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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

Louisiana; Amendment No. 12 to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of Louisiana (FEMA–4080–DR), dated August 29, 2012, and related determinations.

DATES: Effective Date: September 21, 2012.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of Louisiana is hereby amended to include the following areas among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the event declared a major disaster by the President in his declaration of August 29, 2012.

The parishes of Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Jefferson, Livingston, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. John the Baptist, and West Feliciana for Public Assistance [Categories C–G] (already designated for Individual Assistance and debris removal and emergency protective measures [Categories A and B], including direct federal assistance, under the Public Assistance program).

The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 97.030, Community Disaster Loans; 97.031, Cora Brown Fund; 97.032, Crisis Counseling; 97.033, Disaster Legal Services; 97.034, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 97.046, Fire Management Assistance Grant; 97.048, Disaster Housing Assistance to Individuals and Households In Presidentially Declared Disaster Areas; 97.049, Presidentially Declared Disaster Assistance—Disaster Housing Operations for Individuals and Households; 97.050, Presidentially Declared Disaster Assistance to Individuals and Households—Other Needs; 97.036, Disaster Grants—Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters); 97.039, Hazard Mitigation Grant.


ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES PERMIT APPLICATIONS

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered or threatened species. The Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), prohibits activities with endangered and threatened species unless a Federal permit allows such activities. The Act and the National Environmental Policy Act also require that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

DATES: To ensure consideration, written comments must be received on or before October 31, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Marty Tuegel, Section 10 Coordinator, by U.S. mail at Division of Endangered Species, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1306, Room 6034, Albuquerque, NM at (505) 248–6651. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Jacobsen, Chief, Endangered Species Division, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, NM 87103; (505) 248–6641.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Availability of Comments

The Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) prohibits activities with endangered and threatened species unless a Federal permit allows such activities. Along with our implementing regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17, the Act provides for permits, and requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits. A permit granted by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act authorizes applicants to conduct activities with U.S. endangered or threatened species for scientific purposes, enhancement of survival or propagation, or interstate commerce. Our regulations regarding implementation of section 10(a)(1)(A) 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.

Applications Available for Review and Comment

We invite local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies, and the public to comment on the following applications. Please refer to the appropriate permit number (e.g., Permit No. TE–123456) when requesting application documents and when submitting comments.

Documents and other information the applicants have submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) and Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

Permit TE–039571

Applicant: Bureau of Land Management, Yuma, Arizona.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for southwestern willow flycatcher (Empidonax trailli extimus) within Arizona.

Permit TE–78959A

Applicant: Sarah Weber, Spring Branch, Texas.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys of golden-cheeked warbler (Dendroica chrysoparia) within Texas.

Permit TE–78960A


Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys of, to temporarily hold and handle, and to salvage Houston toads (Bufo houstonensis) within Texas.

Permit TE–07059A


Applicant requests an amendment to a current permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys of loach minnow (Tiaroga cobitis) and spikedace (Mega fulgida) within Arizona.

Tiaroga cobitis

Mega fulgida

Dendroica chrysoparia

Bufo houstonensis
Permit TE–80934A
Applicant: Thomas Crane, American Livebearer Association, Ridgewood, New Jersey.
Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to breed and capively hold Big Bend gambusia (Gambusia gaigei), Gila topminnow (Poeciliopsis occidentalis occidentalis), and Pecos gambusia (Gambusia nobilis) obtained from The Dexter National Fish Hatchery and Technology Center, New Mexico, in American Livebearer Facilities across the United States.

Permit TE–014168
Applicant: Peter Sprouse, Manchaca, Texas.
Applicant requests a renewal to a current permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys of the following species within Texas:
- Barton Springs salamander (Eurycea sosorum)
- Bee Creek Cave harvestman (Texella reddelli)
- Bone Cave harvestman (Texella reyesi)
- Braken Bat Cave meshweaver (Cicurina venii)
- Coffin Cave mold beetle (Batisodes texanus)
- Cokendolpher Cave harvestman (Texella cokendolpheri)
- Comal Springs dryopid beetle (Stygoparnus comalensis)
- Comal Springs ruffle beetle (Heterelmis comalensis)
- Government Canyon Bat Cave meshweaver (Cicurina vespera)
- Government Canyon Bat Cave spider (Neoleptoneta microps)
- Ground beetle (Rhadinexex exilis)
- Ground beetle (Rhadiniformis infernalis)
- Helotes mold beetle (Batisodes venyivi)
- Kretschmarr Cave mold beetle (Texamauros reddelli)
- Madla Cave meshweaver (Cicurina madia)
- Peck’s Cave amphipod (Stylobromus pecki)
- Robber Baron Cave meshweaver (Cicurina baronia)
- San Marcos salamander (Eurycea nana)
- Texas blind salamander (Typhlonolge ruthbani)
- Tooth Cave ground beetle (Rhadinexex persephone)
- Tooth Cave pseudoscorpion (Tartaroecragris texana)
- Tooth Cave spider (Neoleptoneta (=Leptoneta) myopica)

Permit TE–217655
Applicant: Rachel Barlow, Manchaca, Texas.
Applicant requests a renewal to a current permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys of the following species within Texas:
- Bee Creek Cave harvestman (Texella reddelli)
- Black-capped vireo (Vireo atricapilla)
- Bone Cave harvestman (Texella reyesi)
- Braken Bat Cave meshweaver (Cicurina venii)
- Coffin Cave mold beetle (Batisodes texanus)
- Cokendolpher Cave harvestman (Texella cokendolpheri)
- Golden-cheeked warbler (Dendroica chrysoparia)
- Government Canyon Bat Cave meshweaver (Cicurina vespera)
- Government Canyon Bat Cave spider (Neoleptoneta microps)
- Ground beetle (Rhadinexex exilis)
- Ground beetle (Rhadiniformis infernalis)
- Helotes mold beetle (Batisodes venyivi)
- Kretschmarr Cave mold beetle (Texamauros reddelli)
- Madla Cave meshweaver (Cicurina madia)
- Robber Baron Cave meshweaver (Cicurina baronia)
- Tooth Cave ground beetle (Rhadinexex persephone)
- Tooth Cave pseudoscorpion (Tartaroecragris texana)
- Tooth Cave spider (Neoleptoneta (=Leptoneta) myopica)

Permit TE–83598A
Applicant: Bureau of Reclamation, Oklahoma-Texas Area Office, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys of American burying beetle (Nicrophorus americanus) within Oklahoma.

Permit TE–078127
Applicant: Dallas World Aquarium, Dallas, Texas.
Applicant requests a new permit for husbandry and holding of Kemp’s ridley (Lepidochelys kempii), leather back (Dermochelys coriacea), and hawksbill (Eretmochelys imbricata) sea turtles within the Dallas World Aquarium, Dallas, Texas.

Permit TE–155413
Applicant: Murray Itzkowitz, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.
Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys of, net, fin clip for genetic analysis, and expand breeding habitat by removing bulrush and preventing regrowth using submerged cement tile for Leon Springs pupfish (Cyprinodon bovines) and Pecos gambusia (Gambusia nobilis) within Texas.

Permit TE–069320
Applicant: KBA Enviroscience, Ltd., Lewisville, Texas.
Applicant requests an amendment to a current permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys of American burying beetle (Nicrophorus americanus) in Kansas, Nebraska, and South Dakota; interior least tern (Sterna antillarum) and red-cockaded woodpecker (Picoides borealis) within Oklahoma, Arkansas,
and Louisiana; and piping plover (Charadrius melodus) within Oklahoma and Louisiana.

**Permit TE-828830**

**Applicant:** Bureau of Land Management, Tucson, Arizona.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys of the following species within Arizona:

- Desert pupfish (Cyprinodon macularius)
- Gila chub (Gila intermedia)
- Gila topminnow (Poeciliopsis occidentalis)
- Lesser long-nosed bat (Leptonycteris curasoae verþbanuea)
- Loach minnow (Tiaroga cobitis)
- Southwestern willow flycatcher (Empidonax traillii extimus)
- Spikedace (Meda fulgida)

**Permit TE-83692A**

**Applicant:** Sphere 3 Environmental, Inc., Longview, Texas.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys of red-cockaded woodpecker (Picoides borealis) within Texas.

**Permit TE-83693A**

**Applicant:** Oklahoma Biological Survey, Norman, Oklahoma.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys and collect stems, seeds, and voucher specimens of haperella (Ptilimunium nodosum) within Oklahoma.

**Permit TE-051832**

**Applicant:** Phoenix Zoo, Phoenix, Arizona.

Applicant requests an amendment to a current permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct animal husbandry and captive management of California condors (Gymnogyps californiae) within the Phoenix Zoo, Arizona.

**Permit TE-012642**

**Applicant:** Blue Earth Ecological Consultants, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Applicant requests an amendment to a current permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys of loach minnow (Tiaroga cobitis) within New Mexico and Arizona.

**National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)**

In compliance with NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), we have made an initial determination that the proposed activities in these permits are categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement (516 DM 6 Appendix 1, 1.4C[1]).

**Public Availability of Comments**

All comments and materials we receive in response to this request will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the address listed in the ADDRESSES section of this notice.

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.

**Authority**

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

**Dated:** September 24, 2012.

Benjamin N Tuggle,
Regional Director, Southwest Region.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

[FWS-HQ-IA-2012-N228; FXIA16710900000PS-123–FF09A30000]

**Endangered Species; Receipt of Applications for Permit**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (ESA) prohibits activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is acquired that allows such activities.

**DATES:** We must receive comments or requests for documents on or before October 31, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Brenda Tapia, Division of Management Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 212, Arlington, VA 22203; fax (703) 358–2280; or email DMAFR@fws.gov.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brenda Tapia, (703) 358–2104 (telephone); (703) 358–2280 (fax); DMAFR@fws.gov (email).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Public Comment Procedures**

**A. How do I request copies of applications or comment on submitted applications?**

Send your request for copies of applications or comments and materials concerning any of the applications to the contact listed under ADDRESSES. Please include the Federal Register notice publication date, the PRT-number, and the name of the applicant in your request or submission. We will not consider requests or comments sent to an email or address not listed under ADDRESSES. If you provide an email address in your request for copies of applications, we will attempt to respond to your request electronically. Please make your request or comments as specific as possible. Please confine your comments to issues for which we seek comments in this notice, and explain the basis for your comments. Include sufficient information with your comments to allow us to authenticate any scientific or commercial data you include.

The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are: (1) Those supported by quantitative information or studies; and (2) Those that include citations to, and analyses of, the applicable laws and regulations. We will not consider or include in our administrative record comments we receive after the close of the comment period (see DATES) or comments delivered to an address other than those listed above (see ADDRESSES).

**B. May I review comments submitted by others?**

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the street address listed under ADDRESSES. The public may review documents and other information applicants have sent in support of the application unless our allowing viewing would violate the Privacy Act or Freedom of Information Act. 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