

draft EA that analyzes the environmental impacts on the human environment resulting from three alternatives: a no-action alternative, a dam removal alternative, and the applicant's proposed action.

Next Steps

The Service will evaluate the permit application and the comments received to determine whether the application meets the requirements of section 10(a) of the ESA. We will also conduct an intra-Service consultation pursuant to section 7 of the ESA to evaluate the effects of the proposed take. After considering the above findings, we will determine whether the permit issuance criteria of section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA have been met. If met, the Service will issue the requested ITP to the applicant.

Request for Public Comments

The Service invites comments and suggestions from all interested parties on the proposed HCP, draft EA, and supporting documents during a 30-day public comment period (see **DATES**). In particular, information and comments regarding the following topics are requested:

1. The effects that implementation of any alternative could have on the human environment;
2. Whether or not the significance of the impact on various aspects of the human environment has been adequately analyzed;
3. Any threats to the snuffbox mussel that may influence their populations over the life of the ITP that are not addressed in the proposed HCP or EA;
4. Whether the conservation measures outlined in the HCP are sufficient to offset impacts over a 30-year duration; and
5. Any other information pertinent to evaluating the effects of the proposed action on the human environment.

Availability of Public Comments

You may submit comments by one of the methods shown under **ADDRESSES**. We will post on <https://www.regulations.gov> all public comments and information received electronically or via hardcopy. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the administrative record associated with this action. 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 request in your comment that

we withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety.

Authority

We provide this notice under section 10(c) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.22) and NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508; 43 CFR part 46).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS–R3–ES–2024–N044;
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Endangered and Threatened Species; Receipt of 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, have received applications for permits to conduct activities intended to enhance the propagation or survival of endangered or threatened species under the Endangered Species Act. We invite the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies to comment on these applications. Before issuing any of the requested permits, we will take into consideration any information that we receive during the public comment period.

DATES: We must receive your written comments on or before September 12, 2024.

ADDRESSES: *Document availability and comment submission:* Submit requests for copies of the applications and related documents, as well as any comments, by one of the following methods. All requests and comments should specify the applicant name(s) and application number(s) (e.g., ESXXXXXX; see table in **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**):

- *Email (preferred method):* permitsR3ES@fws.gov. Please refer to the respective application number (e.g., Application No. ESXXXXXX) in the subject line of your email message.

- *U.S. Mail:* Regional Director, Attn: Nathan Rathbun, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, 5600 American Blvd. West, Suite 990, Bloomington, MN 55437–1458.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nathan Rathbun, 612–713–5343 (phone); permitsR3ES@fws.gov (email). Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite review and comment from the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies on applications we have received for permits to conduct certain activities with endangered and threatened species under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and our regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR part 17. Documents and other information submitted with the applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and the Freedom of Information Act.

Background

The ESA prohibits certain activities with endangered and threatened species unless authorized by a Federal permit. The ESA and our implementing regulations in part 17 of title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) provide for the issuance of such permits and require that we invite public comment before issuing permits for activities involving endangered species.

A recovery permit issued by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA authorizes the permittee to conduct activities with endangered species for scientific purposes that promote recovery or for enhancement of propagation or survival of the species. 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

The ESA requires that we invite public comment before issuing permits. Accordingly, we invite local, State,

Tribal, and Federal agencies and the public to submit written data, views, or arguments with respect to the applications in table 1. The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency

decisions are those supported by quantitative information or studies. Proposed activities in the following permit requests are for the recovery and enhancement of propagation or survival of the species in the wild.

TABLE 1—PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

| Application No. | Applicant | Species | Location | Activity | Type of take | Permit action |
|-------------------|--|--|---|--|---|---------------|
| ES04397C | Giorgianna Auteri, Columbus, IN. | Add new species—tri-colored bat (<i>Perimyotis subflavus</i>)—to existing authorized species: Indiana bat (<i>Myotis sodalis</i>), gray bat (<i>M. grisescens</i>), and northern long-eared bat (<i>M. septentrionalis</i>). | AL, AR, CT, DE, DC, GA, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NE, NH, NJ, NY, NC, ND, OK, OH, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, VT, VA, WV, WI, WY. | Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate impacts. | Add new activity—harp trap—to existing authorized activities: capture, handle, band, bio-sample, radio-tag, release. | Amend. |
| ESPER11684859 ... | Natural Power Consultants, LLC., Saratoga Springs, NY. | Indiana bat (<i>Myotis sodalis</i>), northern long-eared bat (<i>M. septentrionalis</i>), and tri-colored bat (<i>Perimyotis subflavus</i>). | CO, CT, DE, DC, FL, IA, KY, LA, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MT, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NY, ND, OH, PA, RI, SC, SD, TX, VT, WV, WI, WY. | Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate impacts. | Capture with mist nets, handle, radio-tag, release. | New. |
| ES64081B | Joseph Hoyt, Blacksburg, VA. | Indiana bat (<i>Myotis sodalis</i>) and northern long-eared bat (<i>M. septentrionalis</i>). | Add NY to IL, MI, and WI. | Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate impacts. | Add mist netting and pit tagging to capture, handle, enter hibernacula, bio sample and release. | Amend. |
| ES217351 | U.S. Forest Service, Nelsonville, OH. | Add new species—tri-colored bat (<i>Perimyotis subflavus</i>)—to existing authorized species: Indiana bat (<i>Myotis sodalis</i>), gray bat (<i>M. grisescens</i>), and northern long-eared bat (<i>M. septentrionalis</i>). | IL, KY, OH | Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate impacts. | Capture with mist nets or harp traps, handle, identify, radio-tag, band, collect non-intrusive measurements, collect bio samples, enter hibernacula, and release. | Amend. |

Public Availability of Comments

Written comments we receive become part of the administrative record associated with this action. 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 request in your comment that we withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Moreover, all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety.

Next Steps

If we decide to issue permits to any of the applicants listed in this notice, we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register**.

Authority

We publish this notice under section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Notice of Inventory Completion: New York State Museum, Albany, NY

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the New York State Museum (NYSM) has completed an inventory of human remains and associated funerary objects and has determined that there is a cultural affiliation between the human remains and associated funerary objects and Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations in this notice.

DATES: Repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects