

MMS 2007–018) (Multisale EIS), completed in April 2007. This Final Supplemental EIS also updated the environmental and socioeconomic analyses for WPA Lease Sale 218 in the GOM OCS Oil and Gas Lease Sales: 2009–2012; CPA Sales 208, 213, 216, and 222; WPA Sales 210, 215, and 218; Final Supplemental EIS (OCS EIS/EA MMS 2008–041) (2009–2012 Supplemental EIS), completed in September 2008.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** BOEMRE developed the Final Supplemental EIS for WPA Lease Sale 218 in order to consider new circumstances and information arising from, among other things, the *Deepwater Horizon* event and spill. This Final Supplemental EIS provides updates on the baseline conditions and potential environmental effects of oil and natural gas leasing, exploration, development, and production in the WPA. BOEMRE conducted an extensive search for new information made available since completion of the Multisale EIS and the 2009–2012 Supplemental EIS and in consideration of the *Deepwater Horizon* event, including scientific journals; interviews with personnel from academic institutions and Federal, State, and local agencies; and available scientific data and information from academic institutions and Federal, State, and local agencies. BOEMRE has reexamined potential impacts of routine activities and accidental events, including a possible large-scale event, associated with the proposed WPA lease sale and the proposed lease sale's incremental contribution to the cumulative impacts on environmental and socioeconomic resources. Like the Multisale EIS and the 2009–2012 Supplemental EIS, the oil and gas resource estimates and scenario information for this Final Supplemental EIS are presented as ranges that would likely be involved as a result of this proposed lease sale.

**Final Supplemental EIS Availability:** To obtain a single printed or CD-ROM copy of the Final Supplemental EIS for WPA Lease Sale 218, you may contact the BOEMRE, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, Public Information Office (MS 5034), 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, Room 250, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123–2394 (1–800–200–GULF). An electronic copy of the Final Supplemental EIS (as well as links to the Multisale EIS and the 2009–2012 Supplemental EIS) is available at BOEMRE's Internet Web site at <http://www.gomr.boemre.gov/homepg/regulate/enviro/nepa/nepaprocess.html>. The CD-ROM

version of the Final Supplemental EIS also contains copies of the Multisale EIS and the 2009–2012 Supplemental EIS. Several libraries along the Gulf Coast have been sent copies of the Final Supplemental EIS. To find out which libraries, and their locations, have copies of the Final Supplemental EIS for review, you may contact BOEMRE's Public Information Office or visit BOEMRE's Internet Web site at <http://www.gomr.boemre.gov/homepg/regulate/enviro/libraries.html>.

**Comments:** Federal, State, and local government agencies and other interested parties are requested to send their written comments on the Final Supplemental EIS in one of the following two ways:

1. In written form enclosed in an envelope labeled "Comments on the WPA Lease Sale 218 Final Supplemental EIS" and mailed (or hand carried) to Gary D. Goeke, Chief, Environmental Assessment Section, Leasing and Environment (MS 5410), Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123–2394.

2. Electronically to the BOEMRE e-mail address: [WPASupplementalEIS@boemre.gov](mailto:WPASupplementalEIS@boemre.gov). Comments should be submitted no later than 30 days from the publication of this NOA.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For more information on the Final Supplemental EIS, you may contact Mr. Gary D. Goeke, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard (MS 5410), New Orleans, Louisiana 70123–2394, or by e-mail at [WPASupplementalEIS@boemre.gov](mailto:WPASupplementalEIS@boemre.gov). You may also contact Mr. Goeke by telephone at (504) 736–3233.

Dated: July 18, 2011.

**Robert P. LaBelle,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

**[FWS–R3–ES–2011–N160; 30120–1113–0000–F6]**

### Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Permit Applications

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of permit applications; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (Act) prohibits activities with endangered and threatened species unless a Federal permit allows such activity. The Act requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

**DATES:** We must receive any written comments on or before September 12, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments by U.S. mail to the Regional Director, Attn: Lisa Mandell, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, 5600 American Blvd. West, Suite 990, Bloomington, MN 55437–1458; or by electronic mail to [permitsR3ES@fws.gov](mailto:permitsR3ES@fws.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lisa Mandell, (612) 713–5343.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

We invite public comment on the following permit applications for certain activities with endangered species authorized by section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and our regulations governing the taking of endangered species in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17. Submit your written data, comments, or request for a copy of the complete application to the address shown in **ADDRESSES**.

#### Permit Applications

**Permit Application Number:** TE48832A.

**Applicant:** Kevin J. Roe, Iowa State University, Ames, IA.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and release; non-destructive sampling) scaleshell mussel (*Leptodea leptodon*) and pink mucket (*Lampsilis abrupta*) in Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Missouri, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and West Virginia. Proposed activities are for the enhancement of survival of the species in the wild through scientific study.

**Permit Application Number:** TE182436.

**Applicant:** Illinois Natural History Survey, Champaign, IL.

The applicant requests an amendment to permit number TE182436 to take (capture and release; capture and kill) Indiana bats (*Myotis sodalis*) throughout the State of Illinois. Proposed activities are to monitor and evaluate the

population to enhance the recovery and survival of the species in the wild. Proposed lethal take activities are associated with scientific research of white-nose syndrome in the Indiana bat and its habitats.

**Permit Application Number:** TE48833A.

**Applicant:** Dr. Brian Carver, Tennessee Tech University, Cookeville, TN.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and release) Indiana bats and gray bats (*Myotis grisescens*) in the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia. Proposed activities are aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

**Permit Application Number:** TE38856A.

**Applicant:** Applicant: Skelly and Loy, Inc., Harrisburg, PA.

The applicant requests a permit amendment to add the gray bat to the list of covered species on their Federal permit. Proposed take (capture and release) may occur throughout the range of the species within Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee, Connecticut, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Virginia, and West Virginia. The proposed activities are for the enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

**Permit Application Number:** TE212427.

**Applicant:** Ecology and Environment, Inc., Lancaster, NY.

The applicant requests a permit amendment to add the Virginia Big-Eared Bat (*Corynorhinus townsendii virginianus*) to the list of species covered under their permit. Proposed activities include surveys, population monitoring, and habitat evaluation for enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

**Permit Application Number:** TE48835A.

**Applicant:** Applied Science & Technology, Inc., Brighton, MI.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and release) Northern riffleshell mussel (*Epioblasma torulosa rangiana*) within the State of Michigan. Proposed activities are for the enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

**Permit Application Number:** TE206781.

**Applicant:** Ecological Specialists, Inc., O'Fallon, MO.

The applicant requests an amendment to permit number TE206781 to add the following mussel species to the permit: Ouachita rock pocketbook (*Arkansia wheeleri*), Speckled pocketbook (*Lampsilis streckeri*), Dwarf wedgemussel (*Alasmodonta heterodon*), rough pigtoe (*Pleurobema plenum*), and ring pink (*Obovaria retusa*). Proposed activities are for the enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

**Permit Application Number:** TE35503A.

**Applicants:** Department of Natural Resources/Department of Conservation, States of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin.

In anticipation of the spread of white-nose syndrome and the possible issuance of permits under section 10(a)(1)(A), we announce the intention to issue such permits, including the possible use of lethal taking to address public health concerns and scientific research aimed at recovery of the species. These permits will address take of Indiana bats and gray bats in the Midwest for these purposes.

#### Public Comments

We seek public review and comments on these permit applications. Please refer to the permit number when you submit comments. Comments and materials we receive are available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

#### National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

In compliance with NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), we have made an initial determination that the proposed activities in these permits are categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement (516 DM 6 Appendix 1, 1.4C(1)).

Dated: August 5, 2011.

**Sean Marsan,**

*Acting Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Region 3.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

**[FWS-R1-R-2011-N121; 1265-0000-10137-S3]**

### Willapa National Wildlife Refuge, Pacific County, WA; Final Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Impact Statement

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce the availability of the final comprehensive conservation plan and environmental impact statement (Final CCP/EIS) for the Willapa National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge). In this final CCP/EIS, we describe how we propose to manage this Refuge for the next 15 years.

**DATES:** We will sign a record of decision no sooner than 30 days after publication of this notice.

**ADDRESSES:** You may view or request a printed or CD-ROM copy of the Final CCP/EIS by any of the following methods.

*Agency Web Site:* Download a copy of the Final CCP/EIS at <http://www.fws.gov/willapa>.

*E-mail:*

[FW1PlanningComments@fws.gov](mailto:FW1PlanningComments@fws.gov).

Include "Willapa NWR Final CCP/EIS" in the subject line of the message.

*Mail:* Charlie Stenvall, Project Leader, Willapa National Wildlife Refuge Complex, 3888 SR 101, Ilwaco, WA 98624.

*In Person Viewing:* Willapa National Wildlife Refuge Complex, 3888 SR 101, Ilwaco, WA 98624.

*Local Libraries:* The Final CCP/EIS is available for review at the libraries listed under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Charlie Stenvall, Project Leader, (360) 484-3482 (phone).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Introduction

With this notice, we announce the availability of the Refuge's Final CCP/EIS. We started this process through a notice in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 19238; April 9, 2008). We announced