

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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**Endangered and Threatened Species;
Receipt of Recovery Permit
Applications**

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of permit applications; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, have received applications for permits to conduct activities intended to enhance the propagation or survival of endangered or threatened species under the Endangered Species Act. We invite the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies to comment on these applications. Before issuing any of the requested permits, we will take into consideration any information that we receive during the public comment period.

DATES: We must receive your written comments on or before February 26, 2020.

ADDRESSES: *Document availability and comment submission:* Submit requests for copies of the applications and related documents, as well as any comments, by one of the following methods. All requests and comments should specify the applicant name(s) and application number(s) (e.g., TExXXXXX):

- *Email:* permitsR3ES@fws.gov.

Please refer to the respective application number (e.g., Application No. TExXXXXX) in the subject line of your email message.

- *U.S. Mail:* Regional Director, Attn: Nathan Rathbun, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, 5600 American Blvd. West, Suite 990, Bloomington, MN 55437-1458.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nathan Rathbun, 612-713-5343 (phone); permitsR3ES@fws.gov (email). Individuals who are hearing or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 for TTY assistance.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

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

seq.), prohibits certain activities with endangered and threatened species unless 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 recovery permit issued by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA authorizes the permittee to conduct activities with endangered species for scientific purposes that promote recovery or for enhancement of propagation or survival of the species. Our regulations implementing section 10(a)(1)(A) 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.

Permit Applications Available for Review and Comment

We invite local, State, and Federal agencies, Tribes, and the public to comment on the following applications.

Application No.	Applicant	Species	Location	Activity	Type of take	Permit action
TE62369D	Environmental Consulting & Technology, Inc., Ann Arbor, MI.	Snuffbox mussel (<i>Epioblasma triquetra</i>).	MI	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, evaluate impacts, relocate.	Capture, handle, temporary hold, relocate, release.	New.
TE62001D	Diane Narem, Minneapolis, MN.	Dakota skipper (<i>Hesperia dacotae</i>), Poweshiek skipperling (<i>Oarisma poweshiek</i>).	MI, MN, ND, SD, WI	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, evaluate impacts.	Capture, handle, release	New.
TE62046D	Pallavi Sirajuddin, Harrisburg, PA.	Gray bat (<i>Myotis grisescens</i>), Indiana bat (<i>M. sodalis</i>), northern long-eared bat (<i>M. septentrionalis</i>).	AL, AR, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NE, NH, NJ, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, VT, VA, WI, WV, WY.	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, evaluate impacts, research.	Capture; handle; mist-net; harp trap; band; radio-tag; collect hair, fecal, swab and wing biopsy samples; enter hibernacula and maternity roost caves; release.	New.
TE63118D	Clarissa Starbuck, Terre Haute, IN.	Gray bat (<i>Myotis grisescens</i>), Indiana bat (<i>M. sodalis</i>), northern long-eared bat (<i>M. septentrionalis</i>).	AL, AR, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NE, NH, NJ, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, VT, VA, WI, WV, WY.	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, evaluate impacts, research.	Capture; handle; mist-net; harp trap; band; radio-tag; collect hair, fecal, blood, swab and wing biopsy samples; enter hibernacula and maternity roost caves; release.	New.

Public Availability of Comments

Written comments we receive become part of the administrative record associated with this action. 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 request in your comment that we withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Moreover, all submissions from organizations or

businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety.

Next Steps

If we decide to issue permits to any of the applicants listed in this notice, we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register**.

Authority

We publish this notice under section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

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Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services.

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Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Initiation of 5-Year Status Reviews of 66 Species in California and Nevada

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

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

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, are initiating 5-year status reviews of 66 species in California and Nevada under the Endangered Species Act. A 5-year review is based on the best scientific and commercial data available at the

time of the review; therefore, we are requesting submission of any new information on these species that has become available since the last review.

DATES: To ensure consideration in our reviews, we are requesting submission of new information no later than March 27, 2020. However, we will continue to accept new information about any species at any time.

ADDRESSES: For how and where to submit information or questions, see Request for New Information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general questions, please contact Peter Erickson, 916-414-6741. For whom to contact with species-specific information or questions, see Request for New Information.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Why do we conduct 5-year reviews?

Under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), we maintain lists of endangered and threatened wildlife and plant species (referred to as the List) in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17.11 (for wildlife) and 17.12 (for plants). Section 4(c)(2)(A) of the Act requires us to review each listed species' status at least once every 5 years. For additional information about 5-year reviews, refer to our factsheet at <http://www.fws.gov/endangered/what-we-do/recovery-overview.html>.

What information do we consider in our review?

A 5-year review considers all new information available at the time of the review. In conducting these reviews, we consider the best scientific and commercial data that have become available since the listing determination or most recent status review, such as:

(A) Species biology, including but not limited to population trends, distribution, abundance, demographics, and genetics;

(B) Habitat conditions, including but not limited to amount, distribution, and suitability;

(C) Conservation measures that have been implemented to benefit the species;

(D) Threat status and trends in relation to the five listing factors (as defined in section 4(a)(1) of the Act); and

(E) 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 will be considered during the 5-year review and will also be useful in evaluating the ongoing recovery programs for the species.

Which species are under review?

This notice announces our active review of the species listed in the table below.

Common name	Scientific name	Status	Locations where the species is known to occur	Final listing rule (Federal Register citation and publication date)	Lead Fish and Wildlife office
Animals					
Beetle, Casey's June	<i>Dinacoma caseyi</i>	E	CA	76 FR 58954; 10/24/2011	Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office.
Butterfly, El Segundo blue	<i>Euphilotes battoides allyni</i>	E	CA	41 FR 22041; 6/1/1976	Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office.
Butterfly, Palos Verdes blue ...	<i>Glaucopsyche lygdamus palosverdesensis</i> .	E	CA	45 FR 44939; 7/2/1980	Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office.
Fairy shrimp, Riverside	<i>Streptocephalus woottoni</i>	E	CA, Mexico	58 FR 41384; 8/3/1993	Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office.
Fairy shrimp, San Diego	<i>Branchinecta sandiegonensis</i>	E	CA, Mexico	62 FR 4925; 2/3/1997	Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office.
Fly, Delhi Sands flower-loving	<i>Rhaphiomidas terminatus abdominalis</i> .	E	CA	58 FR 49881; 9/23/1993	Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office.
Gnatcatcher, coastal California	<i>Polioptila californica californica</i>	T	CA, Mexico	58 FR 16742; 3/30/1993	Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office.
Salamander, desert slender	<i>Batrachoseps aridus</i>	E	CA	38 FR 14678; 6/4/1973	Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office.
Sheep, Peninsular bighorn	<i>Ovis canadensis nelsoni</i>	E	CA, Mexico	63 FR 13134; 3/18/1998	Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office.
Shrike, San Clemente logger-head.	<i>Lanius ludovicianus mearnsi</i> ...	E	CA	42 FR 40682; 8/11/1977	Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office.
Sparrow, San Clemente sage	<i>Amphispiza belli clementeae</i> ..	T	CA	42 FR 40682; 8/11/1977	Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office.
Springfish, Railroad Valley	<i>Crenichthys nevadae</i>	T	NV	51 FR 10857; 3/31/1986	Reno Fish and Wildlife Office.
Beetle, delta green ground	<i>Elaphrus viridis</i>	T	CA	45 FR 52807; 8/8/1980	Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office.
Beetle, valley elderberry long-horn.	<i>Desmocerus californicus dimorphus</i> .	T	CA	45 FR 52803; 8/8/1980	Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office.