salvage dead bats, capture with mist nets, handle, identify, collect hair samples, band, radio-tag, light-tag, wing-punch, and selectively euthanize.	Amendment.
TE 79580A-3 ....	Jason M. Butler, Midway, KY.	Indiana bat ( <i>Myotis sodalis</i> ) and northern long-eared bat ( <i>M. septentrionalis</i> ).	VA .....	Presence/absence surveys.	Enter hibernacula or maternity roost caves, salvage dead bats, capture with mist nets or harp traps, handle, identify, band, and radio-tag.	Amendment.

Permit application No.	Applicant	Species/numbers	Location	Activity	Type of take	Permit action
TE 034476-4 ....	Florida Forest Service, Blackwater Forestry Center, Milton, FL.	Red-cockaded woodpecker ( <i>Picoides borealis</i> ).	Blackwater River State Forest, Florida.	Population management and monitoring.	Install artificial nest cavities and restrictors, monitor nest cavities, capture, band, and translocate.	Renewal and Amendment.

**Authority:** We provide this notice under section 10(c) of the Act.

Dated: September 7, 2017.

**Aaron L. Valenta,**

Acting Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Southeast Region.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

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**Notice of Availability of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and Environmental Impact Report and Draft Land Use Plan Amendment for the Palen Solar Photovoltaic Project, California**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended (FLPMA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Draft Amendment to the California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA) Plan and a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Palen Solar Photovoltaic (PSP) Project and by this Notice is announcing the opening of the comment period. This document is also an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) prepared by Riverside County under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

**DATES:** To ensure that all comments will be considered, the BLM must receive written comments on the Draft Supplemental EIS/EIR within 45 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes its Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. The BLM will announce future meetings or hearings and any other public involvement activities at least 15 days in advance through public notices, media releases, on the project Web site, and/or mailings.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments related to the PSP Project by any of the following methods:

*Web site:* <https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/planAndProjectSite.do?method=renderDefaultPlanOrProjectSite&projectId=68122>.

*Email:* [palensolar@blm.gov](mailto:palensolar@blm.gov).  
*Mail:* Palen Solar PV Project, c/o Aspen Environmental Group, 235 Montgomery Street, Suite 935, San Francisco, CA 94104

Copies of the Draft Supplemental EIS/EIR are available in the BLM-Palm Springs South Coast Field Office, 1201 Bird Center Drive, Palm Springs, CA 92262, and at the BLM California Desert District Office, 22835 Calle San Juan De Los Lagos, Moreno Valley, CA 92553, and electronically on the project Web site. Compact Disc copies of the document are available through request on this project Web site address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mark DeMaio, BLM Project Manager, telephone: (760) 833-7124; address: BLM, Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office, 1201 Bird Center Drive, Palm Springs, CA 92262; email: [mdemaio@blm.gov](mailto:mdemaio@blm.gov).

Persons who use telecommunication devices for the deaf may call the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The Service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or questions with the above individual regarding the project. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** EDF Renewable Energy has applied for a Right-of-Way (ROW) from the BLM to construct, operate, maintain, and decommission a 500 megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic facility near Desert Center, Riverside County, California. The ROW application area comprises about 4,200 acres, with a proposed project footprint of about 3,400 acres. The proposed project also includes construction of a 6.7-mile single circuit 230 kilovolt generation interconnection (gen-tie) transmission line connecting the project to the Southern California Edison (SCE) Red Bluff Substation.

The BLM is also considering an amendment to the CDCA Plan that

would be necessary to authorize the project. This is a joint EIS/EIR for compliance with NEPA and CEQA. Riverside County is the lead agency under CEQA.

This Project application was originally submitted in 2007 as the Palen Solar Power Project (PSPP) by Palen Solar I, LLC (PSI), a wholly owned subsidiary of Solar Millennium. The PSPP was proposed as a solar trough project, and was the subject of an EIS under NEPA. The BLM, pursuant to its obligations under FLPMA and NEPA, published a Draft EIS, followed by a Proposed Resource Management Plan Amendment (RMP) and Final EIS on May 13, 2011 (76 FR 28064).

Before the BLM issued a Record of Decision (ROD), PSI informed the BLM that it would not construct the Project due to bankruptcy. As a result, the BLM did not issue a ROD, did not amend the RMP, and did not issue a ROW grant for the PSPP.

On June 21, 2012, the bankruptcy court approved the transfer of the application from PSI to Palen Solar III, LLC (PSIII). BrightSource Energy Inc., (BSE) then acquired all rights to PSIII at auction. PSIII submitted a revised ROW application to the BLM for the Palen Solar Electricity Generating System Project (PSEGS), a 500 MW concentrating solar power tower technology facility and single-circuit 230 kV gen-tie line. On July 27, 2013, the BLM issued a Draft Supplemental EIS and Plan Amendment to evaluate the potential additional environmental impacts caused by PSEGS. As part of the State permitting process, the California Energy Commission evaluated the PSEGS under CEQA, and issued Preliminary and Final Staff Assessments for the amended project in June and November of 2013, respectively.

The BLM did not issue a Final Supplemental EIS for the PSEGS Project because BSE and its partner, Abengoa Solar Inc., abandoned the State authorization proceedings at the California Energy Commission. In December 2015, EDF Renewable Energy acquired the PSEGS project. EDF Renewable Energy has submitted a revised ROW application for the Proposed Project, which is analyzed in