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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

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**Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Initiation of 5-Year Reviews of 19 Northeastern Species**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of initiation of reviews; request for information.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), are initiating 5-year reviews under the Endangered Species Act, as amended (ESA), for 19 northeastern species. A 5-year review is based on the best scientific and commercial data available at the time of the review. We are requesting submission of any such information that has become available since the previous 5-year review for each species.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, please submit your written information by September 7, 2018. However, we will continue to accept new information about any listed species at any time.

**ADDRESSES:** For instructions on how and where to submit information, see Request for Information and Table 2—Contacts under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information regarding a particular species, contact the appropriate person or office listed in Table 2—Contacts in **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. For general information, contact Mary Parkin, by U.S. mail at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 300 Westgate Center Drive, Hadley, MA 01035; by telephone at 617-417-3331; or by electronic mail at [mary\\_parkin@fws.gov](mailto:mary_parkin@fws.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We, the Service, are initiating 5-year reviews under the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) for 19 northeastern species: The endangered sandplain gerardia, roseate tern (northeastern North American population), Roanoke logperch, Virginia big-eared bat, dwarf wedgemussel, northern riffleshell, clubshell, purple bean, Peter’s Mountain mallow, Furbish’s lousewort, and northeastern bulrush, and the threatened Puritan tiger beetle, northeastern beach tiger beetle, flat-spined three-toothed (=Cheat) snail, Chittenango ovate amber snail, bog turtle (northern population), American hart’s-tongue fern, Knieskern’s beaked-rush, and Virginia sneezeweed.

A 5-year review is based on the best scientific and commercial data available at the time of the review. We are requesting submission of any such information that has become available since the most recent status review for each species.

**Why do we conduct 5-year reviews and species status assessments?**

Under the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), we maintain Lists of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants (which we collectively refer to as the List). Listed wildlife and plants can be found at [http://ecos.fws.gov/tess\\_public/pub/listedAnimals.jsp](http://ecos.fws.gov/tess_public/pub/listedAnimals.jsp) and [http://ecos.fws.gov/tess\\_public/pub/listedPlants.jsp](http://ecos.fws.gov/tess_public/pub/listedPlants.jsp), respectively. Section 4(c)(2)(A) of the ESA requires us to review each listed species’ status at least once every 5 years. Our regulations at 50 CFR 424.21 require that we publish a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing species under active review. For additional information about 5-year reviews, refer to our fact sheet at <http://www.fws.gov/Endangered/what-we-do/recovery-overview.html>.

**What species are under review?**

We are initiating 5-year status reviews of the species in table 1.

TABLE 1—SPECIES UNDER REVIEW

| Common name                               | Scientific name  | Status     | Where listed   | Listing date and citation |
|---|--|------------|--|---------------------------|
| <b>Animals</b>                            |  |            |  |                           |
| Roseate tern                              | <i>Sterna dougallii dougallii</i>                        | Endangered | Northeastern North American population (CT, ME, MA, NJ, NY, NC, RI, VA). | 52 FR 42064; 11/02/1987.  |
| Roanoke logperch                          | <i>Percina rex</i>                                       | Endangered | Wherever found   | 54 FR 34468; 08/18/1989.  |
| Virginia big-eared bat                    | <i>Corynorhinus (=plecotus) townsendii virginianus</i> . | Endangered | Wherever found   | 44 FR 69206; 11/30/1979.  |
| Dwarf wedgemussel                         | <i>Alasmidonta heterodon</i>                             | Endangered | Wherever found   | 55 FR 9447; 03/14/1990.   |
| Northern riffleshell                      | <i>Epioblasma torulosa rangiana</i>                      | Endangered | Wherever found   | 58 FR 5638; 01/22/1993.   |
| Clubshell                                 | <i>Pleurobema clava</i>                                  | Endangered | Wherever found   | 58 FR 5638; 01/22/1993.   |
| Purple bean                               | <i>Villosa perpurpurea</i>                               | Endangered | Wherever found   | 62 FR 1647; 01/10/1997.   |
| Puritan tiger beetle                      | <i>Cicindela puritana</i>                                | Threatened | Wherever found   | 55 FR 32088; 08/07/1990.  |
| Northeastern beach tiger beetle.          | <i>Cicindela dorsalis dorsalis</i>                       | Threatened | Wherever found   | 55 FR 32088; 08/07/1990.  |
| Flat-spined three-toothed (=Cheat) snail. | <i>Triodopsis platysayoides</i>                          | Threatened | Wherever found   | 43 FR 28932; 07/03/1978.  |
| Chittenango ovate amber snail             | <i>Novisuccinea chittenangoensis</i> .                   | Threatened | Wherever found   | 43 FR 28932; 07/03/1978.  |
| Bog turtle                                | <i>Glyptemys [= Clemmys] muhlenbergii</i> .              | Threatened | Northern population (CT, DE, MD, MA, NJ, NY, PA).                        | 62 FR 59605; 11/04/1997.  |
| <b>Plants</b>                             |  |            |  |                           |
| Sandplain gerardia                        | <i>Agalinis acuta</i>                                    | Endangered | Wherever found   | 53 FR 34701; 09/07/1988.  |
| Peter’s Mountain mallow                   | <i>Iliamna corei</i>                                     | Endangered | Wherever found   | 56 FR 32978; 07/18/1991.  |
| Furbish’s lousewort                       | <i>Pedicularis furbishiae</i>                            | Endangered | Wherever found   | 51 FR 17343; 05/12/1986.  |
| Northeastern bulrush                      | <i>Scirpus ancistrochaetus</i>                           | Endangered | Wherever found   | 56 FR 21091; 05/07/1991.  |
| American hart’s-tongue fern               | <i>Asplenium scolopendrium</i> var. <i>americanum</i> .  | Threatened | Wherever found   | 54 FR 29726; 07/14/1989.  |
| Knieskern’s beaked-rush                   | <i>Rhynchospora knieskernii</i>                          | Threatened | Wherever found   | 56 FR 32978; 07/18/1991.  |
| Virginia sneezeweed                       | <i>Helenium virginicum</i>                               | Threatened | Wherever found   | 63 FR 59239; 11/03/1998.  |

**What information do we consider in our 5-year reviews and SSAs?**

A 5-year review considers all new information available at the time of the review. In conducting the review, we consider the best scientific and commercial data that have become available since the most recent status review. We are seeking new information specifically regarding:

- (1) Species biology, including but not limited to life history and habitat requirements and impact tolerance thresholds;
- (2) Historical and current population conditions, including but not limited to population abundance, trends, distribution, demographics, and genetics;
- (3) Historical and current habitat conditions, including but not limited to amount, distribution, and suitability;
- (4) Historical and current threats, threat trends, and threat projections in relation to the five listing factors (as defined in section 4(a)(1) of the ESA);
- (5) Conservation measures for the species that have been implemented or are planned; and

(6) Other new information, data, or corrections, including but not limited to taxonomic or nomenclatural changes, identification of erroneous information contained in the List, and improved analytical methods.

Any new information received will be considered during the 5-year review and will also be useful in evaluating ongoing recovery programs for the species.

**Request for New Information**

To ensure that 5-year reviews are based on the best available scientific and commercial information, we request new information from all sources. If you submit information, please support it with documentation such as maps, bibliographic references, methods used to gather and analyze the data, and/or copies of any pertinent publications, reports, or letters by knowledgeable sources.

**How do I ask questions or provide information?**

Please submit your questions, comments, and materials to the appropriate contact in table 2.

Individuals who are hearing impaired or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339 for TTY assistance.

**Public Availability of Comments**

Before including your address, phone number, electronic mail address, or other personal identifying information in your submission, you should be aware that your entire submission—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. Although you can request that personal information be withheld from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Materials received will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the offices where the information is submitted.

**Contacts**

New information on the species covered in this notice should be submitted by mail or electronic mail to the appropriate contact person within the timeframe provided in **DATES**.

TABLE 2—CONTACTS

| Species  | Contact person, phone, email   | Contact address   |
|--|--|---|
| Roseate tern                                   | Susi von Oettingen, 603-223-2541, extension 22, <a href="mailto:susi_vonoettingen@fws.gov">susi_vonoettingen@fws.gov</a> . | U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, New England Field Office, 70 Commercial Street, Suite 300, Concord, NH 03301.                   |
| Chittenango ovate amber snail                  | Robyn Niver, 607-299-0620, <a href="mailto:robyn_niver@fws.gov">robyn_niver@fws.gov</a> .                                  | U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, New York Field Office, 3817 Luker Road, Cortland, NY 13045.                                     |
| Roanoke logperch                               | Sumalee Hoskin, 804-824-2414, <a href="mailto:sumalee_hoskin@fws.gov">sumalee_hoskin@fws.gov</a> .                         | U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Virginia Field Office, 6669 Short Lane, Gloucester, VA 23061.                                   |
| Virginia big-eared bat                         | Barbara Douglas, 304-636-6586, extension 19, <a href="mailto:barbara_douglas@fws.gov">barbara_douglas@fws.gov</a> .        | U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, West Virginia Field Office, 694 Beverly Pike, Elkins, WV 26241.                                 |
| Dwarf wedgemussel                              | Sandra Doran, 607-753-9334, extension 0586, <a href="mailto:sandra_doran@fws.gov">sandra_doran@fws.gov</a> .               | U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, New York Field Office, 3817 Luker Road, Cortland, NY 13045.                                     |
| Northern riffleshell                           | Robert Anderson, 814-234-4090, extension 7447, <a href="mailto:robert_m_anderson@fws.gov">robert_m_anderson@fws.gov</a> .  | U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pennsylvania Field Office, 110 Radnor Road, Suite 101, State College, PA 16801.                 |
| Clubshell                                      | Robert Anderson, 814-234-4090, extension 7447, <a href="mailto:robert_m_anderson@fws.gov">robert_m_anderson@fws.gov</a> .  | U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pennsylvania Field Office, 110 Radnor Road, Suite 101, State College, PA 16801.                 |
| Purple bean                                    | Jordan Richard, 276-623-1233, extension 15, <a href="mailto:jordan_richard@fws.gov">jordan_richard@fws.gov</a> .           | U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Southwestern Virginia Field Office, 330 Cummings Street, Abingdon, VA 24210.                    |
| Puritan tiger beetle                           | Cherry Keller, 410-573-4532, <a href="mailto:cherry_keller@fws.gov">cherry_keller@fws.gov</a> .                            | U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Chesapeake Bay Field Office, 177 Admiral Cochrane Drive, Annapolis, MD 21401.                   |
| Northeastern beach tiger beetle                | Jennifer Stanhope, 804-824-2408, <a href="mailto:jennifer_stanhope@fws.gov">jennifer_stanhope@fws.gov</a> .                | U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Virginia Field Office, 6669 Short Lane, Gloucester, VA 23061.                                   |
| Flat-spined three-toothed snail (Cheat snail). | Barbara Douglas, 304-636-6586, extension 19, <a href="mailto:barbara_douglas@fws.gov">barbara_douglas@fws.gov</a> .        | U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, West Virginia Field Office, 694 Beverly Pike, Elkins, WV 26241.                                 |
| Bog turtle                                     | Noelle Rayman-Metcalf, 607-753-9334, <a href="mailto:noelle_rayman@fws.gov">noelle_rayman@fws.gov</a> .                    | U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, New York Field Office, 3817 Luker Road, Cortland, NY 13045.                                     |
| Sandplain gerardia                             | Steve Sinkevich, 631-286-0485, <a href="mailto:steve_sinkevich@fws.gov">steve_sinkevich@fws.gov</a> .                      | U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Long Island Field Office, 340 Smith Road, Shirley, NY 11967.                                    |
| Peter's Mountain mallow                        | Jennifer Stanhope, 804-824-2408, <a href="mailto:jennifer_stanhope@fws.gov">jennifer_stanhope@fws.gov</a> .                | U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Virginia Field Office, 6669 Short Lane, Gloucester, VA 23061.                                   |
| Furbish's lousewort                            | Mark McCollough, 207-902-1570, <a href="mailto:mark_mccollough@fws.gov">mark_mccollough@fws.gov</a> .                      | U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Maine Fish and Wildlife Service Complex, Maine Field Office, P.O. Box A, East Orland, ME 04431. |
| Northeastern bulrush                           | Melinda Turner, 814-234-4090, extension 7449, <a href="mailto:melinda_turner@fws.gov">melinda_turner@fws.gov</a> .         | U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pennsylvania Field Office, 110 Radnor Road, Suite 101, State College, PA 16801.                 |
| American hart's-tongue fern                    | John Wiley, 607-753-9334, <a href="mailto:john_wiley@fws.gov">john_wiley@fws.gov</a> .                                     | U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, New York Field Office, 3817 Luker Road, Cortland, NY 13045.                                     |
| Knieskern's beaked-rush                        | Ron Popowski, 609-241-7065, <a href="mailto:ron_popowski@fws.gov">ron_popowski@fws.gov</a> .                               | U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, New Jersey Field Office, 4 East Jimmie Leeds Road, Suite 4, Galloway, NJ 08205.                 |

TABLE 2—CONTACTS—Continued

| Species                   | Contact person, phone, email  | Contact address   |
|---------------------------|---|---|
| Virginia sneezeweed ..... | Jennifer Stanhope, 804-824-2408, <a href="mailto:jennifer_stanhope@fws.gov">jennifer_stanhope@fws.gov</a> . | U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Virginia Field Office, 6669 Short Lane, Gloucester, VA 23061. |

**Authority**

We publish this document under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****U.S. Geological Survey**

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**Agency Information Collection Activities; National Land Remote Sensing Education, Outreach and Research Activity**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) is proposing to renew an information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 9, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your comments on the information collection request (ICR) by mail to the U.S. Geological Survey, Information Collections Clearance Officer, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 159, Reston, VA 20192; or by email to [gs-info\\_collections@usgs.gov](mailto:gs-info_collections@usgs.gov). Please reference OMB Control Number 1028-0085 in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this ICR, contact Sarah Cook by email at [scook@usgs.gov](mailto:scook@usgs.gov), or by telephone at 703-648-6136.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We, the U.S. Geological Survey, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the

impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

We are soliciting comments on the proposed ICR described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is the collection necessary for the proper functions of the USGS; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the USGS enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the USGS minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. 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 may 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.

**Abstract:** The National Land Remote Sensing Education, Outreach and Research Activity (NLRSEORA) is an effort that involves the development of a U.S. national consortium in building the capability to receive, process and archive remotely sensed data for the purpose of providing access to university and state organizations in a ready-to-use format; and to expand the science of remote sensing through education, research/applications development and outreach in areas such as environmental monitoring to include the effects of climate variability on water availability (or lack thereof) and phenology, natural resource management and disaster analysis. Respondents are submitting proposals to acquire funding for a national (U.S.) program to promote the uses of space-based land remote sensing data and technologies through education and

outreach at the state and local level and through university-based and collaborative research projects. The information collected will ensure that sufficient and relevant information is available to evaluate and select a proposal for funding. A panel of USGS Land Resources Mission Area managers and scientists will review each proposal to evaluate the technical merit, requirements, and priorities identified in the call for proposals.

This notice concerns the collection of information that is sufficient and relevant to evaluate and select proposals for funding. We will protect information from respondents considered proprietary under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and its implementing regulations (43 CFR part 2), and under regulations at 30 CFR 250.197, "Data and information to be made available to the public or for limited inspection." Responses are voluntary. No questions of a "sensitive" nature are asked. We intend to release the project abstracts and primary investigators for awarded/funded projects only.

**Title of Collection:** National Land Remote Sensing Education, Outreach and Research Activity (NLRSEORA).

**OMB Control Number:** 1028-0085.

**Form Number:** None.

**Type of Review:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Respondents/Affected Public:** Public or private institutions of higher education including universities; state and local governments (including county, city, township or special district governments), independent school districts, Native American Tribal governments or organizations, nonprofit organizations (with or without 501(c)(3) status).

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:** Approximately 5 respondents.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:** Approximately 5 responses or applications.

**Estimated Completion Time per Response:** We expect to receive approximately 5 applications per year, taking each applicant approximately 24 hours to complete, totaling 120 burden hours. We anticipate awarding one (1) grant per year. The grantee will be required to submit an interim Annual Progress Report to the designated USGS