

### *Why did the Coast Guard conduct this PARS?*

The Coast Guard conducted the NNYBPARS to evaluate the adequacy of existing vessel routing measures and determine whether additional vessel routing measures are necessary for port approaches to New York and New Jersey and international and domestic transit areas in the First District area of responsibility. The NNYBPARS considered whether existing or additional routing measures were necessary to improve navigation safety due to factors such as planned or potential offshore development, current port capabilities and planned improvements, increased vessel traffic, existing and potential anchorage areas, changing vessel traffic patterns, effects of weather, or navigational difficulty. Vessel routing measures, which include traffic separation schemes, two-way routes, recommended tracks, deep-water routes, precautionary areas, and areas to be avoided, are implemented to reduce the risk of marine casualties.

PARS are conducted anytime the Coast Guard considers a need to recommend routing changes, within the territorial seas, for any port. The Ports and Waterways Safety Act (PWSA) requires the Coast Guard to conduct a study before establishing new or adjusting existing fairways or Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS). U.S. waterways support multiple uses, such as commercial shipping, tug and barge operations, commercial and recreational fishing, research vessels, offshore support vessels, military vessels, and aquaculture apparatus.

### *How did the First Coast Guard District conduct this PARS?*

The PARS was conducted in alignment with guidance outlined in Coast Guard Commandant Instruction 16003.2B, Marine Planning to Operate and Maintain the Marine Transportation System (MTS) and Implement National Policy which is available in the docket or see [https://media.defense.gov/2017/Mar/15/2001716995/-1/-1/0/CI\\_16003\\_2A.PDF](https://media.defense.gov/2017/Mar/15/2001716995/-1/-1/0/CI_16003_2A.PDF).

### *What were the objectives of the study?*

The objectives of the study were to;

- i. Determine present traffic density;
- ii. Determine potential traffic density;
- iii. Determine if existing vessel routing measures are adequate;
- iv. Determine if existing vessel routing measures require modifications;
- v. Determine the type of modifications;
- vi. Define and justify the needs for new vessel routing measures;

vii. Determine the type of new vessel routing measures; and

viii. Determine if the usage of the vessel routing measures must be mandatory for specific classes of vessels.

### III. Viewing the Report

The NNYBPARS report is available for viewing and download from the **Federal Register** docket at <http://www.regulations.gov> or the Coast Guard Navigation Center website at <https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=PARSReports>.

To view the NNYBPARS report in the docket, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, and insert "USCG-2020-0278" in the "search box." Click "Search". Then scroll down to the document entitled "FINAL REPORT Northern New York Bight PARS December 27, 2021" under the document type "Supporting & Related Material."

### IV. Conclusion

As required by the March 15, 2019 **Federal Register** Notice of study; request for comments (84 FR 9541), the First Coast Guard District considered whether it should revise existing regulations to improve navigation safety in NNYB due to factors such as vessel traffic density, vessel traffic patterns, weather conditions, or navigation challenges in the study area. The First Coast Guard District analyzed all available sources of data relevant to this process, including existing and potential traffic patterns, existing regulations, public submissions, and other factors. The First Coast Guard District identified five different alternatives to consider within this study.

As detailed in the final report, the First Coast Guard District recommends that multiple shipping safety fairways and one federal anchorage ground be established within the NNYBPARS study area. Shipping safety fairways may be utilized by mariners but are not mandatory for any specific class of vessel.

The First Coast Guard District actively monitors all waterways subject to its jurisdiction to help ensure navigation safety. As such, the First Coast Guard District will continue to monitor the Northern New York Bight for changing conditions and consider appropriate actions, such as recommend vessel routes or more extensive use of electronic Aids to Navigation to promote waterway and user safety.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

**[FWS-R2-ES-2021-N216;  
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### Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Recovery Permit Applications

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

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

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following applications for a permit to conduct activities intended to recover and enhance endangered species survival. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA), prohibits certain activities that may impact endangered species unless a Federal permit allows such activity. The ESA also requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, please submit your written comments by February 2, 2022.

#### ADDRESSES:

*Document availability:* Request documents by phone or email: Beth Forbus, 505-248-6681, [beth\\_forbus@fws.gov](mailto:beth_forbus@fws.gov).

*Comment submission:* Submit comments by email to [fw2\\_te\\_permits@fws.gov](mailto:fw2_te_permits@fws.gov). Please specify the permit you are interested in by number (e.g., Application No. CS1234567).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Beth Forbus, Supervisor, Classification and Restoration Division, 505-248-6681. Individuals who are hearing or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 for TTY assistance.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) prohibits activities that constitute take of listed species unless a Federal permit is issued that allows such activity. The ESA's definition of "take" includes hunting, shooting, harming, wounding, or killing, but also

such activities as pursuing, harassing, trapping, capturing, or collecting.

The ESA and our implementing regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at title 50, part 17, provide for issuing such permits and require that we invite public comment before issuing permits for activities involving endangered species.

A recovery permit we issue under the ESA, section 10(a)(1)(A), authorizes the permittee to conduct activities with endangered or threatened species for scientific purposes that promote recovery or enhance the species' propagation or survival. These activities often include such prohibited actions as

capture and collection. Our regulations implementing section 10(a)(1)(A) for these permits are found at 50 CFR 17.22 for endangered wildlife species, 50 CFR 17.32 for threatened wildlife species, 50 CFR 17.62 for endangered plant species, and 50 CFR 17.72 for threatened plant species.

#### Permit Applications Available for Review and Comment

Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review by any party who submits a request as specified in **ADDRESSES**. Releasing documents is subject to Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a)

and Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) requirements.

Proposed activities in the following permit requests are for the recovery and enhancement of propagation or survival of the species in the wild. We invite local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies and the public to submit written data, views, or arguments with respect to these applications. The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are those supported by quantitative information or studies. Please refer to the application number when submitting comments.

| Application No.   | Applicant   | Species   | Location                              | Activity   | Type of take           | Permit action |
|-------------------|---|---|---------------------------------------|--|------------------------|---------------|
| CS0080862 .....   | Harpo Faust, Saff Killingsworth; Tucson, Arizona.   | Acuña cactus ( <i>Echinomastus erectocentrus</i> var. <i>acuinensis</i> ).  | Arizona .....                         | Survey/monitor, collect ....                               | Harm, kill .....       | New.          |
| TE037155 .....    | Bio-West, Inc.; Round Rock, Texas.  | Barton Springs salamander ( <i>Eurycea sosorum</i> ), Austin blind salamander ( <i>Eurycea waterlooensis</i> ), Ouachita rock pocketbook ( <i>Arcidens wheeleri</i> ), winged mapleleaf ( <i>Quadrula fragosa</i> ), Neosho mucket ( <i>Lampsilis rafinesqueana</i> ), Neosho madtom ( <i>Noturus placidus</i> ).   | Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Texas. | Survey/monitor, capture, handle, collect, release.         | Harass, harm, kill.    | Amend.        |
| TE67491A .....    | Permits West, Inc., Santa Fe, New Mexico.   | Southwestern willow flycatcher ( <i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i> ), yellow-billed cuckoo ( <i>Coccyzus americanus</i> ).  | Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Utah.  | Survey/monitor .....                                       | Harass, harm .....     | Renew, amend. |
| CS0082113 .....   | U.S. Geological Survey, New Mexico Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, Las Cruces, New Mexico. | Gila chub ( <i>Gila intermedia</i> ), Gila topminnow ( <i>Poeciliopsis occidentalis occidentalis</i> ), spikedace ( <i>Meda fulgida</i> ), desert pupfish ( <i>Cyprinodon macularius</i> ).   | Arizona, New Mexico .....             | Survey, capture, handle ..                                 | Harass, harm, kill.    | New.          |
| TE006655 .....    | Logan Simpson Design, Inc., Tempe, Arizona.   | Black-footed ferret ( <i>Mustela nigripes</i> ), southwestern willow flycatcher ( <i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i> ), Yuma clapper rail ( <i>Rallus longirostris yumanensis</i> ), Gila topminnow ( <i>Poeciliopsis occidentalis</i> ), razorback sucker ( <i>Xyrauchen texanus</i> ).   | Arizona, New Mexico, Utah.            | Survey/monitor .....                                       | Harass, harm .....     | Renew, amend. |
| TE25781D .....    | Atkins International Inc., Austin, Texas.   | Golden-cheeked warbler ( <i>Dendroica chrysoparia</i> ).  | Texas .....                           | Presence/absence surveys, habitat assessment.              | Harass, harm .....     | Renew, amend. |
| CS0082163 .....   | Edwards Aquifer Recovery Implementation Program, San Antonio, Texas.                                    | Fountain darter ( <i>Etheostoma fonticola</i> ), Texas blind salamander ( <i>Eurycea rathbuni</i> ).  | Texas .....                           | Capture, display for educational purposes.                 | Harass, harm, capture. | New.          |
| TE91694B .....    | Cramer, Steven; San Antonio, Texas.   | Houston toad ( <i>Bufo houstonensis</i> ), Texas prairie dawn ( <i>Hymenoxys texana</i> ).  | Texas .....                           | Presence/absence surveys.                                  | Harass, harm .....     | Renew, amend. |
| CS0081603 .....   | Bureau of Land Management, Phoenix, Arizona.  | Southwestern willow flycatcher ( <i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i> ), yellow-billed cuckoo ( <i>Coccyzus americanus</i> ), desert pupfish ( <i>Cyprinodon macul</i> ), Gila chub ( <i>Gila intermedia</i> ), Gila topminnow ( <i>Poeciliopsis occidentalis occidentalis</i> ), lesser long-nosed bat ( <i>Leptonycteris curasoae yerbabuenae</i> ), Sonoran pronghorn ( <i>Antilocapra americana sonoriensis</i> ). | Arizona .....                         | Survey/monitor .....                                       | Harass, harm .....     | New.          |
| CS0081216 .....   | Lamont, Megan; Giddings, Texas  | Golden-cheeked warbler ( <i>Dendroica chrysoparia</i> ).  | Texas .....                           | Presence/absence protocol surveys.                         | Harass, harm .....     | New.          |
| CS0079419 .....   | Tucson Audubon Society, Tucson, Arizona.  | Southwestern willow flycatcher ( <i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i> ).   | Arizona, New Mexico .....             | Presence/absence protocol surveys and habitat assessments. | Harass, harm .....     | New.          |
| TE11267C .....    | Buschow, Marissa; Sugar Land, Texas.  | Golden-cheeked warbler ( <i>Dendroica chrysoparia</i> ), Houston toad ( <i>Bufo houstonensis</i> ).   | Texas .....                           | Survey .....   | Harass, harm .....     | Amend.        |
| TE75679D .....    | Ramirez, Alex; San Antonio, Texas.  | Houston toad ( <i>Bufo houstonensis</i> ).  | Texas .....                           | Survey .....   | Harass, harm .....     | Amend.        |
| CS0080544 .....   | Cook, Leneka; San Antonio, Texas.   | Golden-cheeked Warbler ( <i>Dendroica chrysoparia</i> ).  | Texas .....                           | Presence/absence protocol surveys and habitat assessments. | Harass, harm .....     | New.          |
| ESPER25781D ..... | Atkins North America, Inc., Austin, Texas.  | Golden-cheeked warbler ( <i>Dendroica chrysoparia</i> ).  | Texas .....                           | Presence/absence protocol surveys and habitat assessments. | Harass, harm .....     | Amend.        |
| ESPER0018550 .... | Mowad, Gary; Scottsdale, Arizona  | Ocelot ( <i>Leopardus pardalis</i> ), jaguarundi ( <i>Herpailurus yagouaroundi</i> ).   | Texas .....                           | Camera monitoring using scents/attractants.                | Harass, harm .....     | New.          |

| Application No.   | Applicant  | Species  | Location         | Activity                        | Type of take       | Permit action |
|-------------------|--|--|------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| ESPER0011772 .... | U.S. Forest Service—Coronado National Forest; Tucson, Arizona.             | Beardless chinchweed ( <i>Pectis imberbis</i> ).   | Arizona .....    | Seed collection .....           | Collect .....      | Amend.        |
| ESPER0020702 .... | National Audubon Society—Arizona; Phoenix, Arizona.                        | Yellow-billed cuckoo ( <i>Coccyzus americanus</i> ), Yuma clapper rail ( <i>Rallus longirostris yumanensis</i> ).  | Arizona .....    | Survey/monitor .....            | Harass, harm ..... | Amend.        |
| ESPER0007529 .... | U.S. Forest Service—Gila National Forest; Silver City, New Mexico.         | Bald eagle ( <i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i> ), Gila chub ( <i>Gila intermedia</i> ), loach minnow ( <i>Tiaroga cobitis</i> ), spikedace ( <i>Meda fulgida</i> ), northern Mexican gartersnake ( <i>Thamnophis eques megalops</i> ), narrow-headed gartersnake ( <i>Thamnophis rufipunctatus</i> ), southwestern willow flycatcher ( <i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i> ), yellow-billed cuckoo ( <i>Coccyzus americanus</i> ). | New Mexico ..... | Survey/monitor, capture/handle. | Harass, harm ..... | New.          |
| ESPER0019716P ..  | Boeing, Wiebke; Las Cruces, New Mexico.                                    | Pecos assimineae ( <i>Assimineae pecos</i> ).  | New Mexico ..... | Survey/monitor, capture ..      | Harass, harm ..... | New.          |
| ESPER0020647 .... | National Park Service—Bandelier National Monument; Los Alamos, New Mexico. | Jemez Mountains salamander ( <i>Plethodon neomexicanus</i> ).  | New Mexico ..... | Survey/monitor .....            | Harass, harm ..... | Renew.        |
| ESPER822908 ..... | Caesar Kleburg Wildlife Research Institute; Kingsville, Texas.             | Ocelot ( <i>Leopardus pardalis</i> ) .....   | Texas .....      | Trap, presence/absence surveys. | Harass, harm ..... | Renew.        |

### Authority

We provide this notice under section 10 of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

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Regional Director, Southwest Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

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Number 1076-NEW]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; BIE-DPA Improving Secondary Transition and Post-School Outcomes

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Education, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE), are proposing a new information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before March 4, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your comments on this information collection request (ICR) by mail to Steven Mullen, Information Collection Clearance Officer, Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action—Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1001 Indian School Road NW, Suite 229, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87104; or by email to [comments@bia.gov](mailto:comments@bia.gov). Please reference Office of Management and Budget

(OMB) Control Number 1076-NEW in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this ICR, contact Eugene Thompson by email at [Eugene.thompson@bie.edu](mailto:Eugene.thompson@bie.edu) or by telephone at 202-860-5812. Individuals who are hearing or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 for TTY assistance. You may also view the ICR at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), all information collections require approval under the PRA. We may not conduct or sponsor and you are not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, we invite the public and other Federal agencies to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following:

- (1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;
- (2) The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) How might the agency minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of response.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email 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.

**Abstract:** Providing secondary transition services is required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA; Pub. L. 108-446) which requires that schools develop a plan through the Individualized Education Program (IEP) to assist students in reaching post-graduation goals. BIE-funded high schools coordinate and implement high quality secondary transition programs for all students with disabilities, 16 years and above, in preparation for life after high school. The collected information will support the BIE Division of Performance and Accountability (DPA) in improving the efficacy of secondary transition programming, providing professional