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Certification (Part 1) .....	½ hour	56 forms	28 hours
Summary (Part 2) .....	½ hour	56 forms	28 hours
Totals .....	.....	112 forms	56 hours

We again invite comments on: (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of collection of information on respondents, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: September 9, 2003.

Anissa Craghead,

Information Collection Officer.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Receipt of Applications for Endangered Species Permits

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

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of applications for permits.

**SUMMARY:** The public is invited to comment on following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species. We provide this notice pursuant to section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

**DATES:** We must receive written data or comments on these applications at the address given below, by October 15, 2003.

**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 following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta,

Georgia 30345 (*Attn:* Victoria Davis, Permit Biologist).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Victoria Davis, telephone 404/679-4176; facsimile 404/679-7081.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The public is invited to comment on the following applications for permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species. If you wish to comment, you may submit comments by any one of several methods. You may mail comments to the Service's Regional Office (see **ADDRESSES** section) or via electronic mail (e-mail) to *victoria.davis@fws.gov*. Please submit electronic comments as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Please also include your name and return address in your e-mail message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the Service that we have received your e-mail message, contact us directly at the telephone number listed above (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section). Finally, you may hand deliver comments to the Service office listed above (see **ADDRESSES** section).

Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the administrative record. We will honor such requests to the extent allowable by law. There may also be other circumstances in which we would withhold from the administrative record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

*Applicant:* Anthony Joseph Savereno, Sabine & Water, Inc., Summerville, South Carolina, TE070880-0.

The applicant requests authorization to take (capture, band, release, monitor nests, and install and drill artificial cavity inserts) red-cockaded

woodpeckers (*Picoides borealis*) for the purposes of monitoring and managing populations and nest cavities. The proposed activities would take place in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Alabama, Louisiana, Tennessee, Kentucky, Arkansas, Texas, Virginia, and Mississippi.

*Applicant:* Griggs & Maloney, Inc., Steven Davis Maloney, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, TE074624-0

The applicant requests authorization to take (capture, relocate, and release) Nashville crayfishes (*Orconectes shoupi*) while conducting presence and absence surveys around an unnamed tributary to Owl Creek and to relocate the Nashville crayfish from the area immediately around the crossing to areas of suitable habitat within the same tributary. The proposed activities would take place in Williamson County, Tennessee on an unnamed tributary to Owl Creek (tributary to Mill Creek).

*Applicant:* U.S. Geological Survey, Wiley M. Kitchens, Gainesville, Florida, TE069236-0

The applicant requests authorization to take (survey, capture, band, radio-tag, release, recapture, exam, measure, take feather samples, monitor nests) the Everglade snail kite (*Rostrhamus sociabilis plumbeus*) while collecting information on the demography and movement of the species. The surveys would be performed throughout several wetlands in central and south Florida, including Lake Kissimmee, East and West Lake Tohopekaliga, Lake Okeechobee, Blue Cypress Marshes of the upper Saint Johns, West Palm Beach Water Catchment area (Grassy Water Preserve), ARM Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge, Water Conservation Areas 2A, 2B, 3A, and 3B, Big Cypress National Preserve, and the Everglades National Park, including Shark Valley and North East Shark River Slough, Florida.

*Applicant:* United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, Science and Ecosystem Support Division, Athens, Georgia, TE075931-0.

The applicant requests authorization to take (capture, photograph, release) all federally listed freshwater fishes, mollusks, crustaceans, insects, amphibians, mammals, birds, and

reptiles, identified in 50 CFR 17.11 in the States of Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, and Mississippi. Take may occur while sampling for aquatic bio-assessment for (1)(a) EPA Regional Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Program (R-EMAP) projects, (b) Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 303(d) listing and de-listing of impaired waters, (c) development of CWA Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs), and for (2)(a) EPA human risk assessments and (b) Superfund human health and ecological risk assessments.

*Applicant:* United States Air Force, Julie A. Hovis, Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina, TE075925-0

The applicant requests authorization to take (capture, band, release, track, translocate, blood sample, monitor nests and roost cavities, and construct, install and maintain artificial nest cavities) red-cockaded woodpeckers (*Picoides borealis*) while conducting presence and absence surveys and population monitoring and management. The take activities would occur at Poinsett Electronic Combat Range and Manchester State Forest in Sumter County, South Carolina.

*Applicant:* Timothy W. Savidge, North Carolina Heritage Program, Stephen P. Hall, Raleigh, North Carolina, TE075923-0

The applicant requests authorization to take (survey, capture, release, and retain relic shells) James spiny mussel (*Pleurobema collina*), dwarf-wedge mussel (*Alasmodonta heterodon*) tar spiny mussel (*Elliptio steinstansanna*), and Carolina heelsplitter (*Lasmigona decorata*). Take may occur while conducting presence/absence surveys. The proposed activities would take place in North Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, and Florida.

*Applicant:* HMB Professional Engineers, Inc., Jim H. Smith, Frankfort, Kentucky, TE075918-0

The applicant requests authorization to take (survey, capture, band, radio tag, photograph, release, and track) gray bat (*Myotis grisescens*) and Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*), and take (survey, capture, identify, photograph, collect relic shells, and release) the Cumberland elktoe (*Alasmodonta atropurpurea*). Take may occur while conducting presence and absence surveys for highway improvement and new roadway projects in the state of Tennessee.

*Applicant:* Julie L. Lockwood, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, TE075916

The applicant requests authorization to take (survey, capture, band, collect blood samples, monitor nest, and

release) the Cape Sable seaside sparrow (*Ammodramus maritimus mirabilis*). The take activities may take place while studying the effects of fire on the Cape Sable seaside sparrow demography. The proposed activities would occur within the Everglades National Park, Monroe County, Florida.

*Applicant:* Virginia Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Unit, Richard J. Neves, Blacksburg, Virginia, TE075915-0

The applicant requests authorization to take (survey, capture, collect up to 30 tissue samples, tag, and release) the James spiny mussel (*Pleurobema cillina*) and the tar spiny mussel (*Elliptio steinstansana*). The proposed take may occur while conducting genetic analyses and habitat surveys, and while studying the life history and the feasibility of culturing it in recirculating aquaculture systems with different substrata. The proposed activities would occur in Stokes and Rockingham counties, Dan and Mayo rivers, Dan River subbasin of the Roanoke River basin, North Carolina for the tar spiny mussel. The proposed activities for the James spiny mussel will occur in Patrick and Henry Counties, South Fork Mayo River, Virginia.

*Applicant:* Thomas S. Risch, Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, Arkansas, TE075912-0

The applicant requests authorization to take (survey, capture, mark, band, radio-tag, track, recapture, and release) the Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*) while conducting presence and absence surveys of caves and abandoned mines. The proposed activities would take place at Rosson Hollow, Ozark National Forest, Franklin, Arkansas.

*Applicant:* Thomas S. Risch, Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, Arkansas, TE075913-0

The applicant requests authorization to take (survey, capture, mark, band, radio-tag, track, recapture, and release) the Ozark big-ear bat (*Corynorhinus townsendii ingens*), gray bat (*Myotis grisescens*), and Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*) while conducting presence and absence surveys of caves and abandoned mines in Marion, Searcy, Baxter, and Newton Counties, Buffalo National River, Arkansas.

*Applicant:* Steven Ray Shattler, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Venus, Florida, TE076499-0

The applicant requests authorization to take (capture, band, release, monitor nests, install and drill artificial cavity inserts, and install snake exclusion devices) red-cockaded woodpeckers (*Picoides borealis*) while conducting presence and absence surveys and management activities. The proposed activities would take place in Highlands

and Glades Counties, on the Platt Branch Mitigation Park and the Lykes Brothers Inc. Ranch, Florida.

*Applicant:* Roel R. Lopez, Texas A & M University, College Station, Texas, TE076447-0

The applicant requests authorization to take (trap, mark, tag, examine, recapture, release) Key Largo woodrats (*Neotoma foidana smalli*) and Key Largo cotton mice (*Peromyscus gossypinus allapaticola*) while conducting mark-recapture surveys for the Key Largo woodrat. The population estimates would be used for recovery purposes. The proposed activities would take place at the Crocodile Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Key Largo, Monroe County, Florida.

Dated: September 4, 2003.

**Sam D. Hamilton,**

*Regional Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Issuance of Permits

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

**ACTION:** Notice of decision and availability of decision documents.

**SUMMARY:** Between November 23, 2002, and July 17, 2003, the Pacific Region of the Fish and Wildlife Service (we, the Service) issued nine permits in response to applications for incidental take of threatened and endangered species, pursuant to sections 10(a)(1)(B) and 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). Copies of the permits and associated decision documents are available upon request.

**ADDRESSES:** Documents are available from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 911 NE. 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232; facsimile (503) 231-6243. Charges for copying, shipping and handling may apply.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you would like copies of any of the above documents, please contact Shelly McKeever, Administrative Assistant, at telephone (503) 231-6241.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 9 of the Act and Federal regulations prohibit the take of wildlife species listed as endangered or threatened. The term "take" means to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect listed wildlife, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct. The Service may, under limited