

offset impacts through a Service-approved mechanism such as an in-lieu program, conservation bank, or species account, which would go toward accomplishing the recovery goals for the species, such as restoration and protection of habitat.

**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 view, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Our Preliminary Determination**

The Service has made a preliminary determination that the applicant’s proposed project would individually and cumulatively have a minor effect on the Morro shoulderband snail and the human environment. Therefore, we have preliminarily determined that the proposed ESA section 10(a)(1)(B) permit would be a “low-effect” ITP that individually or cumulatively would have a minor effect on the species and may qualify for application of a categorical exclusion pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality’s NEPA regulations, DOI’s NEPA regulations, and the DOI Departmental Manual. A “low-effect” ITP is one that would result in (1) minor or nonsignificant effects on species covered in the HCP; (2) nonsignificant effects on the human environment; and (3) impacts that, when added together with the impacts of other past, present, and reasonable foreseeable actions, would not result in significant cumulative effects to the human environment.

**Next Steps**

The Service will evaluate the application and the comments received to determine whether to issue the requested ITP. We will also conduct an intra-Service consultation pursuant to section 7 of the ESA to evaluate the effects of the proposed take. After considering the preceding and other matters, we will determine whether the permit issuance criteria of section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA have been met. If met, the Service will issue an ITP to the applicant.

**Authority**

We provide this notice under section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.22 and 17.32) and the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (40 CFR 1500–1508 and 43 CFR 46).

**Stephen P. Henry,**

*Field Supervisor, Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office, Ventura, California.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

[Docket No. FWS–HQ–IA–2024–0079; FXIA16710900000–245–FF09A30000]

**Endangered Species; Issuance of Permits**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of issuance of permits.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, have issued the following permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species. We issue these permits under the Endangered Species Act.

**ADDRESSES:** Information about the applications for the permits listed in

this notice is available online at <https://www.regulations.gov>. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for details.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Timothy MacDonald, by phone at 703–358–2185 or via email at [DMAFR@fws.gov](mailto:DMAFR@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.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), have issued permits to conduct certain activities with endangered and threatened species in response to permit applications that we received under the authority of section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*)

After considering the information submitted with each permit application and the public comments received, we issued the requested permits subject to certain conditions set forth in each permit. For each application for an endangered species, we found that (1) the application was filed in good faith, (2) the granted permit would not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species, and (3) the granted permit would be consistent with the purposes and policy set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

**Availability of Documents**

The permittees’ original permit application materials, along with public comments we received during public comment periods for the applications, are available for review. To locate the application materials and received comments, go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for the appropriate permit number (*e.g.*, 12345C) provided in table 1.

ePermit No.	Applicant	Permit issuance date
PER5047417	World Bird Sanctuary	February 7, 2024.
PER5681188	San Diego Wildlife Alliance	February 27, 2024.
PER5991794	Gregory West	March 1, 2024.
PER5225366	Jeffrey Becker	March 1, 2024.
PER0056306	Duke University	March 4, 2024.
PER5300236	Columbus Zoo and Aquarium	March 4, 2024.
PER7746895	Henry Vilas Zoo	April 8, 2024.
PER7750719	San Antonio Zoo	April 9, 2024.
PER5230668	Tulane University	April 11, 2024.
PER6139919	Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden	March 15, 2024.
PER5702649	International Crane Foundation	March 19, 2024.
PER0054404	Audubon Nature Institute	March 21, 2024.
PER4234292	Hemker Park and Zoo	March 28, 2024.
PER6612201	Louisiana State University	April 18, 2024.

ePermit No.	Applicant	Permit issuance date
PER7485063 .....	Busch Gardens .....	April 19, 2024.
PER7799033 .....	Duke University Lemur Center .....	April 22, 2024.
PER7835252 .....	Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute .....	April 23, 2024.

**Authority**

We issue this notice under the authority of the Endangered Species Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and their implementing regulations.

**Timothy MacDonald,**

*Government Information Specialist, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**[Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2024-0072; FXIA1671090000-245-FF09A30000]**

**Wild Bird Conservation Act; Receipt of Permit Application**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of permit application; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), invite the public to comment on a permit application regarding foreign bird species for which the Service has jurisdiction under the Wild Bird Conservation Act (WBCA). With some exceptions, the WBCA prohibits activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is issued that allows such activities. The WBCA also requires that we invite public comment before issuing permits for any activity it otherwise prohibits.

**DATES:** We must receive comments by June 27, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Obtaining Documents:* The application, application supporting materials, and any comments and other materials that we receive will be available for public inspection at <https://www.regulations.gov> in Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2024-0072.

*Submitting Comments:* When submitting comments, please specify the name of the applicant and the permit number at the beginning of your comment. You may submit comments by one of the following methods:

- *Internet:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Search for and

submit comments on Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2024-0072.

- *U.S. mail:* Public Comments Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2024-0072; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Headquarters, MS: PRB/3W; 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.

For more information, see Public Comment Procedures under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brenda Tapia, by phone at 703-358-2185 or via email at [DMAFR@fws.gov](mailto:DMAFR@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.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Public Comment Procedures**

*A. How do I comment on submitted applications?*

We invite the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies to comment on the application we have received. Before issuing any of the requested permits, we will take into consideration any information that we receive during the public comment period.

You may submit your comments and materials by one of the methods in **ADDRESSES**. We will not consider comments sent by email, or to an address not in **ADDRESSES**. We will not consider or include in our administrative record comments we receive after the close of the comment period (see **DATES**).

When submitting comments, please specify the name of the applicant and the permit number at the beginning of your comment. Provide sufficient information to allow us to authenticate any scientific or commercial data you include. The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are: (1) Those supported by quantitative information or studies; and (2) those that include citations to, and analyses of, the applicable laws and regulations.

*B. May I review comments submitted by others?*

You may view and comment on others' public comments at <https://www.regulations.gov> unless our allowing so would violate the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) or Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

*C. Who will see my comments?*

If you submit a comment at <https://www.regulations.gov>, your entire comment, including any personal identifying information, will be posted on the website. If you submit a hardcopy comment that includes personal identifying information, such as your address, phone number, or email address, you may request at the top of your document that we withhold this information from public review. However, 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.

**II. Background**

To help us carry out our conservation responsibilities for affected species, and in consideration of section 112(4) of the Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992 (WBCA; 16 U.S.C. 4901-4916), we invite public comments on permit applications before final action is taken. With some exceptions, the WBCA prohibits certain activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is issued that allows such activities. Service regulations regarding permits for any activity otherwise prohibited by the WBCA with respect to any wild birds are available in title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations in part 15.

**III. Permit Application**

We invite comments on the following application.

*Applicant:* David Kanellis, Las Vegas, NV; Permit No. PER9328605.

The applicant, along with members Martin Stiasny, Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., William G. Meeker, Gary D. Boberg, Mark and Ryan Moglich, Lewis R. Souder, Stephen Bucciarelli, Thomas J. Cullen IV, Michael Clark, Chase Delles, Cicon Gewelber, Anthony C. and Joe Suffredini, Corey J. Dalton, David