

**Background**

With some exceptions, the ESA prohibits take of listed species unless a Federal permit is issued that authorizes such take. The ESA’s definition of “take” includes hunting, shooting, harming, wounding, or killing, and also such activities as pursuing, harassing, trapping, capturing, or collecting.

A recovery permit issued by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA authorizes the permittee to take endangered or threatened species while engaging in activities that are conducted for scientific purposes that promote recovery of species or for enhancement

of propagation or survival of species. These activities often include the capture and collection of species, which would result in prohibited take if a permit were not issued. 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**

The ESA requires that we invite public comment before issuing these

permits. Accordingly, we invite local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies and the public to submit written data, views, or arguments with respect to these applications. The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are those supported by quantitative information or studies. Proposed activities in the following permit requests are for the recovery and enhancement of propagation or survival of the species in the wild.

Permit No.	Applicant	Species	Location	Take activity	Permit action
ES-047285 .....	U.S. Geological Survey, Columbia Environmental Research Center, Fort Peck, Montana.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pallid sturgeon (<i>Scaphirhynchus albus</i>).</li> </ul>	Montana and North Dakota	Survey, monitor, capture, handle, tag, propagate, transport, and stock.	Renew.
PER0011688 .....	Bureau of Land Management, Richfield Field Office, Richfield Utah.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>).</li> </ul>	Utah .....	Play taped vocalizations for surveys.	Amend.
PER0048042 .....	Horrocks Engineers, Riverdale, Utah.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>).</li> </ul>	Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.	Play taped vocalizations for surveys.	New.
ES-040748 .....	Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, Colorado Springs, Colorado.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Black-footed ferret (<i>Mustela nigripes</i>).</li> <li>Wyoming Toad (<i>Anaxyrus baxteri</i>).</li> </ul>	Colorado and Wyoming .....	Capture, handle, transport, propagate in captivity, provide general care, collect biological samples, mark, survey, and monitor populations.	Renew.
ES-040510 .....	ERO Resources Corp., Denver, Colorado.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>).</li> </ul>	Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah.	Play taped vocalizations for surveys.	Renew and amend.

**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 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. 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 a permit to an applicant 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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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Geological Survey**

**[GX23NB00TKZ5000; OMB Control Number 1028-NEW]**

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Hunter Harvest and Satisfaction Surveys on Green Bay and Lake Michigan**

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

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) is proposing approval of an existing collection in use without an OMB Control Number.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before December 29, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function. Comments can also be sent by mail to U.S. Geological Survey, Information Collections 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-NEW in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this information collection request (ICR), contact Luke Fara by email at [lfara@usgs.gov](mailto:lfara@usgs.gov), or by telephone at 608-781-6233. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services

offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States. You may also view the ICR at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the PRA and 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), we provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on new, 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.

A **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day public comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on March 31, 2022 (87 FR 18809). We received one comment. The comment did not address information collection, so no action was taken.

As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, we are again soliciting comments from the public and other Federal agencies on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following:

(1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;

(2) The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) How the agency might minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of response.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personally identifiable information (PII) in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your PII may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your PII from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Abstract:** This collection seeks to gather information on harvest and satisfaction from waterfowl hunters on the open waters of Green Bay and Lake Michigan. From 2021 through 2025, the Wisconsin waterfowl hunting season had and will have a North, South, and Open Water Zone. The Open Water Zone will be specific to the offshore open waters of Lake Michigan and Green Bay. Specific regulations for this new zone, which starts 500 feet offshore and extends to the Wisconsin-Michigan state boundary, can be modified during the five-year period and input from hunters will provide critical information to improve hunter satisfaction. Former survey methods used to gather information on the season frameworks preferred by hunters under the 2016–2020 season structure cannot be applied to the Open Water Zone; thus, USGS plans to conduct both in-person and online surveys targeted toward open-water hunters to gather their input on season frameworks. Surveys will also be used to inform managers on what, where, and how many species of waterfowl are harvested in this open-water environment. Wisconsin waterfowl managers will use information collected from this survey to assist in developing season frameworks within this zone and provide information on harvest composition.

**Title of Collection:** Hunter Harvest and Satisfaction Surveys on Green Bay and Lake Michigan.

**OMB Control Number:** 1028–NEW.

**Form Number:** None.

**Type of Review:** New.

**Respondents/Affected Public:** Waterfowl hunters that hunt the open waters of Green Bay and Lake Michigan.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:** 200.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:** 600.

**Estimated Completion Time per Response:** 10 minutes on average.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:** 100.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Voluntary.

**Frequency of Collection:** Occur each time they hunt the open waters of Green Bay and/or Lake Michigan.

**Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost:** None.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, nor is a person required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The authority for this

action is the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

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### Land Acquisitions; Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, Alaska

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs made a final determination to acquire in trust 787 square feet, more or less, of land known as the Vavalis Parcel located in the City of Juneau, Alaska, (Site) for the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes, (Tribe) to support tribal self-determination and for other purposes.

**DATES:** This final determination was made on November 17, 2022.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Trina Locke, Acting Director, Office of Trust Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, MS–4620 MIB, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240, [trina.locke@bia.gov](mailto:trina.locke@bia.gov), (202) 617–0610.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On the date listed in the **DATES** section of this notice, the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs made a final agency determination to acquire the Site, consisting of 787 square feet, more or less, in trust for the Tribe under the authority of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, 25 U.S.C. 5108.

The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, on behalf of the Secretary of the Interior, will immediately acquire title to the Site in the name of the United States of America in trust for Tribe upon fulfillment of all Departmental requirements. The 787 square feet, more or less, are described as follows:

#### Legal Description

Lot 15, Block 5, U.S. Survey No. 4694, Alaska, Addition to the Townsite of Juneau, Alaska, Juneau Indian Village, as accepted by the Chief, Division of Engineering, for the Director on July 22, 1964, containing 787 square feet. Said lot is further shown on the Retracement and Dependent Resurvey officially filed on Feb. 2, 2012, and on a Record of Survey, Plat No. 2018–40, Juneau Recording District, Alaska.