

TABLE 2—ESTIMATED TIME AND COSTS TO CLIENT RESPONDENTS—Continued

Information collection	Total number of respondents	Frequency of response	Responses per annum	Burden hours per response	Annual burden hours	Annual hourly cost per response	Annual cost
Home Hazard Checklist Baseline <sup>a</sup> .....	1,677	1	559	0.42	233	11.24	2,618
OAHM Program Evaluation Informed Consent <sup>b</sup> .....	1,341	1	447	0.25	112	11.24	1,256
OAHM Client Impact Evaluation Interview Baseline <sup>b</sup> .....	1,341	1	447	0.42	186	11.24	2,093
Home Hazard Checklist Post-Modification <sup>c</sup> .....	1,074	1	358	0.42	149	11.24	1,677
OAHM Client Program Questionnaire Post-Modification <sup>c</sup> .....	1,074	1	358	0.17	60	11.24	671
OAHM Client Impact Evaluation Interview Post-Modification <sup>c</sup> .....	1,074	1	358	0.42	149	11.24	1,677
Script to Schedule Client Process Evaluation Interview <sup>d</sup> .....	336	1	112	0.08	9	11.24	105
Client Process Evaluation Interview <sup>d</sup> .....	202	1	67	0.50	34	11.24	378
Total Annual .....	.....	.....	3,265	2.83	986	.....	11,522
Total Over Three Years .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,959	.....	34,566

<sup>a</sup> 1,677 applicants are expected to be eligible to receive home modifications. Program Questionnaire and Home Hazard baseline data will be collected for all of these clients.

<sup>b</sup> Assuming 20% (335) of eligible clients do not consent to participate in the Evaluation, 1,341 clients are expected to complete the baseline Client Impact Evaluation.

<sup>c</sup> Of the clients that agree to participate in the Evaluation, it is assumed 20% (268) will be lost to project follow up during the course of the Evaluation, resulting in post-modification data being collected from 1,074 clients.

<sup>d</sup> Assuming 40% of the clients contacted decline to participate in the process survey (134), we will contact 335 clients to ensure up to 200 of the clients who receive home modifications participate in the Client Process Evaluation interviews.

Total Annual Costs: \$29,210.

Total Costs over 3 Years: \$87,631.

Total Client Respondents: 1,677.

Hours/Client Respondent: 2.83.

Total Grantee Respondents: 25.

Hours/Grantee Respondent: 7.75.

## B. Solicitation of Public Comment

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected parties concerning the collection of information described in Section A on the following:

(1) Whether the proposed 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 the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed 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 the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses. HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.

## C. Authority

Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35.

Todd M. Richardson,

General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS–R2–ES–2024–N068;

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### Endangered Wildlife; 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 scientific research to promote conservation or other activities intended to recover and enhance endangered species survival. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (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 12, 2025.

### ADDRESSES:

*Document availability:* Request documents from the contact in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

*Comment submission:* Submit comments by email to [fw2\\_te\\_permits@fws.gov](mailto:fw2_te_permits@fws.gov). Please specify the permit application you are interested in by number (*e.g.*, Permit Record No. PER1234567).

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Marty Tuegel, Supervisor, Environmental Review Division, by phone at 505–248–6651, or via email at [marty\\_tuegel@fws.gov](mailto:marty_tuegel@fws.gov). 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:

### Background

With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (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, and 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 listed 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**. Our release of 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 permit record number when submitting comments.

Permit record No.	Applicant	Species	Location	Activity	Type of take	Permit action
PER1906198 .....	Herman, Eric; Chandler, Arizona.	Southwestern willow flycatcher ( <i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i> ).	Arizona, California, Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada, Texas, Utah.	Presence/absence surveys, nest monitoring.	Harass, harm ....	Renew/amend.
PER0946319 .....	Westland Resources, Inc.; Tucson, Arizona.	Southwestern willow flycatcher ( <i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i> ).	Arizona, New Mexico.	Presence/absence surveys.	Harass, harm ....	Renew/amend.
PER2691439 .....	Zara Environmental, LLC.; Manchaca, Texas.	Pink mucket ( <i>Lampsilis abrupta</i> ), Guadalupe fatmucket ( <i>Lampsilis bergmanni</i> ), Texas pimpleback ( <i>Cyclonaias petrina</i> ), false spike ( <i>Fusconaia mitchelli</i> ), Guadalupe orb ( <i>Cyclonaias necki</i> ), Texas fatmucket ( <i>Lampsilis bracteata</i> ), Balcones spike ( <i>Fusconaia iheringi</i> ).	Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas.	Presence/absence surveys.	Harass, harm ....	Renew/amend.
PER9580515 .....	Powers, Jarrod; Stillwater, Oklahoma.	Winged mapleleaf ( <i>Quadrula fragosa</i> ), Ouachita rock pocketbook ( <i>Arcidens wheeleri</i> ), scaleshell mussel ( <i>Leptodea leptodon</i> ), Neosho mucket ( <i>Lampsilis rafinesqueana</i> ).	Oklahoma .....	Presence/absence surveys, relocations, habitat surveys.	Harass, harm ....	Amend.
PER9356671 .....	Bastrop County; Bastrop, Texas.	Houston toad ( <i>Bufo houstonensis</i> ) .....	Texas .....	Presence/absence surveys, bio-sample.	Harass, harm ....	New.
PER11358780 .....	Houston Zoo, Inc.; Houston, Texas.	Kemp's ridley sea turtle ( <i>Lepidochelys kempii</i> ), hawksbill sea turtle ( <i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i> ), leatherback sea turtle ( <i>Dermochelys coriacea</i> ), Barton Springs salamander ( <i>Eurycea sosorum</i> ), Houston toad ( <i>Bufo houstonensis</i> ), Big Bend gambusia ( <i>Gambusia gaigei</i> ), Comanche Springs pupfish ( <i>Cyprinodon elegans</i> ), Leon Springs pupfish ( <i>Cyprinodon bovinus</i> ).	Texas .....	Receive, rehabilitate, release, transport, educational display, captive propagation, headstarting, presence/absence surveys.	Harass, harm, capture.	Renew.

Permit record No.	Applicant	Species	Location	Activity	Type of take	Permit action
PER13973885 .....	SWCA Incorporated; Austin, Texas.	Gulf Coast jaguarundi ( <i>Puma yagouaroundi cacomitli</i> ), ocelot ( <i>Leopardus pardalis</i> ), golden-cheeked warbler ( <i>Setophaga chrysoparia</i> ), northern aplomado falcon ( <i>Falco femoralis septentrionalis</i> ), southwestern willow flycatcher ( <i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i> ), whooping crane ( <i>Grus americana</i> ), Houston toad ( <i>Bufo houstonensis</i> ), Barton Springs salamander ( <i>Eurycea sosorum</i> ), Austin blind salamander ( <i>Eurycea waterlooensis</i> ), Texas blind salamander ( <i>Eurycea rathbuni</i> ), fountain darter ( <i>Etheostoma fonticola</i> ), Comal Springs dryopid beetle ( <i>Stygoparnus comalensis</i> ), Comal Springs riffle beetle ( <i>Heterelmis comalensis</i> ), Peck's Cave amphipod ( <i>Stygobromus pecki</i> ), Helotes mold beetle ( <i>Batrisodes ventyivi</i> ), Coffin Cave mold beetle ( <i>Batrisodes texanus</i> ), Robber Baron Cave meshweaver ( <i>Cicurina baronia</i> ), Madla Cave meshweaver ( <i>Cicurina madla</i> ), Government Canyon Bat Cave meshweaver ( <i>Cicurina vespera</i> ), ground beetle ( <i>Rhadine exilis</i> ), ground beetle ( <i>Rhadine infernalis</i> ), Tooth Cave ground beetle ( <i>Rhadine persephone</i> ), Tooth Cave pseudoscorpion ( <i>Tartarocreagris texana</i> ), Government Canyon Bat Cave spider ( <i>Tayshaneta microps</i> ), Tooth Cave spider ( <i>Tayshaneta myopica</i> ), Kretschmarr Cave mold beetle ( <i>Texamaurops reddelli</i> ), Cokendolpher Cave harvestman ( <i>Texella cokendolpheri</i> ), Bee Creek Cave harvestman ( <i>Texella reddelli</i> ), Bone Cave harvestman ( <i>Texella reyesi</i> ), lesser prairie-chicken ( <i>Tympanuchus pallidicinctus</i> ), dunes sagebrush lizard ( <i>Sceloporus arenicolus</i> ), Texas hornshell ( <i>Popenaias popeii</i> ), Texas pimpleback ( <i>Cyclonaias petrina</i> ), Guadalupe orb ( <i>Cyclonaias necki</i> ), Texas fatmucket ( <i>Lampsilis bracteata</i> ), Guadalupe fatmucket ( <i>Lampsilis bergmanni</i> ), false spike ( <i>Fusconaia mitchelli</i> ), Balcones spike ( <i>Fusconaia iheringi</i> ).	Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas.	Presence/absence surveys, handle, voucher specimens.	Harass, harm, capture, kill.	Renew/amend.
PER11662207 .....	Gargaro, Madison; San Antonio, Texas.	Golden-cheeked warbler ( <i>Setophaga chrysoparia</i> )	Texas .....	Presence/absence surveys.	Harass, harm ....	Renew.
PER11837375 .....	San Antonio Zoo; San Antonio, Texas.	Clear Creek gambusia ( <i>Gambusia heterochir</i> ) .....	Texas .....	Captive propagation.	Harass, harm, capture.	Amend.
PER11325945 .....	Terrell, Danielle; Austin, Texas.	Texas pimpleback ( <i>Cyclonaias petrina</i> ), Texas fatmucket ( <i>Lampsilis bracteata</i> ), false spike ( <i>Fusconaia mitchelli</i> ).	Texas .....	Presence/absence surveys, relocations.	Harass, harm ....	New.
PER11327677 .....	Craig, Cody; Austin, Texas.	Texas pimpleback ( <i>Cyclonaias petrina</i> ), Guadalupe orb ( <i>Cyclonaias necki</i> ), Texas fatmucket ( <i>Lampsilis bracteata</i> ), Guadalupe fatmucket ( <i>Lampsilis bergmanni</i> ), false spike ( <i>Fusconaia mitchelli</i> ), Balcones spike ( <i>Fusconaia iheringi</i> ).	Texas .....	Presence/absence surveys, relocations.	Harass, harm ....	New.
PER11488706 .....	Gudgell, Lee; Seguin, Texas.	Guadalupe orb ( <i>Cyclonaias necki</i> ), Guadalupe fatmucket ( <i>Lampsilis bergmanni</i> ), false spike ( <i>Fusconaia mitchelli</i> ).	Texas .....	Presence/absence surveys.	Harass, harm ....	New.
PER13531963 .....	Gladys Porter Zoo; Brownsville, Texas.	Kemp's ridley sea turtle ( <i>Lepidochelys kempi</i> ), hawksbill sea turtle ( <i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i> ), leatherback sea turtle ( <i>Dermochelys coriacea</i> ), Gulf Coast jaguarundi ( <i>Puma yagouaroundi cacomitli</i> ), ocelot ( <i>Leopardus pardalis</i> ).	Texas .....	Receive, rehabilitate, release, educational display, nesting detection, retrieval and relocation, bio-sample, tag, presence/absence surveys.	Harass, harm ....	Renew/amend.
PER12291510 .....	Schwalb Stream Ecology Lab at Texas State University; San Marcos, Texas.	Texas pimpleback ( <i>Cyclonaias petrina</i> ), Guadalupe orb ( <i>Cyclonaias necki</i> ), Texas fatmucket ( <i>Lampsilis bracteata</i> ), Guadalupe fatmucket ( <i>Lampsilis bergmanni</i> ), false spike ( <i>Fusconaia mitchelli</i> ), Balcones spike ( <i>Fusconaia iheringi</i> ).	Texas .....	Presence/absence surveys.	Harass, harm ....	New.
PER11498907 .....	Carreon, Sarah; Helotes, Texas.	Golden-cheeked warbler ( <i>Setophaga chrysoparia</i> )	Texas .....	Presence/absence surveys.	Harass, harm ....	New.
PER13993348 .....	Fischer, Clay; South Padre Island, Texas.	Gulf Coast jaguarundi ( <i>Puma yagouaroundi cacomitli</i> ), ocelot ( <i>Leopardus pardalis</i> ), golden-cheeked warbler ( <i>Setophaga chrysoparia</i> ), Houston toad ( <i>Bufo houstonensis</i> ), southwestern willow flycatcher ( <i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i> ).	Texas .....	Presence/absence surveys.	Harass, harm ....	Renew/amend.

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PER11639611 .....	Macedo, Danielle; Austin, Texas.	Golden-cheeked warbler ( <i>Setophaga chrysoparia</i> )	Texas .....	Presence/absence surveys.	Harass, harm ....	New.
PER12084642 .....	Laine, Robin; San Antonio, Texas.	Golden-cheeked warbler ( <i>Setophaga chrysoparia</i> )	Texas .....	Presence/absence surveys.	Harass, harm ....	Renew.
PER12079456 .....	HDR Engineering Inc.; Austin, Texas.	Golden-cheeked warbler ( <i>Setophaga chrysoparia</i> ), Houston toad ( <i>Bufo houstonensis</i> ).	Texas .....	Presence/absence surveys.	Harass, harm ....	Amend.
PER0029468 .....	Jenkerson, Jeffrey; San Marcos, Texas.	Guadalupe fatmucket ( <i>Lampsilis bergmanni</i> ), Texas fatmucket ( <i>Lampsilis bracteata</i> ), Guadalupe orb ( <i>Cyclonaias necki</i> ), Texas pimpleback ( <i>Cyclonaias petrina</i> ), Balcones spike ( <i>Fusconaia iheringi</i> ), false spike ( <i>Fusconaia mitchelli</i> ).	Texas .....	Presence/absence surveys, relocations.	Harass, harm, capture.	Amend.
PER13185642 .....	Stantec Texas; Austin, Texas.	Guadalupe fatmucket ( <i>Lampsilis bergmanni</i> ), Texas fatmucket ( <i>Lampsilis bracteata</i> ), Guadalupe orb ( <i>Cyclonaias necki</i> ), Texas pimpleback ( <i>Cyclonaias petrina</i> ), Balcones spike ( <i>Fusconaia iheringi</i> ), false spike ( <i>Fusconaia mitchelli</i> ).	Texas .....	Presence/absence surveys, salvage, relocations.	Harass, harm, capture.	Amend.
PER12929504 .....	Lower Colorado River Authority Transmission Services Corporation; Austin, Texas.	Golden-cheeked warbler ( <i>Setophaga chrysoparia</i> ), Houston toad ( <i>Bufo houstonensis</i> ), northern aplomado falcon ( <i>Falco femoralis septentrionalis</i> ), southwestern willow flycatcher ( <i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i> ).	Texas .....	Presence/absence surveys.	Harass, harm ....	Renew.
PER13146293 .....	Lazo, Walker; San Antonio, Texas.	Helotes mold beetle ( <i>Batrises ventyivi</i> ), Coffin Cave mold beetle ( <i>Batrises texanus</i> ), Robber Baron Cave meshweaver ( <i>Cicurina baronia</i> ), Madla Cave meshweaver ( <i>Cicurina madla</i> ), Government Canyon Bat Cave meshweaver ( <i>Cicurina vespera</i> ), ground beetle ( <i>Rhadine exilis</i> ), ground beetle ( <i>Rhadine infernalis</i> ), Tooth Cave ground beetle ( <i>Rhadine persephone</i> ), Tooth Cave pseudoscorpion ( <i>Tartarocreagris texana</i> ), Government Canyon Bat Cave spider ( <i>Tayshaneta microps</i> ), Tooth Cave spider ( <i>Tayshaneta myopica</i> ), Kretschmarr Cave mold beetle ( <i>Texamaurops reddelli</i> ), Cokendolpher Cave harvestman ( <i>Texella cokendolpheri</i> ), Bee Creek Cave harvestman ( <i>Texella reddelli</i> ), Bone Cave harvestman ( <i>Texella reyesi</i> ).	Texas .....	Presence/absence surveys, voucher specimen collection.	Harass, harm, kill.	Amend.
PER13361397 .....	Aragon, Felicia; Santa Fe, New Mexico.	Southwestern willow flycatcher ( <i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i> ).	New Mexico .....	Presence/absence surveys.	Harass, harm ....	New.
PER13544765 .....	Lutterschmidt, William; Huntsville, Texas.	Houston toad ( <i>Bufo houstonensis</i> ) .....	Texas .....	Handle, bio-sample, e-DNA analysis.	Harass, harm, capture.	New.
PER0055324 .....	Bio-West, Inc.; Round Rock, Texas.	Guadalupe fatmucket ( <i>Lampsilis bergmanni</i> ), Texas fatmucket ( <i>Lampsilis bracteata</i> ), Guadalupe orb ( <i>Cyclonaias necki</i> ), Texas pimpleback ( <i>Cyclonaias petrina</i> ), false spike ( <i>Fusconaia mitchelli</i> ).	Texas .....	Presence/absence surveys.	Harass, harm ....	Amend.
PER13547800 .....	Brown and Gay Engineers, Inc.; Frisco, Texas.	Lesser prairie-chicken ( <i>Tympanuchus pallidicinctus</i> ), dunes sagebrush lizard ( <i>Sceloporus arenicolus</i> ).	Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas.	Presence/absence surveys.	Harass, harm ....	Amend.
PER13743117 .....	City of Austin—Balcones Canyonlands Preserve; Austin, Texas.	Golden-cheeked warbler ( <i>Setophaga chrysoparia</i> ), Barton Springs salamander ( <i>Eurycea sosorum</i> ), Helotes mold beetle ( <i>Batrises ventyivi</i> ), Coffin Cave mold beetle ( <i>Batrises texanus</i> ), Robber Baron Cave meshweaver ( <i>Cicurina baronia</i> ), Madla Cave meshweaver ( <i>Cicurina madla</i> ), Government Canyon Bat Cave meshweaver ( <i>Cicurina vespera</i> ), ground beetle ( <i>Rhadine exilis</i> ), ground beetle ( <i>Rhadine infernalis</i> ), Tooth Cave ground beetle ( <i>Rhadine persephone</i> ), Tooth Cave pseudoscorpion ( <i>Tartarocreagris texana</i> ), Government Canyon Bat Cave spider ( <i>Tayshaneta microps</i> ), Tooth Cave spider ( <i>Tayshaneta myopica</i> ), Kretschmarr Cave mold beetle ( <i>Texamaurops reddelli</i> ), Cokendolpher Cave harvestman ( <i>Texella cokendolpheri</i> ), Bee Creek Cave harvestman ( <i>Texella reddelli</i> ), Bone Cave harvestman ( <i>Texella reyesi</i> ).	Texas .....	Presence/absence surveys, nest monitoring, bio-sample, banding, nest collection, voucher species.	Harass, harm, capture, kill.	Renew/amend.
PER12056733 .....	Borchardt, Grahme; Benbrook, Texas.	Lesser prairie-chicken ( <i>Tympanuchus pallidicinctus</i> ).	Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas.	Presence/absence surveys.	Harass, harm ....	New.

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PER5502059 .....	Fenolio, Dante; San Antonio, Texas.	Ozark big-eared bat ( <i>Corynorhinus townsendii ingens</i> ), gray bat ( <i>Myotis grisescens</i> ), northern long-eared bat ( <i>Myotis septentrionalis</i> ), Indiana bat ( <i>Myotis sodalis</i> ), Hell Creek Cave crayfish ( <i>Cambarus zophonastes</i> ), Benton County Cave crayfish ( <i>Cambarus aculabrum</i> ), Barton Springs salamander ( <i>Eurycea sosorum</i> ), Austin blind salamander ( <i>Eurycea waterlooensis</i> ), Peck's Cave amphipod ( <i>Stygobromus pecki</i> ), Comal Springs riffle beetle ( <i>Heterelmis comalensis</i> ), Comal Springs dryopid beetle ( <i>Stygoparnus comalensis</i> ), Texas blind salamander ( <i>Eurycea rathbuni</i> ), Mexican blind catfish ( <i>Prietella phreatophila</i> ), Clear Creek gambusia ( <i>Gambusia heterochin</i> ).	Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas.	Presence/absence surveys, bio-sample, voucher specimen, transport.	Harass, harm, capture, kill.	New.

## Public Availability of Comments

All comments we receive become part of the public record associated with this action. Requests for copies of comments will be handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, National Environmental Policy Act, and Service and Department of the Interior policies and procedures. 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 to 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 of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

## Amy Lueders,

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

[Docket No. FWS-R7-ES-2024-0147; FXES111607MRG01-256-FF07CMM00]

### Marine Mammals; Proposed Incidental Harassment Authorization for the Southern Beaufort Sea Stock of Polar Bears During Well Remediation Activities, North Slope of Alaska; Draft Environmental Assessment

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

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of application; proposed incidental harassment authorization; notice of availability of draft environmental assessment; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, in response to a request under the Marine Mammal Protection Act from the Bureau of Land Management, propose to authorize nonlethal incidental take by harassment of small numbers of Southern Beaufort Sea (SBS) polar bears (*Ursus maritimus*) for 1 year from the date of issuance of the incidental harassment authorization (IHA). The applicant requested this authorization for take by harassment that may result from activities associated with oil well plugging and reclamation, soil sampling, snow trail, pad, and airstrip construction, and summer cleanup activities in the North Slope Borough of Alaska between Wainwright and Oliktok. This proposed authorization, if finalized, will be for up to 12 takes of polar bears by Level B harassment. No Level A harassment or lethal take is requested, expected, or proposed to be authorized. We invite comments on the proposed IHA, the application package, draft environmental assessment, and related documents from the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by February 12, 2025.

## ADDRESSES:

**Document availability:** You may view documents at <https://www.regulations.gov> under Docket No. FWS-R7-ES-2024-0147. Alternatively, you may request these documents from the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**Comment submission:** You may submit comments on the proposed authorization by one of the following methods:

- **Electronic submission:** <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments to Docket No. FWS-R7-ES-2024-0147.

- **U.S. mail:** Public Comments Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS-R7-ES-2024-0147, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS: PRB (JAO/3W), 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.

We will post all comments at <https://www.regulations.gov>. You may request that we withhold personal identifying information from public review; however, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. See Request for Public Comments for more information.

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Charles Hamilton, by email at [R7mmmregulatory@fws.gov](mailto:R7mmmregulatory@fws.gov), by telephone at 907-786-3800, or by U.S. mail at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 341, 1011 East Tudor Road, Anchorage, AK 99503. 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:

### Background

Section 101(a)(5)(D) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361, *et*