

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rachel Henry, by phone at 805-677-3312 or via the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 for TTY assistance.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The GCP was developed by the Service in accordance with section 10(a)(2)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The GCP meets the issuance criteria as required by section 10(a)(2)(B) of the ESA for issuance of a section 10(a)(1)(B) incidental take permit (ITP). For more information, see the March 6, 2020 (85 FR 13181), notice.

We are extending the public comment period on the DEA and GCP documents (see **DATES** and **ADDRESSES**).

Authority

We issue this notice pursuant to section 10(c) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.22 and 17.32), and the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (40 CFR 1506.6 and 43 CFR 46.305).

Stephen Henry,

Field Supervisor, Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office, Ventura, California.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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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 April 27, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Use one of the following methods to request documents or submit comments. Requests and comments should specify the applicant name(s) and application number(s) (*e.g.*, TE123456):

- *Email:* permitsR5ES@fws.gov.
- *U.S. Mail:* Abby Gelb, Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 300 Westgate Center Dr. Hadley, MA 01035.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Abby Gelb, 413-253-8212 (phone), or permitsR5ES@fws.gov (email). Individuals who are hearing or speech

impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 for TTY assistance.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on applications for permits under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The requested permits would allow the applicants to conduct activities intended to promote recovery of species that are listed as endangered or threatened under the ESA.

Background

With some exceptions, the ESA 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 such activities as pursuing, harassing, trapping, capturing, or collecting in addition to hunting, shooting, harming, wounding, or killing.

A recovery permit issued by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA authorizes the permittee to conduct activities with endangered or threatened 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

We invite local, State, and Federal agencies; Tribes; and the public to comment on the following applications.

Application No.	Applicant	Species	Location	Activity	Type of take	Permit action
TE69330D	Allied Whale, College of the Atlantic, Bar Harbor, ME.	Kemp’s ridley sea turtle (<i>Lepidochelys kempii</i>), Leatherback sea turtle (<i>Dermodochelys coriacea</i>), Loggerhead sea turtle (<i>Caretta caretta</i>), Green sea turtle (<i>Chelonia mydas</i>), Hawksbill sea turtle (<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>).	Maine	Stranding response, Necropsy, Transport.	Salvage, Capture, Collect.	New.
TE69332D	Maine Department of Marine Resources, Augusta, ME.	Atlantic salmon (<i>Salmo salar</i>).	Maine	Capture, Marine rearing, Saltwater readiness testing, Hold more than 45 days, Transport, Release, Monitor.	Trap, Capture, Collect, Wound, Kill, Salvage.	New.
TE69329D	Marine Mammals of Maine, Bath, ME.	Kemp’s ridley sea turtle (<i>Lepidochelys kempii</i>), Leatherback sea turtle (<i>Dermodochelys coriacea</i>), Loggerhead sea turtle (<i>Caretta caretta</i>), Green sea turtle (<i>Chelonia mydas</i>).	Maine	Stranding response, Necropsy, Transport.	Salvage, Capture, Collect.	New.

Application No.	Applicant	Species	Location	Activity	Type of take	Permit action
TE69328D	New England Aquarium, Boston, MA.	Kemp's ridley sea turtle (<i>Lepidochelys kempii</i>), Leatherback sea turtle (<i>Dermodochelys coriacea</i>), Loggerhead sea turtle (<i>Caretta caretta</i>), Green sea turtle (<i>Chelonia mydas</i>), Hawksbill sea turtle (<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>).	Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine.	Stranding Response, Rehabilitation, Necropsy, Biomedical research, Tagging, Post release monitoring, Transport, Release.	Salvage, Capture, Collect, Wound, Euthanize.	New.
TE70044D	Virginia Aquarium, Virginia Beach, VA.	Kemp's ridley sea turtle (<i>Lepidochelys kempii</i>), Leatherback sea turtle (<i>Dermodochelys coriacea</i>), Loggerhead sea turtle (<i>Caretta caretta</i>), Green sea turtle (<i>Chelonia mydas</i>), Hawksbill sea turtle (<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>).	Virginia	Stranding response, Rehabilitation, Biomedical research, Necropsy, Nest monitoring and relocation, Tagging, Transport, Release.	Salvage, Capture, Collect, Wound, Euthanize.	New.
TE70311D	New York Marine Rescue Center, Riverhead, NY.	Kemp's ridley sea turtle (<i>Lepidochelys kempii</i>), Leatherback sea turtle (<i>Dermodochelys coriacea</i>), Loggerhead sea turtle (<i>Caretta caretta</i>), Green sea turtle (<i>Chelonia mydas</i>).	New York	Stranding response, Rehabilitation, Necropsy, Nest monitoring, Transport, Biomedical research, Juvenile sex determination research, Tagging, Release.	Salvage, Capture, Collect, Wound, Euthanize.	New.
TE70312D	National Aquarium, Baltimore, MD.	Kemp's ridley sea turtle (<i>Lepidochelys kempii</i>), Leatherback sea turtle (<i>Dermodochelys coriacea</i>), Loggerhead sea turtle (<i>Caretta caretta</i>), Green sea turtle (<i>Chelonia mydas</i>).	Maryland	Salvage, Stranding response, Rehabilitation, Necropsy, Transport, Release.	Salvage, Capture, Collect, Euthanize.	New.

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

Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Martin Miller,

Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Ecological Services, Northeast Region.

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Fish and Wildlife Service

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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 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 by April 27, 2020.

ADDRESSES: *Document availability and comment submission:* Use one of the following methods to request documents or submit comments. Requests and comments should specify the applicant name(s) and application number(s) (e.g., TE123456):

- *Email:* permitsR6ES@fws.gov.
- *U.S. Mail:* Marjorie Nelson, Chief,

Division of Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 134 Union Blvd., Suite 670, Lakewood, CO 80228.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathy Konishi, Recovery Permits Coordinator, Ecological Services, 303–236–4224 (phone), or permitsR6ES@fws.gov (email). Individuals who are hearing or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 1–800–877–8339 for TTY assistance.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), 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