

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Health Resources and Services Administration

#### Announcement of Technical Assistance Workshops for Programs Administered by the Division of Disadvantaged Assistance, Bureau of Health Professions

**AGENCY:** Health Resources and Services Administration.

**SUMMARY:** The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) announces that technical assistance workshops will be held for new and renewal applicants for fiscal year (FY) 1999 competitive grant cycle for the Health Careers Opportunity Programs.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Division of Disadvantaged Assistance, Bureau of Health Professions, Health Resources and Services Administration, Parklawn Building, Room 8A-09, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857, (301) 443-2100.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Division of Disadvantaged Assistance will be conducting application preparation technical assistance workshops for new and renewal applicants for the FY 1999 competitive grant cycles for the Health Careers Opportunity Program.

The workshops are scheduled as follows:

Crystal City Marriott, Arlington, VA.  
(800) 288-9290 (Registration Cut off Date September 21, 1998)—October 13-14

Embassy Suites Hotel Atlanta Airport, Atlanta, GA. (401) 767-1988  
(Registration Cut off Date October 5, 1998)—October 19-20

Hyatt Regency O'Hare, Chicago, IL.  
(800) 233-1234 (Registration Cut off Date September 25, 1998)—October 19-20

Hobby Airport Hilton, Houston, TX.  
(713) 645-3000 (Registration Cut off Date September 30, 1998)—October 22-23

Embassy Suites Airport, Los Angeles, CA. (310) 215-1000 (Registration Cut off Date September 25, 1998)—October 22-23

The program will commence at 8:30 a.m. each day. Attendees must make their own hotel reservations. When making reservations, please reference the "Health Careers Opportunity Program Technical Assistance Workshop." Expenses incurred by attendees will not be supported by the Federal Government.

Participation in the technical assistance meetings does not assure approval and funding of applications submitted for competitive review.

Dated: September 10, 1998.

**Jane M. Harrison,**

*Director, Division of Policy Review and Coordination.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Endangered Species Permit Applications

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

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

**SUMMARY:** 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 of 1973, as amended (16 USC 1531 *et seq.*).

Permit No. 844857

*Applicant:* R.B. Riggan and Associates, Lisa Seneca, San Diego, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey) the Delhi Sands flower-loving fly (*Rhaphiomides terminatus abdominalis*) in conjunction with surveys in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, California, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. 780195-4

*Applicant:* R.B. Riggan and Associates, Royce B. Riggan, Jr., San Diego, California.

The applicant requests a amendment to his permit to take (harass by survey) the Delhi Sands flower-loving fly (*Rhaphiomides terminatus abdominalis*) in conjunction with surveys in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, California, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. 002243-4

*Applicant:* Bighorn Institute, Palm Desert, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture, collect biological samples, and harass by radio-collaring) the Peninsular bighorn sheep (*Ovis canadensis cremnobates*) in conjunction with life history, captive propagation and population augmentation, and ecological research in Riverside and San Diego Counties, California, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. 827494

*Applicant:* Rick Riefner, Tustin, California.

The applicant requests an amendment to his permit to take (collect) the Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus wootoni*) in conjunction with the collection of vernal pool algae in Riverside County, California, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

**DATES:** Written comments on these permit applications must be received on or before October 16, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Written data or comments should be submitted to the Chief, Division of Consultation and Conservation Planning, Ecological Services, Fish and Wildlife Service, 911 N.E. 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.

Dated: September 9, 1998.

**Thomas J. Dwyer,**

*Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Consideration of Alternative Methods of Funding National Fish and Wildlife Conservation Projects Through the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration and Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Programs

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Service is inviting comments from the public on different methods of funding important fish and wildlife conservation projects through the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration and Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration programs to replace the existing procedures. Existing grants,

projects approved for funding in Fiscal Year 1998, and projects presently being considered for funding in Fiscal Year 1999 will not be affected by this notice.

**DATES:** Comments due November 16, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Federal Aid, MS 140 ARLSQ, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia, 22203.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Tom Taylor, Division of Federal Aid, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; (703) 358-2156.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**What Are These Grants?**

The Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration and Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Acts authorize the Service to use up to 8 percent of the receipts accruing to the Wildlife Restoration fund and up to 6 percent of the Sport Fish Restoration fund for administering the programs. The remaining funds are apportioned to State fish and wildlife agencies for fish and wildlife restoration and management projects. Some of the money deducted for administration has been used at the Service's discretion for grants to fund important national fish and wildlife projects within the scope of the Acts that provide collective benefits for a majority of the States. This year \$2 million is available for fisheries projects and \$2 million is available for wildlife projects.

**Why Are You Considering Alternatives?**

The Service believes the present program needs to be eliminated or improved because it is too time consuming and inefficient to administer given the size of the program compared to the larger and more important statutory State grant program. This State grant program provides over \$425 million each year for fish and wildlife restoration and management projects and needs more attention to policy development and coordination. In addition, different expectations and competition among applicants detract from harmonious partnerships among the Service, the States, and National conservation organizations.

**Who May Apply for These Grants?**

States, local governments, and charitable and educational institutions are eligible to apply for grants. Federal agencies may not receive grants, but may receive funding by transfers of funds through cooperative agreements.

**How Can I Apply for a Grant?**

Annually, we publish a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing

procedures for submitting project proposals, deadlines, and the amount of money available for Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration projects. The last procedures were published on April 10, 1998. Copies of the procedures are available from the Service at the address shown on this notice.

**How Were Administrative Grants Managed in the Past?**

We have followed procedures outlined below:

a. The Grants-in-Aid Committee (GIAC) of the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (IAFWA) provided us with a list of focus areas. The IAFWA is a national nonprofit organization representing the State fish and wildlife agencies who are the statutory recipients of the programs. Focus areas are types of priority projects on which States want to use grant funds.

b. We publish the procedures for applying for grants, eligibility criteria, focus areas, and due dates in the **Federal Register** about April.

c. Applicants must send an application to us by the due date which is usually in May or June.

d. We review all project proposals to determine if they are eligible for funding. Proposals that do not meet the standards published in the announcement are judged ineligible. Proposals that do meet the criteria are sent to the State members of the GIAC for ranking. We send letters to each applicant informing them whether their proposal was found eligible or ineligible.

e. The State members of the GIAC rate each proposal as high, medium, low, or do not fund. Their rankings are sent to us for compilation by the end of August.

f. We convert the rankings to a numerical score 0 to 3, calculate the average score for each proposal, and list the proposals in descending order of their averages.

g. The International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, based on recommendations of the GIAC, recommends to us the projects that best address State needs and that should be funded.

h. The Service Director reviews the recommendations of the IAFWA and makes a final decision on which grants to fund.

i. We negotiate final terms of the grant agreement and award the grant to the successful applicants.

**What Alternatives to the Present Process Are You Considering?**

**Alternative 1. No Program**

a. There will be no national administrative grants program.

b. Funds traditionally available for this purpose (\$2 million each for Sport Fish Restoration and the Wildlife Restoration Programs for Fiscal Years 1999) will be apportioned to the States.

c. States may cooperate among themselves on a regional or national level to fund projects of common interest using funds apportioned to individual State.

**Alternative 2. Enhanced Existing Program With Federal Register Notice**

a. IAFWA technical committees will identify specific national fish and wildlife conservation needs with all committee members having voting privileges.

b. National conservation needs developed by the IAFWA technical committees will be reviewed and prioritized by the GIAC and recommended to the IAFWA business meeting for approval.

c. The approved list of needs will then be forwarded to the Service Division of Federal Aid that will publish a **Federal Register** notice soliciting proposals to address specific national fish and wildlife conservation needs.

d. Proposals received by the Service will be forwarded to the IAFWA that will distribute them to the appropriate technical committees (again, all committee members having voting privileges) for review of eligibility and the selection of projects to be forwarded to the GIAC for ranking.

e. State members of the GIAC will rank all proposals, select those recommended for funding, and forward their recommendations to the IAFWA business meeting for approval.

f. Proposals approved by the IAFWA will be submitted to the Service Director for final approval.

g. The Service Division of Federal Aid, will award and administer grants and cooperative agreements for approved projects.

**Alternative 3. Enhance Existing Program Without Federal Notice**

a. IAFWA technical committees will identify specific national fish and wildlife conservation needs with all Committee members having voting privileges. We will advance funds to the IAFWA to cover costs of administration for this and other steps of the process.

b. National fish and wildlife conservation needs developed by the IAFWA technical committees will be reviewed and prioritized by GIAC and recommended to the IAFWA business meeting for approval.

c. The IAFWA will then directly solicit proposals addressing the

approved list of needs. Proposals received will be forwarded by the IAFWA to the appropriate technical committees (again, all committee members having voting privileges) for review of eligibility and the selection of projects to be returned to the GIAC for ranking.

d. State members of the GIAC will rank all proposals, select those recommended for funding, and forward their recommendations to the IAFWA business meeting for approval.

e. Proposals approved by the IAFWA will be submitted to the Service Director for final approval.

f. The Service Division of Federal Aid, will award and administer grants and cooperative agreements for approved projects.

#### **Alternative 4. Comprehensive Project Grant**

a. IAFWA technical committees will identify specific national fish and wildlife conservation needs with all committee members having voting privileges.

b. National conservation needs developed by the IAFWA technical committees will be reviewed and prioritized by the GIAC and recommended to the IAFWA business meeting for approval.

c. The IAFWA will then directly solicit proposals addressing the approved list of needs.

d. Proposals received will be forwarded by the IAFWA to the appropriate IAFWA technical committees (again, all committee members having voting privileges) for review of eligibility and the selection of projects to be returned to the GIAC for ranking.

e. State members of the GIAC will rank all proposals, select those recommended for funding, and forward their recommendations to the IAFWA business meeting for approval.

f. The IAFWA will submit to the Service a single annual grant proposal that identifies the approved specific projects to be funded for both the Sport Fish Restoration and the Wildlife Restoration Programs.

g. Upon Service approval of the grant proposals, the IAFWA will administer funding for approved projects. The Service will advance funds to the GIAC to implement the grant proposal and cover costs of administration.

h. IAFWA will submit to the Service performance reports and financial status reports detailing expenditures associated with the individual projects funded by the comprehensive grants.

#### **Alternative 5. Comprehensive Grant To Fund National Fish and Wildlife Needs**

a. IAFWA technical committees will identify specific national fish and wildlife conservation needs with all committee members having voting privileges.

b. National fish and wildlife conservation needs developed by the IAFWA technical committees will be reviewed and prioritized by the GIAC and recommended to the IAFWA business meeting for approval.

c. The IAFWA will submit to the Service a single annual grant proposal that lists specific national fish and wildlife conservation needs for both the Sport Fish Restoration and Wildlife Restoration Programs.

d. Upon Service approval of the grant proposal, the IAFWA will directly solicit proposals to address the national fish and wildlife conservation needs identified in the grant.

e. Funds will be advanced to the IAFWA to implement the grant proposal and cover costs of administration.

f. IAFWA will submit to the Service performance reports and financial status reports detailing expenditures associated with the comprehensive grant.

#### **Will You Consider Other Alternatives and Ideas?**

Yes, we are interested in any thoughts or suggestions you have on improving the existing process.

Dated: September 10, 1998.

**Jamie Rappaport Clark,**

*Director.*

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

##### **Bureau of Land Management**

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#### **Notice for Publication, AA-9238, AA-9244, AA-9247, AA-9250, and AA-10422; Alaska Native Claims Selection**

In accordance with Departmental regulations 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that decisions to issue conveyance under the provisions of Sec. 14(h)(1) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of December 18, 1971, (ANCSA), 43 U.S.C. 1601, 1613(h)(1), will be issued to the Calista Corporation for five sites aggregating approximately 56 acres. The lands involved are in the vicinity of Nunivak Island, Alaska, as follows:

**Seward Meridian, Alaska**

T. 1 N., R. 99 W.

T. 3 S., R. 95 W.  
T. 1 S., R. 95 W.  
T. 1 S., R. 100 W.  
T. 2 S., R. 95 W.

A notice of the decisions will be published once a week, for four (4) consecutive weeks, in the *Anchorage Daily News*. Copies of the decisions may be obtained by contacting the Alaska State Office of the Bureau of Land Management, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599 ((907) 271-5960).

Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decisions, shall have until October 16, 1998 to file an appeal. However, parties receiving service by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal. Appeals must be filed in the Bureau of Land Management at the address identified above, where the requirements for filing an appeal may be obtained. Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements in 43 CFR part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

**Sherri D. Belenski,**

*Land Law Examiner, ANCSA Team, Branch of 962 Adjudication.*

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#### **INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION**

**[Inv. No. 337-TA-411]**

#### **Certain Organic Photoconductor Drums and Products Containing Same; Notice of Commission Determination Not To Review Two Initial Determinations Terminating the Investigation as to Four Respondents on the Basis That Complainant Has Withdrawn Its Allegations of Infringement Against Those Respondents**

**AGENCY:** U.S. International Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has determined not to review the presiding administrative law judge's (ALJ's) initial determinations (IDs) (Orders Nos. 6 and 7) in the above-captioned investigation terminating the investigation as to four respondents on the basis of a withdrawal of the allegations made in the complaint against the subject respondents.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jean Jackson, Esq., Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade