

and HCV programs, such as providing supportive services or developing housing for populations with special needs. In 2016, Congress authorized HUD to expand the MTW program by 100 high performing PHAs.

The MTW expansion statute emphasizes evaluating the MTW program, directing HUD to expand the program in cohorts that would allow for “one specific policy change to be implemented. . . .” and rigorously evaluated. The first cohort of the expansion is testing the impact of MTW designation on small PHAs, defined for these purposes as PHAs administering no more than 1,000 housing units across their HCV and public housing programs. In Cohort 1, PHAs are free to implement any program and policy changes permissible under the MTW program. Under contract with HUD’s Office of Policy Development and Research, Abt Associates Inc. is conducting an

evaluation of Cohort 1 that includes a study of how PHAs use their MTW flexibility to meet the MTW program’s goals and a study of the impact of MTW designation on cost effectiveness, self-sufficiency, and housing choice.

The Evaluation of Cohort 1 of the Moving to Work Demonstration Program Expansion is being implemented as a randomized control trial. To carry out the study, HUD randomly assigned the 43 eligible PHAs that submitted a Letter of Interest to HUD for Cohort 1 into one of two groups: a treatment group (33 PHAs) that was invited to complete the application for MTW designation and a control group (10 PHAs) that was not invited to complete the application for MTW designation and therefore was not permitted to receive MTW designation under Cohort 1.

The evaluation will compare the outcomes of the treatment group PHAs to the outcomes of the control group PHAs over a five-year period. To the

extent possible, this evaluation is relying on analysis of secondary data that PHAs already prepare and submit to HUD, however, some primary data collection is required to carry out the evaluation.

This **Federal Register** Notice provides an opportunity to comment on the information collection for the evaluation. The evaluation will use the data described in this information collection request to clarify and expand on information provided in the existing data sources and to capture qualitative information about the experiences of study PHAs implementing activities related to cost effectiveness, self-sufficiency, or housing choice without MTW flexibility. The proposed information collection consists of: (1) interviews with MTW (treatment group) PHAs; (2) online surveys to non-MTW (control group) PHAs; and (3) interviews with non-MTW (control group) PHAs.

ANNUALIZED BURDEN TABLE

Information collection	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Responses per annum	Burden hour per response	Annual burden hours	Hourly cost per response	Cost
Interview Guide for MTW PHAs .....	93	1	93	1	93	\$52.14	\$4,849.02
Online Survey for Non-MTW PHAs .....	12	1	12	0.50	6	52.14	312.84
Interview Guide for Non-MTW PHAs .....	24	1	24	1	24	52.14	1,251.36
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>129.00</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>6,413.22</b>

**B. Solicitation of Public Comment**

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected parties concerning the collection of information described in Section A on the following:

(1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) The accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;

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

(4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

(5) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use

of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

HUD encourages interested parties to submit comments in response to these questions.

**C. Authority**

Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35.

**Anna P. Guido,**

*Department Reports Management Office, Office of Policy Development and Research, Chief Data Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**[FWS-R5-ES-2024-N001; FXES11130500000-245-FF05E00000]**

**Endangered 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 species under the Endangered Species Act. We invite the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies to comment on these applications. Before issuing the requested permits, we will take into consideration any information that we receive during the public comment period.

**DATES:** We must receive any written comments on or before March 7, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Use one of the following methods to request documents or submit comments. Requests and comments should specify the applicant's name and application number (e.g., PER0001234):

- Email: [permitsR5ES@fws.gov](mailto:permitsR5ES@fws.gov).
- U.S. Mail: Abby Goldstein,

Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 300 Westgate Center Dr. Hadley, MA 01035.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Abby Goldstein, 413-253-8212 (phone), or [permitsR5ES@fws.gov](mailto:permitsR5ES@fws.gov) (email).

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within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on applications for permits under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The requested permits would allow the applicants to conduct activities intended to promote recovery of species that are listed as endangered under the ESA.

**Background**

With some exceptions, the ESA prohibits activities that constitute take of listed species, unless a Federal permit is issued that allows such activity. The ESA's definition of "take" includes such activities as pursuing, harassing, trapping, capturing, or collecting, in

addition to hunting, shooting, harming, wounding, or killing.

A recovery permit issued by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA authorizes the permittee to conduct activities with endangered or threatened 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
PER6201238 .....	West Virginia Co-operative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, Morgantown, WV; Stuart A. Welsh.	Candy darter ( <i>Etheostoma osburni</i> ), diamond darter, ( <i>Crystallaria cincotta</i> ).	West Virginia .....	Presence/probable absence survey, monitoring, electrofishing, capture for propagation, release.	Capture, collect.	New.
PER5256019 .....	Anneka Lamb, Brewster, MA.	Indiana bat ( <i>Myotis sodalis</i> ), northern long-eared bat ( <i>Myotis septentrionalis</i> ), gray bat ( <i>Myotis grisescens</i> ), Ozark big-eared bat ( <i>Corynorhinus (=Plecotus) townsendii ingens</i> ), tricolored bat ( <i>Perimyotis subflavus</i> ).	Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming.	Capture, band, telemetry, non-intrusive measurements, release.	Capture, collect.	New.
PER5389953 .....	Jason R Holmes, Arcata, CA.	Indiana bat ( <i>Myotis sodalis</i> ), northern long-eared bat ( <i>Myotis septentrionalis</i> ).	Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin.	Capture, telemetry, noninvasive measurements, release.	Capture, collect.	New.
20359D-2 .....	University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI; Peter Paton.	Roseate tern ( <i>Sterna dougallii dougallii</i> ). Add: Rufa red knot ( <i>Calidris canutus rufa</i> ).	New York .....	Add for roseate tern: Capture, band, collect feather, collect eggshell, telemetry attachment research. Add for rufa red knot: Capture, band, collect blood, telemetry, release.	Capture, collect.	Amend.
PER6130772 .....	Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources, Blacksburg, VA; Michael Pinder.	Candy darter ( <i>Etheostoma osburni</i> )	Virginia .....	Electrofishing, capture for propagation, holding more than 45 days, release.	Capture ...	New.

Application No.	Applicant	Species	Location	Activity	Type of take	Permit action
60406D-2 .....	Atlantic Marine Conservation Society, Westhampton Beach, NY; Robert DiGiovanni.	Kemp's ridley sea turtle ( <i>Lepidochelys kempii</i> ), leatherback sea turtle ( <i>Dermochelys coriacea</i> ), hawksbill sea turtle ( <i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i> ), loggerhead sea turtle ( <i>Caretta caretta</i> ), green sea turtle ( <i>Chelonia mydas</i> ).	Connecticut, Delaware, Massachusetts, Maryland, Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, Virginia.	Stranding response, rehabilitation, telemetry, necropsy, release.	Capture, collect, wound.	Renew.
60434D-2 .....	Sea Turtle Recovery, West Orange, NJ; William Deerr.	Kemp's ridley sea turtle ( <i>Lepidochelys kempii</i> ), hawksbill sea turtle ( <i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i> ), leatherback sea turtle ( <i>Dermochelys coriacea</i> ), loggerhead sea turtle ( <i>Caretta caretta</i> ), and green sea turtle ( <i>Chelonia mydas</i> ).	New Jersey .....	Stranding response, rehabilitation, nest monitoring, necropsy, release.	Capture, collect.	Renew.
60415D-2 .....	Massachusetts Audubon Wellfleet Bay, South Wellfleet, MA; Melissa Lowe.	Kemp's ridley sea turtle ( <i>Lepidochelys kempii</i> ), leatherback sea turtle ( <i>Dermochelys coriacea</i> ), hawksbill sea turtle ( <i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i> ), loggerhead sea turtle ( <i>Caretta caretta</i> ), green sea turtle ( <i>Chelonia mydas</i> ).	Massachusetts .....	Stranding response, necropsy.	Capture, collect.	Renew.
60921D-2 .....	Zoological Society of Pittsburgh, dba Pittsburgh Zoo & Aquarium, Pittsburgh, PA; Jeremy Goodman.	Kemp's ridley sea turtle ( <i>Lepidochelys kempii</i> ), hawksbill sea turtle ( <i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i> ), leatherback sea turtle ( <i>Dermochelys coriacea</i> ), loggerhead sea turtle ( <i>Caretta caretta</i> ), green sea turtle ( <i>Chelonia mydas</i> ).	Pennsylvania .....	Rehabilitation, necropsy.	Collect .....	Renew.
60928D-2 .....	National Marine Life Center, Buzzards Bay, MA; Lisa Becker.	Kemp's ridley sea turtle ( <i>Lepidochelys kempii</i> ), hawksbill sea turtle ( <i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i> ), loggerhead sea turtle ( <i>Caretta caretta</i> ), green sea turtle ( <i>Chelonia mydas</i> ).	Massachusetts .....	Rehabilitation, necropsy.	Collect .....	Renew.
60418D-2 .....	Marine Mammal Stranding Center, Brigantine, NJ; Sheila Dean.	Hawksbill sea turtle ( <i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i> ), Kemp's ridley sea turtle ( <i>Lepidochelys kempii</i> ), leatherback sea turtle ( <i>Dermochelys coriacea</i> ), green sea turtle ( <i>Chelonia mydas</i> ), loggerhead sea turtle ( <i>Caretta caretta</i> ).	New Jersey .....	Stranding response, necropsy.	Capture, collect.	Renew.
69328D-4 .....	New England Aquarium, Boston, MA; Adam Kennedy.	Kemp's ridley sea turtle ( <i>Lepidochelys kempii</i> ), leatherback sea turtle ( <i>Dermochelys coriacea</i> ), hawksbill sea turtle ( <i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i> ), loggerhead sea turtle ( <i>Caretta caretta</i> ), green sea turtle ( <i>Chelonia mydas</i> ).	Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire.	Stranding response, rehabilitation, necropsy, research, release. Add: Telemetry, pharmacology research, biological sample archival.	Capture, collect, wound.	Renew.
70312D-2 .....	National Aquarium, Baltimore, MD; Stephanie Allard.	Kemp's ridley sea turtle ( <i>Lepidochelys kempii</i> ), leatherback sea turtle ( <i>Dermochelys coriacea</i> ), hawksbill sea turtle ( <i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i> ), loggerhead sea turtle ( <i>Caretta caretta</i> ), green sea turtle ( <i>Chelonia mydas</i> ).	Maryland .....	Stranding response, rehabilitation, necropsy, release.	Capture, collect.	Renew.
69329D-1 .....	Marine Mammals of Maine, Harpswell, ME; Lynda Doughty.	Kemp's ridley sea turtle ( <i>Lepidochelys kempii</i> ), leatherback sea turtle ( <i>Dermochelys coriacea</i> ), hawksbill sea turtle ( <i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i> ), loggerhead sea turtle ( <i>Caretta caretta</i> ), green sea turtle ( <i>Chelonia mydas</i> ).	Maine .....	Stranding response, necropsy.	Capture, collect.	Renew.

Application No.	Applicant	Species	Location	Activity	Type of take	Permit action
60419D-1 .....	MERR, Inc., Lewes, DE; Suzanne Thurman.	Kemp's ridley sea turtle ( <i>Lepidochelys kempii</i> ), hawksbill sea turtle ( <i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i> ), leatherback sea turtle ( <i>Dermochelys coriacea</i> ), loggerhead sea turtle ( <i>Caretta caretta</i> ), green sea turtle ( <i>Chelonia mydas</i> ).	Delaware .....	Stranding response, necropsy. Add: nest monitoring.	Capture, collect.	Renew.
69330D-1 .....	Allied Whale, College of the Atlantic, Bar Harbor, ME; Sean Todd.	Kemp's ridley sea turtle ( <i>Lepidochelys kempii</i> ), hawksbill sea turtle ( <i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i> ), leatherback sea turtle ( <i>Dermochelys coriacea</i> ), loggerhead sea turtle ( <i>Caretta caretta</i> ), green sea turtle ( <i>Chelonia mydas</i> ).	Maine .....	Stranding response, necropsy.	Capture ...	Renew.
70311D-3 .....	Riverhead Foundation for Marine Research and Preservation, dba New York Marine Rescue Center, Riverhead, NY; Maxine Montello.	Kemp's ridley sea turtle ( <i>Lepidochelys kempii</i> ), loggerhead sea turtle ( <i>Caretta caretta</i> ), green sea turtle ( <i>Chelonia mydas</i> ).	New York .....	Add: Telemetry ..	Wound ....	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 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 the applicants listed in this notice, we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register**.

**Authority**

Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

**Martin Miller,**

Manager, Division of Endangered Species, Ecological Services, Northeast Region.

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**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.

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**DATES:** We must receive your written comments on or before March 7, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** *Document availability and comment submission:* Submit requests for copies of the applications and related documents and submit any comments by one of the following methods. All requests and comments should specify the applicant name(s) and application number(s) (e.g., XXXXXX or PER0001234).

- *Email:* [permitsR8ES@fws.gov](mailto:permitsR8ES@fws.gov).
- *U.S. Mail:* Susie Tharratt, Regional Recovery Permit Coordinator, U.S. Fish

and Wildlife Service, 2800 Cottage Way, Room W-2606, Sacramento, CA 95825.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Susie Tharratt, via phone at 916-414-6561, or via email at [permitsR8ES@fws.gov](mailto:permitsR8ES@fws.gov). 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.

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