

achieving refuge purposes and contributing toward the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System, consistent with sound principles of fish and wildlife management, conservation, legal mandates, and Service policies. In addition to outlining broad management direction for conserving wildlife and their habitats, the CCP identifies wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities available to the public, including opportunities for hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, and environmental education and interpretation. We will review and update these CCPs at least every 15 years in accordance with the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321–4370d).

Management of the refuge for the next 15 years will focus on: (1) Changes in the water impoundment system and upland management to create a diversity of wetland types and historic upland plant communities; (2) increased opportunities for all types of wildlife-dependent recreation; and (3) outreach, private lands, and partnership activities that will emphasize natural processes, including native habitat restoration and conservation, to form ecologically functioning connections to and from the Refuge.

Dated: November 23, 2005.

**Robyn Thorson,**

*Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ft. Snelling, Minnesota.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Endangered Species Recovery Permit Applications

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

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of permit applications.

**SUMMARY:** We invite the public to comment on the following application to conduct certain activities with endangered species.

**DATES:** Comments on these permit applications must be received on or before March 15, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Written data or comments should be submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Chief, Endangered Species, Ecological Services, 911 NE. 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232–

4181 (telephone: 503–231–2063; 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 to the address above. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when requesting copies of documents.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following applicants have applied for a scientific research permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (we) solicits review and comment from local, State, and Federal agencies, and the public on the following permit requests.

#### Permit No. TE–115370

*Applicant:* Gage Dayton, Moss Landing, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, and release) the Santa Cruz long-toed salamander (*Ambystoma macrodactylum croceum*) and the California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*) in conjunction with surveys in Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties in California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

#### Permit No. TE–115373

*Applicant:* Darin Busby, San Diego, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and collect and kill) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), the longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), the vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*), the Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus wootoni*), and the San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*), 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–115725

*Applicant:* Ellen Howard, San Diego, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and collect and kill) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), the longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), the vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*), the Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus wootoni*), and the San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of each species in California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

#### Permit No. TE–797999

*Applicant:* Merkel & Associates, Inc., San Diego, California.

The permittee requests an amendment to take (harass by survey, tag, collect tissue, mark by toe-clipping, and release) the desert slender salamander (*Batrachoseps aridus*) and the arroyo southwestern toad (*Bufo microscaphus californicus*), take (harass by survey, capture, handle, collect, release) the unarmored threespine stickleback (*Gasterosteus aculeatus williamsoni*), take (harass by survey, capture, handle, and release) the tidewater goby (*Eucyclogobius newberryi*), take (locate and monitor nests) the least Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*), and take (locate and monitor nests, capture, handle, weigh, band, and release) the California least tern (*Sterna antillarum browni*) and the light-footed clapper rail (*Rallus longirostris levipes*) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of each species in California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

#### Permit No. TE–117075

*Applicant:* Richard Stabler, Santa Rosa, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, and release) the California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*) and the California freshwater shrimp (*Syncaris pacifica*) in conjunction with surveys in Sonoma County, California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

#### Permit No. TE–795934

*Applicant:* Jones and Stokes Associates, Inc., Sacramento, California.

The permittee requests an amendment to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, and release) the California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*) in conjunction with surveys throughout its range in California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

#### Permit No. TE–117947

*Applicant:* Kevin B. Clark, San Diego, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (locate and monitor nests) the least Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*), take (locate and monitor nests, capture, handle, and release) the California least tern (*Sterna antillarum browni*), and the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of each species in California, Arizona, and New Mexico for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. TE-118371

*Applicant:* K2 Environmental LLC, Bend, Oregon.

The applicant requests a permit to take (locate and monitor nests) the least Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. TE-118338

*Applicant:* Jana Johnson, Winnetka, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (captive rear) the Palos Verdes blue butterfly (*Gaucopsyche lygdamus palosverdesensis*) in conjunction with a breeding program in Los Angeles County, California, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. TE-118356

*Applicant:* Olofson Environmental, Inc., Oakland, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey, locate and monitor nests) the California clapper rail (*Rallus longirostris obsoletus*) in conjunction with demographic studies throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. TE-068072

*Applicant:* Philippe Vergne, Ramona, California.

The permittee requests an amendment to take (capture, handle, mark, and release) the Stephens' kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys stephensi*) in conjunction with demographic studies throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

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

Dated: January 19, 2006.

**Michael B. Fris,**

*Acting Manager, California/Nevada Operations Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Notice of Availability for the Renewal of an Expired Section 10(a)(1)(B) Permit for Incidental Take of the Golden-Cheeked Warbler in Travis County, Texas (Hunt)

**SUMMARY:** On July 21, 1999, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) issued a section 10(a)(1)(B) permit, pursuant to section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act (Act), for incidental take of the golden-cheeked warbler (GCW) (*Dendroica chrysoparia*) to James (Jim) Hunt. The permit (TE-010556-0) was for a period of five years and expired on July 21, 2004. The requested permit renewal by Jim Hunt will extend the permit expiration by five years from the date the permit is reissued.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, written comments must be received on or before March 15, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Persons wishing to review the request for extension, former incidental take permit, or other related documents may obtain a copy by written or telephone request to Scott Rowin, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78758, (512/490-0057 ext. 224). Documents will be available for public inspection by written request, or by appointment only, during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) at the Fish and Wildlife Service Austin Office. Comments concerning the request for renewal should be submitted in writing to the Field Supervisor at the above address. Please refer to permit number TE-010556-0 when submitting comments.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Scott Rowin at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Austin Office, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78758 (512/490-0057 ext. 224), or by e-mail, [Scott\\_Rowin@fws.gov](mailto:Scott_Rowin@fws.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 9 of the Act prohibits the "taking" of endangered species such as the GCW. However, the Service, under limited circumstances, may issue permits to take endangered wildlife species incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Regulations governing permits for endangered species are at 50 CFR 17.22. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Act and National Environmental Policy Act regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

*Applicant:* Jim Hunt plans to construct a single family residence (SFR) on his 10-acre lot located adjacent

to City Park Road in Austin, Travis County, Texas. The construction of a SFR on approximately one acre of the 10-acre lot will eliminate less than one acre of GCW habitat and indirectly impact less than four additional acres of habitat. The original permit included, and the Applicant continues to propose to compensate for incidental take of the GCW by providing \$1,500 to the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve, and placing a perpetual conservation easement on the remaining approximately nine acres to the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve. Since this property is located within the acquisition boundaries of the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve, it will add additional acreage to the preserve. The Applicant has agreed to follow all of the existing permit terms and conditions. If renewed, all of the permit terms and conditions will remain the same, and no additional take will be authorized.

**Geoffrey L. Haskett,**

*Acting Regional Director, Region 2, Albuquerque, New Mexico.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Receipt of an Application and Availability of an Environmental Assessment for an Incidental Take Permit for Construction of a School and Adjacent Roads in Volusia County, Florida

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Public Works Department of Volusia County and the Volusia County School Board (Applicants) request incidental take permits (ITP) each with 5-year term, pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The Applicants jointly prepared a single Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) identifying anticipated impacts to the Florida scrub-jay (*Aphelocoma coerulescens*) (scrub-jay) associated with road construction (Public Works Department) and construction of a new high school and its supporting infrastructure (School Board) within sections 10 and 15, Township 18 South, Range 30 East, Volusia County, Florida.

The Applicants' HCP describes the mitigation and minimization measures proposed to address the effects of road and school construction on the Florida scrub-jay. These measures are outlined