

before February 18, 2003 to receive our consideration.

ADDRESSES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the Chief, Endangered Species, Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 911 NE., 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-4181 (fax: (503) 231-6243). Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when submitting comments. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents within 20 days of the date of publication of this notice to the address above (telephone: (503) 231-2063). Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when requesting copies of documents.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Permit No. TE-006112

Applicant: Gretchen Padgett-Flohr, Fremont, California.

The permittee requests an amendment to take (harass by survey, capture, release, and collect voucher specimens) the Sonoma and Santa Barbara distinct population segments of the California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*) in conjunction with demographic research in Sonoma and Santa Barbara Counties, California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. TE-065493

Applicant: Peter Trenham, Davis, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey, collect, and sacrifice) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), the longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), the vernal pool fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta lynchi*), and the vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*) in conjunction with population demographic studies throughout the range of each species for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. TE-065741

Applicant: John Lovio, San Diego, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (monitor nests) the least Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*), take (harass by survey and monitor nests) the

southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*), and take (survey by pursuit) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of each species in California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. TE-065923

Applicant: Jon Winter, Santa Rosa, California.

The permittee requests an amendment to take (harass by survey, capture, and release) the Sonoma distinct population segment of the California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*) in conjunction with demographic research in Sonoma County, California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

We solicit public review and comment on each of these recovery permit applications.

Dated: December 13, 2002.

Rowan Gould,

Regional Director, Region 1, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Availability of the Draft Recovery Plan for the Zapata Bladderpod (*Lesquerella thamnophila*) for Review and Comment

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of document availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces the availability for public review of the draft Recovery Plan for the Zapata bladderpod (*Lesquerella thamnophila*). Six populations are still known to exist in varying numbers. The Service solicits review and comment from the public on this draft plan.

DATES: The comment period for this draft Recovery Plan closes on February 18, 2003. Comments on the draft Recovery Plan must be received by the closing date.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the draft Recovery Plan can obtain a copy from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Corpus Christi Ecological Services Field Office, c/o TAMUCC, Box 338, 6300 Ocean Drive, Corpus Christi, Texas, 78412. If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments and materials concerning this draft Recovery

Plan to the Field Supervisor at the address above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Loretta Pressly, Corpus Christi Ecological Services Field Office, at the above address; telephone (361) 994-9005, facsimile (361) 994-8262.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Zapata bladderpod (*Lesquerella thamnophila*), a plant of the Brassicaceae Family, is listed as endangered with critical habitat. Historically, 10 populations of the plants have been located and described. Currently, six of those 10 populations remain; three of the populations are located in Starr County, and three in Zapata County. This species is threatened by increasing urban development, highway construction, increased oil and gas activities, alteration and conversion of native plant communities to improved pastures, overgrazing, and vulnerability from low population numbers. The plant in all likelihood has a more extensive range than what is currently known; access for surveying on private land has been limited. This draft Recovery Plan includes information about the species and provides objectives and actions needed to downlist, then delist the species. Recovery activities designed to achieve these objectives include protecting known populations, searching for additional populations, performing outreach activities to educate and obtain assistance from the general public to conserve the species and its habitat, and establishing additional populations through reintroduction in the known range of the plant.

Restoring an endangered or threatened animal or plant to the point where it is again a secure, self-sustaining member of its ecosystem is a primary goal of the Service's endangered species program. To help guide the recovery effort, the Service is working to prepare Recovery Plans for most of the listed species native to the United States. Recovery Plans describe actions considered necessary for conservation of species, establish criteria for downlisting or delisting them, and estimate time and cost for implementing the recovery measures needed.

The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act), as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) requires the development of Recovery Plans for listed species unless such a Plan would not promote the conservation of a particular species. Section 4(f) of the Act, as amended in

1988, requires that public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment be provided during Recovery Plan development. The Service will consider all information presented during a public comment period prior to approval of each new or revised Recovery Plan. The Service and other Federal agencies will also take these comments into account in the course of implementing Recovery Plans.

The draft Recovery Plan is being submitted for technical and agency review. After consideration of comments received during the review period, the Recovery Plan will be submitted for final approval.

Public Comments Solicited

The Service solicits written comments on the Recovery Plan described. All comments received by the date specified above will be considered prior to approval of the Recovery Plan.

Authority: The authority for this action is Section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533(f).

Dated: October 28, 2002.

Charlie Sanchez, Jr.,

Acting Regional Director, Region 2.

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DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

National Park Service

Boundary Revision: Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of boundary revision.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the National Park Service is revising the boundary of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park to include one additional tract of land.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Judy L. Brumback, Chief, Acquisition Division, National Park Service, ATLAFO, PO Box 908, Martinsburg, WV 25402, (304) 263-4943.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pub. L. 91-664, enacted January 8, 1971 authorizes the acquisition of certain lands for the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park. Section 7 (c) (ii) of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act, as amended by Pub. L. 104-333, authorizes minor boundary revisions of areas within the National Park System. In accordance with the statutes, such boundary revisions may be made, when necessary, after advising the appropriate Congressional Committees and

following publication in the **Federal Register**.

In order to properly interpret and preserve the historic character of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park, it is necessary to revise the existing boundary to include one additional tract of land comprising approximately 2.91 acres.

Notice is hereby given that the exterior boundary of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park is hereby revised to include the following tract of land:

Tract P76-1, Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park, is all of the same land acquired by Barbara Ellen Embly from Barbara E. Rohrer by deed dated July 19, 2001, recorded in Deed Book 1677, Page 591, in the Land Records of Washington County, State of Maryland.

Tract 76-130, Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park, is a part of the same land acquired by the United States of America (NPS) from Charles Harold Snyder, a.k.a. C. Harold Snyder by deed dated September 5, 1974, recorded in Liber 585, folio 802 in the Land Records of Washington County, State of Maryland.

Subject to existing easements for public roads and highways, public utilities, railroads and pipelines.

This tracts of land is depicted on Segment Map 76 and are identified as Tracts P76-1 and 76-130. The map is on file and available for inspection in the office of the National Park Service, Appalachian Trail Land Acquisition Field Office, 1314 Edwin Miller Boulevard, PO Box 908, Martinsburg, West Virginia 25402-0908.

Dated: July 22, 2002.

Terry R. Carlstrom,

Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Boundary Revision; Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of boundary revision, Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, Indiana.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a revision of the boundaries of Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, Indiana, to include two (2) parcels of land within the boundaries of the National Lakeshore. This action is taken under

the authority of 16 U.S.C., Section 460u-19 (Pub. L. 94-549, enacted October 18, 1976).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent, Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, 1100 North Mineral Springs Road, Porter, Indiana 46304-1299, or by telephone at 219-926-7561, extension 410.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby provided that the boundaries of Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore are revised. This revision is to include certain parcels of real property situated in Lake County, Indiana, and is effective upon publication of this notice. These parcels will be donated to the United States of America and they are contiguous to the National Lakeshore boundaries. These parcels contain, in aggregate, 15.93 acres of land, more or less.

The parcels are identified as follows:

Tract 12-117 on Segment Map 12, Drawing No. 626/35,012.

Tract 13-163 on Segment Map 13, Drawing No. 626/35,013.

Both of the above-cited segment maps are dated October 16, 2002.

These maps are on file at the following locations:

U.S. Department of the Interior,
National Park Service, Midwest
Region, Land Resources, 1709 Jackson
Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68102-2571.
Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, 1100
North Mineral Springs Road, Porter,
Indiana 46304-1299.

Dated: October 17, 2002.

William W. Schenk,

Regional Director, Midwest Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

General Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement, Amistad National Recreation Area, Texas

AGENCY: National Park Service,
Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for a general management plan for Amistad National Recreation Area.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act, the National Park Service is preparing an environmental impact statement for a general management plan for Amistad National Recreation Area. This effort