manufacturers are in compliance with Coast Guard regulations. When the Coast Guard approves any safety equipment, material, or MSD for use on a commercial vessel or pleasure craft, the manufacturer is issued a Certificate of Approval.

**Respondents:** Manufacturers of safety equipment, materials, and marine sanitation devices.

**Frequency:** On occasion.

**Burden Estimate:** The estimated burden has increased from 20,529 hours to 103,121 per year.

**Dated:** October 7, 2008.

**D.T. Glenn,**
Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Assistant Commandant for Command, Control, Communications, Computers, and Information Technology.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

**[Docket No. USCG–2008–1004]**

**Great Lakes Regional Waterways Management Forum**

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Great Lakes Regional Waterways Management Forum will hold a meeting in Cleveland, OH, to discuss various waterways management issues. Potential agenda items may include agency updates from the Canadian Coast Guard, Canadian and Arctic Region, Army Corps of Engineers, Transport Canada, Marine Safety, and the Great Lakes and Ohio River Division; and the Canadian Coast Guard Director of the Central and Arctic Region and meets once a year to assess the Great Lakes region, assign priorities to areas of concern, and identify issues for resolution.

**Dated:** October 2, 2008.

**Dave R. Callahan,**
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Chief of Staff, Ninth Coast Guard District, Cleveland, Ohio.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service


**Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Applications**

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

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

**SUMMARY:** The following applicants have applied for permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species.

**DATES:** We must receive written comments on or before November 13, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments to the Regional Director, Atttn: Peter Fasbender, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, MN 55111–4056; electronic mail, permitsR3ES@fws.gov.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Peter Fasbender (612) 713–5343.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**
Endangered Species

The Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) (Act), with some exceptions, prohibits activities affecting endangered species unless authorized by a permit from the Fish and Wildlife Service. Before issuing a permit, we invite public comment on it. Accordingly, we invite public comment on the following applicants’ permit applications for certain activities with endangered species authorized by section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act and the regulations governing the taking of endangered species (50 CFR 17). Submit your written data, comments, or request for a copy of the complete application to the address shown in ADDRESSES.

Permit Number: TE187501
Applicant: Hocking College, Nelsonville, Ohio.

The applicant requests a permit to take Indiana bats (Myotis sodalis) throughout the State of Ohio in conjunction with the Ohio Department of Transportation roadway projects. The applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys; assess habitat characteristics associated with foraging, roosting and rearing of offspring; and evaluate the ecology of adult and juvenile bats. Proposed “take” is in the form of capturing, handling, and radiotagging. Proposed research activities are aimed at enhancement of recovery of the species in the wild.

Permit Number: TE191225
Applicant: Kathleen A. Dunlap, Columbus, Ohio.

The applicant requests a permit to take Indiana bats (Myotis sodalis) throughout the States of Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Kentucky, and West Virginia. The activities proposed involve capture using mist nets and harp traps and marking of individual bats to identify populations of this listed species and to develop methods to minimize or avoid project-related impacts. Applicant seeks to provide site assessments and pre-construction surveys for projects such as highway and other development projects. Survey data are used to assist with development of project design features aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Number: TE192348
Applicant: USDA-U.S. Forest Service, Mark Twain National Forest, Rolla, Missouri.

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass) Indiana bats (Myotis sodalis), Gray bats (Myotis grisescens), and Ozark big-eared bats (Corynorhinus townsendii ingens). The applicant proposes to survey and inventory cave resources throughout the Mark Twain National Forest. Disturbance to bats may occur while entering these caves. No direct handling of bats is proposed; disturbance may occur through temporary arousal of hibernating bats. Activities are proposed to enhance the survival of the species in the wild by providing biological data regarding status of bats within cave resources in the forest.

Permit Number: TE193614
Applicant: Mainstream Commercial Divers, Inc., Murray, Kentucky.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take listed mussel species throughout Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. Activities include diving surveys to determine presence/absence of listed species involving capture and temporary holding of specimens for identification purposes. Data collected will assist entities involved in construction projects, such as bridge projects and others, in implementing measures to protect species in the design of their projects. Therefore, the scientific research is aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Number: TE194099
Applicant: Dr. Michael A. Hoggarth, Otterbein College, Westerville, Ohio.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take listed mussel species throughout the State of Ohio. Take activities include surveys to determine presence/absence and to monitor populations of listed species. This involves capture, temporary holding of specimens, and release at or near the location of capture. Status surveys and monitoring data collected will assist the State Wildlife Agency and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in recovery activities for the species. Therefore, the scientific research is aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Number: TE195082
Applicant: Dr. Thomas E. Tomasi, Missouri State University, Springfield, Missouri.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take Indiana bats (Myotis sodalis) and Gray bats (Myotis grisescens) in selected locations within New York, Pennsylvania, and Missouri. While these endangered bats are not the direct subject of the research, take is possible in the form of disturbance to hibernation by arousal while conducting pathology studies for little brown bats. Data collected will assist in the study of an apparent disease epidemic (white nose syndrome) in the bat community. Through collection of important epidemiological data, this scientific research is aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Public Comments

We solicit 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 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 activities proposed in these permits are categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement. Dated: September 22, 2008.

Lynn M. Lewis,
Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Region 3, Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

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