

Standard grant proposals. The Advisory Group for the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act (NMBCA) grants program (Advisory Group) also will meet. The Advisory Group will discuss the strategic direction and management of the NMBCA program. Both meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may present oral or written statements.

**DATES:**

*Council:* December 13, 2017, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

*Advisory Group:* December 12, 2017, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

*Attendance:* To attend either or both meetings, contact the Council/Advisory Group Coordinator (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) no later than December 5, 2017.

*Presenting Information:* If you are interested in presenting information, contact the Council/Advisory Group Coordinator no later than December 5, 2017.

*Submitting Information:* To submit written information or questions before the Council or Advisory Group meeting for consideration during the meeting, contact the Council/Advisory Group Coordinator no later than December 5, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** The Council and Advisory Group meetings will take place at the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, 1133 15th Street NW., Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20005.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sarah Mott, Council/Advisory Group Coordinator, by phone at 703-358-1784; by email at [dbhc@fws.gov](mailto:dbhc@fws.gov); or by U.S. mail at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS: MB, Falls Church, VA 22041. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 during normal business hours. Also, FRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****About the Council**

In accordance with the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (Pub. L. 101-233, 103 Stat. 1968, December 13, 1989, as amended; NAWCA), the State-private-Federal North American Wetlands Conservation Council (Council) meets to consider wetland acquisition, restoration, enhancement, and management projects for recommendation to, and final funding approval by, the Migratory Bird

Conservation Commission. NAWCA provides matching grants to organizations and individuals who have developed partnerships to carry out wetlands conservation projects in the United States, Canada, and Mexico. These projects must involve long-term protection, restoration, and/or enhancement of wetlands and associated uplands habitats for the benefit of all wetlands-associated migratory birds. Project proposal due dates, application instructions, and eligibility requirements are available on the NAWCA Web site at [www.fws.gov/birds/grants/north-american-wetland-conservation-act.php](http://www.fws.gov/birds/grants/north-american-wetland-conservation-act.php).

**About the Advisory Group**

In accordance with Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act (Pub. L. 106-247, 114 Stat. 593, July 20, 2000; NMBCA), the Advisory Group will hold its meeting to discuss the strategic direction and management of the NMBCA program and provide advice to the Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service. NMBCA promotes long-term conservation of neotropical migratory birds and their habitats through a competitive grants program by promoting partnerships, encouraging local conservation efforts, and achieving habitat protection in 36 countries. The goals of NMBCA include perpetuating healthy bird populations, providing financial resources for bird conservation, and fostering international cooperation. Because the greatest need is south of the U.S. border, at least 75 percent of NMBCA funding supports projects outside the United States. Project proposal due dates, application instructions, and eligibility requirements are available on the NMBCA Web site at <http://www.fws.gov/birds/grants/neotropical-migratory-bird-conservation-act.php>.

**Public Input***Submitting Written Information or Questions*

Interested members of the public may submit relevant information or questions to be considered during the public meetings. If you wish to make information available to the Council or Advisory Group for their consideration prior to the meeting, you must contact the Council/Advisory Group Coordinator by the date in **DATES**. Written statements must be supplied to the Council/Advisory Group Coordinator in both of the following formats: One hard copy with original signature and one electronic copy via email (acceptable file formats are Adobe

Acrobat PDF, MS Word, MS PowerPoint, or rich text file).

*Giving an Oral Presentation*

Individuals or groups requesting to make an oral presentation at the meetings will be limited to 2 minutes per speaker, with no more than a total of 30 minutes for all speakers. Interested parties should contact the Council/Advisory Group Coordinator, by the date specified above in **DATES**, in writing (preferably via email; see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) to be placed on the public speaker list for the meetings. Nonregistered public speakers will not be considered during the Council or Advisory Group meeting. Registered speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements, or those who had wished to speak but could not be accommodated on the agenda, are invited to submit written statements to the Council or Advisory Group within 30 days following the meeting.

**Meeting Minutes**

Summary minutes of the Council and Advisory Group meetings will be maintained by the Council/Advisory Group Coordinator at the address under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Meeting notes will be available by contacting the Council/Advisory Group Coordinator within 30 days following the meeting. Personal copies may be purchased for the cost of duplication.

*Authority:* We issue this notice under the authority of NAWCA (Pub. L. 101-233, 103 Stat. 1968, December 13, 1989, as amended).

Dated: November 20, 2017.

**Michael Johnson,**

*Deputy Assistant Director, Migratory Birds.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Fish and Wildlife Service**

[Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2017-0078; FXIA1671090000-156-FF09A30000]

**Foreign 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 (Service), have issued the following permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species, marine mammals, or both. We issue these permits under the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

**ADDRESSES:** 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 to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, Branch of Permits, MS: IA, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041; fax (703) 358–2281. To locate the

**Federal Register** notice that announced our receipt of the application for each permit listed in this document, go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and search on the permit number provided in the tables in **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joyce Russell, (703) 358–2023 (telephone); (703) 358–2281 (fax); or [DMAFR@fws.gov](mailto:DMAFR@fws.gov) (email).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On the dates below, as authorized by the

provisions of the ESA, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), we issued requested permits subject to certain conditions set forth therein. For each permit 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.

#### ENDANGERED SPECIES

Permit No.	Applicant	Receipt of application <b>Federal Register</b> notice	Permit issuance date
23963c .....	Janis Maund .....	82 FR 28348; June 21, 2017 .....	8/29/2017
32538C .....	Amanda Henson .....	82 FR 35817; August 1, 2017 .....	9/14/2017
31910C .....	Zoological Society of Philadelphia .....	82 FR 37603; August 11, 2017 .....	9/15/2017
700877 .....	Bishop Museum .....	82 FR 32374; July 13, 2017 .....	9/19/2017
64738A .....	Palfam Ranch .....	82 FR 35817; August 1, 2017 .....	9/22/2017
14837C .....	Temple .....	82 FR 28348; June 21, 2017 .....	9/13/2017
66306A .....	Wildwood Wildlife Park and Nature Center, Inc .....	82 FR 33924; July 21, 2017 .....	9/28/2017

#### Availability of Documents

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 to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, Branch of Permits, MS: IA, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041; fax (703) 358–2281.

**Authority:** We issue this notice under the authority of the ESA, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

**Joyce Russell,**

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

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#### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

##### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Intent To Prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed United States Gypsum Company Mine Expansion/Modernization Project, Imperial County, CA

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) El Centro Field Office, with the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) as a cooperating agency, intends to prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the United States Gypsum Company (USG) Mine Expansion/Modernization Project. The Supplemental EIS will analyze additional alternatives and update technical information in the 2008 USG Mine Expansion/Modernization Project Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/EIS. The USACE was not involved in the development of the EIR/EIS, but will be involved with the Supplemental EIS, based on USACE's jurisdiction by law and special expertise, pursuant to section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Scoping is not usually required for preparation of a Supplemental EIS. However, since USACE was not a cooperating agency during scoping of the EIR/EIS, they have requested that public scoping be included for the Supplemental EIS.

This notice announces the beginning of the public scoping process for input into the Supplemental EIS. The goal of the scoping process is to solicit public comments, for the purpose of identifying relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis, including alternatives, and guide the process for developing the Supplemental EIS.

**DATES:** Comments for input into the Supplemental EIS may be submitted in writing until January 11, 2018. A public scoping meeting will be announced at least 15 days in advance through local newspaper(s), the BLM Web site, BLM Newsbytes, and BLM social media. All comments received during the scoping period will be considered for input into the Supplemental EIS. In order to be included in the Supplemental EIS, all comments must be received prior to the close of the 45-day scoping period or 15 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later. Additional opportunities for public participation will be provided upon publication of a Draft Supplemental EIS. Upon completion of the public review and comment period of the Draft Supplemental EIS, a Final Supplemental EIS will be prepared and subsequently published for public review.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments on issues related to the Supplemental EIS by any of the following methods: Email: [lgreenhalgh@blm.gov](mailto:lgreenhalgh@blm.gov); Fax: 530–224–2172; or Mail: Attn: Susie Greenhalgh, BLM Northern California District Office, 6640 Lockheed Drive, Redding, CA 96002.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Susie Greenhalgh, BLM Northern California District Office, 6640 Lockheed Drive, Redding, CA 96002; phone: 530–224–2142; email: [lgreenhalgh@blm.gov](mailto:lgreenhalgh@blm.gov). Contact Ms. Greenhalgh to have your name added to our mailing list. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf