DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service

Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council; Call for Nominations

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) and Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service (Director) seek nominations for individuals to be considered for membership in the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council (Council). The Council advises the Secretary, through the Director, on aquatic conservation endeavors that benefit recreational fishery resources and recreational boating and that encourage partnerships among industry, the public, Native American tribes, States, and the Federal government. Terms are not staggered, and the current Council members’ terms expire June 3, 2016. The Secretary will appoint members for 2-year terms that will run from 2016 to 2018.

Council Duties

The Council conducts its operations in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.). It reports to the Secretary of the Interior through the Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service. The Council functions solely as an advisory body. The duties of the Council include:

a. Providing advice that will assist the Secretary in carrying out the authorities of the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956.

b. Fulfilling responsibilities established by Executive Order 12962: (1) Monitoring specific Federal activities affecting aquatic systems and the recreational fisheries they support. (2) Reviewing and evaluating the relation of Federal policies and activities to the status and conditions of recreational fishery resources.

c. Recommending policies or programs to increase public awareness and support for the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund.

d. Recommending policies or programs that foster conservation and ethics in recreational fishing and boating.

e. Recommending policies or programs to stimulate angler and boater participation in the conservation and restoration of aquatic resources through outreach and education.

f. Advising how the Secretary can foster communication and coordination among government, industry, anglers, boaters, and the public.

Council Makeup

The Council consists of no more than 18 members, appointed for 2-year terms, which are not staggered. Members must be senior-level representatives of their organizations and/or have the ability to represent their designated constituency. The Secretary will select discretionary members from among the national interest groups listed below:

a. State fish and wildlife resource management agencies (two members: One a Director of a coastal State, and one a Director of an inland State); b. Saltwater and freshwater recreational fishing organizations; c. Recreational boating organizations; d. Recreational fishing and boating industries; e. Recreational fishery resources conservation organizations; and f. Tribal resource management organizations.

g. Aquatic resource outreach and education organizations; and h. Tourism industry.

Nomination Method and Eligibility

Nominations should include a resume providing an adequate description of the nominee’s qualifications, including information that would enable the Department of the Interior to make an informed decision regarding meeting the membership requirements of the Committee and permit the Department to contact a potential member. Current members can be renominated and reappointed to the Council. Individuals who are federally registered lobbyists are ineligible to serve on all FACA and non-FACA boards, committees, or councils in an individual capacity. The term “individual capacity” refers to individuals who are appointed to exercise their own individual best judgment on behalf of the government, such as when they are designated Special Government Employees, rather than being appointed to represent a particular interest.

Dated: March 7, 2016.

Matt Hogan,
Deputy Regional Director, Denver, Colorado.

Stephen Guertin,
Deputy Director.

ENDANGERED SPECIES SERVICE

Endangered Species Recovery Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

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

SUMMARY: Under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (Act) and its implementing regulations, the Service, upon receipt of an application, must provide for public comment any agency action that involves an activity with a listed species. The Act also requires the Service to provide for public comment the issuance of recovery permits to conduct particular activities with endangered species. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (Act) prohibits activities with endangered and threatened species unless a Federal permit allows such activity. The Act also requires that we invite public comment before issuing recovery permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species.

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DATES: Comments on these permit applications must be received on or before April 15, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the Endangered

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following applicants have applied for scientific research permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.). We seek review and comment from local, State, and Federal agencies and the public on the following permit requests.

Applicants

Permit No. TE–86884B
Applicant: Scott L. Lillie, Surprise, Arizona

The applicant requests a permit amendment to take (harass by survey and nest monitor) the southwestern willow flycatcher (Empidonax trailli extimus) in conjunction with survey activities in California, Arizona, and Nevada, for the purpose of enhancing the species’ survival.

Permit No. TE–139628
Applicant: Garcia and Associates, San Francisco, California

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, and release) the Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frog (Rana sierrae) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of the species for the purpose of enhancing the species’ survival.

Permit No. TE–36118B
Applicant: Callie J. Ford, Escondido, California

The applicant requests a permit amendment to take (harass by survey, capture, and release) the Casey’s June beetle (Diacoma caseyi) in conjunction with survey activities in Riverside County, California, for the purpose of enhancing the species’ survival.

Permit No. TE–86906B
Applicant: Yosemite National Park, El Portal, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, transport, release, collect and/or translocate (eggs, tadpoles, and adults), captive rear, insert PIT (passive integrated transponder) tag, and attach VIT (visual implant elastomer tag) the Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frog (Rana sierrae) in conjunction with research activities in Yosemite National Park, California, for the purpose of enhancing the species’ survival.

Permit No. TE–787924
Applicant: Markus Spiegelberg, San Diego, California

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (locate and monitor nests) the least Bell’s vireo (Vireo bellii pusillus); and take (harass by survey and nest monitor) the southwestern willow flycatcher (Empidonax trailli extimus) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of the species for the purpose of enhancing the species’ survival.

Permit No. TE–157216
Applicant: U.S. Geological Survey, Dixon, California

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (harass by survey, capture, mark, pit tag, and take biological samples) the San Francisco garter snake (Thamnophis sirtalis tetrateaenia) in conjunction with scientific research activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species’ survival.

Permit No. TE–87004B
Applicant: Tara R. Baxter, San Diego, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by pursuit) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (Euphydryas editha quino) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of the species for the purpose of enhancing the species’ survival.

Permit No. TE–027736
Applicant: David Lacoste, San Marcos, California

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (harass by pursuit) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (Euphydryas editha quino); take (harass by survey, capture, handle, release, collect vouchers, and collect branchiopod cysts) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (Branchinecta conservatio), longhorn fairy shrimp (Branchinecta longjantenna), Sierra Nevada freshwater shrimp (Branchinecta sandiegogensis), longhorn shrimp (Branchinecta longiantenna), vernal pool tadpole shrimp (Lepidurus packardi), and vernal pool soil samples for egg (cyst) identification, and hatch out eggs for species identification; and take (harass by pursuit) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (Euphydryas editha quino) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of the species for the purpose of enhancing the species’ survival.

Permit No. TE–87548B
Applicant: Jonathan N. Baskin, San Marino, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture, handle, and release) the desert pupfish (Cyprinodon macularius) in conjunction with research activities throughout the range of the species in California, for the purpose of enhancing the species’ survival.
The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, and release) the Santa Cruz long-toed salamander (Ambystoma macrodactylum croceum) in areas north of Kern and San Luis Obispo Counties, California; and take (harass by survey, capture, and release) the California tiger salamander (central distinct population segment (DPS), Santa Barbara County DPS, and Sonoma County DPS) (Ambystoma californiense) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of the species for the purpose of enhancing the species’ survival.

Applicant: Bryan M. Mori, Santa Cruz, California

Permit No. TE–778668

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (harass by survey) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (Euphydryas editha quino) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of the species for the purpose of enhancing the species’ survival.

Applicant: Scott Quinell, California Department of Transportation, San Bernardino, California

Permit No. TE–092476

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass/harm while conducting habitat restoration activities) the San Diego fairy shrimp (Branchinecta sandiegonensis) in conjunction with survey and restoration activities in Costa Mesa, California, for the purpose of enhancing the species’ survival.

Applicant: City of Costa Mesa, Costa Mesa, California

Permit No. TE–87580B

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass/harm) the California tiger salamander (central DPS, Santa Barbara County DPS, and Sonoma County DPS) (Ambystoma californiense) in conjunction with survey activities in Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Monterey, Napa, Sacramento, San Benito, San Joaquin, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Sonoma, Solano, and Yolo Counties, California, for the purpose of enhancing the species’ survival.

Applicant: Pieter Johnson, Boulder, Colorado

Permit No. TE–181714

The applicant requests a permit amendment to take (survey, capture, handle, and release) the Fresno kangaroo rat (Dipodomys nitratoides exilis), Tipton kangaroo rat (Dipodomys nitratoides nitratoides), giant kangaroo rat (Dipodomys ingens), San Bernardino Merriam’s kangaroo rat (Dipodomys merriami parvus), Stephens’ kangaroo rat (Dipodomys stephensi), Amargosa vole (Microtius californicus scirpensis), salt marsh harvest mouse (Reithrodontomys raviventris), Pacific pocket mouse (Perognathus longimembris pacificus), and riparian woodrat (Neotoma fuscipes riparia) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of each species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species’ survival.

Applicant: Patricia M. Varcarcel, San Francisco, California

Permit No. TE–40087B

The applicant requests a permit amendment to take (harass by collecting eggs, tadpoles, and metamorphs for captive rearing) the Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frog (Rana sierrae) in conjunction with captive rearing activities in California for the purpose of enhancing the species’ survival.

Applicant: U.S. Forest Service, Sonora, California

Permit No. TE–42833A

The applicant requests a permit amendment to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, and release, collect vouchers, and collect branchiopod cysts) the Consarvy fairy shrimp (Branchinecta conservatio), longhorn fairy shrimp (Branchinecta longigatana), and vernal pool tadpole shrimp (Lepidurus packardi) to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, and release) the California tiger salamander (central DPS, Santa Barbara County DPS, and Sonoma County DPS) (Ambystoma californiense) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of the species for the purpose of enhancing the species’ survival.

Applicant: William Stolp, Oakhurst, California

Permit No. TE–023240

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, and release) the California tiger salamander (central DPS, Santa Barbara County DPS, and Sonoma County DPS) (Ambystoma californiense) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of the species for the purpose of enhancing the species’ survival.

Applicant: Phoenix Biological Consulting, Tehachapi, California

Permit No. TE–88417B

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey, nest monitor, and remove brown-headed cowbird (Molothrus ater) eggs and chicks from parasitized nests) the southwestern willow flycatcher (Empidonax traillii extimus); and take (harass by survey, capture, handle, and release) the San Joaquin kit fox (Vulpes macrotis mutica), Tipton kangaroo rat (Dipodomys nitratoides nitratoides), and giant kangaroo rat (Dipodomys ingens) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of the species for the purpose of enhancing the species’ survival.

Applicant: Ian Maunsell, San Diego, California

Permit No. TE–42833A

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, and release) the San Francisco garter snake (Thamnophis sirtalis tetrataenia) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of the species for the purpose of enhancing the species’ survival.

Applicant: Scott Quinnell, California Department of Transportation, San Bernardino, California

Permit No. TE–092476

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey) the Gambelia silus (southern California DPS, and northern California DPS) (Rana muscosa), Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frog (Rana sierrae), and blunt-nosed leopard lizard (Gambelia silus) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of the species for the purpose of enhancing the species’ survival.

Applicant: Phillip Brylski, Irvine, California

Permit No. TE–148555

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, and release) the southwestern willow flycatcher (Empidonax traillii extimus); and take (harass by survey, capture, handle, and release) the San Joaquin kit fox (Vulpes macrotis mutica), Tipton kangaroo rat (Dipodomys nitratoides nitratoides), and giant kangaroo rat (Dipodomys ingens) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of the species for the purpose of enhancing the species’ survival.

Applicant: Phillip Brylski, Irvine, California

Permit No. TE–148555

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, and release) the yellow-legged frog (Rana sierrae) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of each species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species’ survival.

Applicant: Ian Maunsell, San Diego, California

Permit No. TE–42833A

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, and release) the southwestern willow flycatcher (Empidonax traillii extimus); and take (harass by survey, capture, handle, and release) the San Joaquin kit fox (Vulpes macrotis mutica), Tipton kangaroo rat (Dipodomys nitratoides nitratoides), and giant kangaroo rat (Dipodomys ingens) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of the species for the purpose of enhancing the species’ survival.

Applicant: Phillip Brylski, Irvine, California

Permit No. TE–148555

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, and release) the yellow-legged frog (Rana sierrae) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of each species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species’ survival.

Applicant: Ian Maunsell, San Diego, California

Permit No. TE–42833A
The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, and release) the California tiger salamander (central DPS, Santa Barbara County DPS, and Sonoma County DPS) (Ambystoma californiense) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of the species for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE–64546A
Applicant: Power Engineers, Inc., Meridian, Idaho

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey, nest monitor, and remove brown-headed cowbird (Molothrus ater) eggs and chicks from parasitized nests) the southwestern willow flycatcher (Empidonax traillii extimus) in conjunction with survey activities in Arizona, California, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas, and Utah, for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE–88597B
Applicant: Scott Crawford, Yorba Linda, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (Euphydryas editha quino); and take (harass by survey, capture, handle, release, collect adult vouchers, and collect branchiopod cysts) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (Branchinecta conservatio), longhorn fairy shrimp (Branchinecta longijawata), Sonoma County DPS) (Ambystoma californiense), and Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frog (Rana sierrae) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of the species for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE–786728
Applicant: Avocet Research Associates, LLC, Lompoc, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey) the California Ridgway's rail (California clapper r.) (Rallus obsoletus obsolatus) (R. longirostris o.) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of the species for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE–071215
Applicant: Rebecca Doubledee, Oakland, California

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, and release) the California tiger salamander (central DPS, Santa Barbara County DPS, and Sonoma County DPS) (Ambystoma californiense), and Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frog (Rana sierrae) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of the species for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE–88748B
Applicant: Erika L. Walther, Oakland, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, release, collect adult vouchers, and collect branchiopod cysts) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (Branchinecta conservatio), longhorn fairy shrimp (Branchinecta longijawata), Sonoma County DPS) (Ambystoma californiense), and vernal pool tadpole shrimp (Lepidurus packardi) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of the species for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.
(Euphydryas editha quino); and take (survey by pursuit, handle, and live-capture) Casey’s June beetle (Dinacoma caseyi) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species’ survival.

**Permit No. TE–836491**

Applicant: Michael Wilcox, Riverside, California

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (survey by pursuit) the Delhi Sands flower-loving fly (Rhaphiomidas terminatus abdominalis) in San Bernardino and Riverside Counties, California; take (harass by pursuit) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (Euphydryas editha quino) in Riverside, Orange, and San Diego Counties, California; and take (survey by pursuit, handle, and live-capture) the Casey’s June beetle (Dinacoma caseyi) throughout the range of the species in conjunction with survey activities for the purpose of enhancing the species’ survival.

**Public Comments**

We invite public review and comment on each of these recovery permit applications. Comments and materials we receive 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.

Michael Long,

*Acting Regional Director, Pacific Southwest Region, Sacramento, California.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

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**Eastern States: Filing of Plat of Survey**

**Agency:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**Notice of filing of plat of survey; Arkansas.**

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will file the plat of survey of the lands described below in the BLM-Eastern States, Washington, DC at least 30 calendar days from the date of publication in the Federal Register.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bureau of Land Management, Eastern States Office, 20 M Street SE., Washington DC, 20003. Attn: Cadastral Survey. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This survey was executed under the damaged lands fund.

**Fifth Principal Meridian, Arkansas**

**T. 20 N., R. 11 W.**

The plat of survey represents the dependent resurvey of a portion of the east boundary, a portion of the subdivisional lines, and the subdivision of section 13, Township 20 North, Range 11 West, of the Fifth Principal Meridian, Arkansas, and was accepted February 17, 2016. We will place a copy of the plat we described in the open files. It will be available to the public as a matter of information.

If BLM receives a protest against this survey, as shown on the plat, prior to the date of the official filing, we will stay the filing pending our consideration of the protest.

We will not officially file the plat until the day after we have accepted or dismissed all protests and they have become final, including decisions on appeals.

Dated: March 10, 2016.

Dominica VanKoten,

*Chief Cadastral Surveyor.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

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**Notice of Proposed Withdrawal Extension, Red Rock Canyon State Park; California**

**Agency:** Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management proposes to extend the duration of Public Land Order (PLO) No. 7260 for an additional 20-year term. PLO No. 7260 withdrew 8,896 acres of public lands from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the United States mining and mineral leasing laws, except for conveyances under Section 701 of the California Desert Protection Act of 1994, to protect the Red Rock Canyon State Park resources in Kern County, California, until the lands can be conveyed to the State of California. This notice gives the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed action. This notice also announces the date, time, and location of the public meeting to be held in conjunction with the proposed extension.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by June 14, 2016. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will hold a public meeting in connection with the proposed withdrawal extension on April 27, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and meeting requests should be sent to the California State Director, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), 2800 Cottage Way, Suite W–1623, Sacramento, California 95825.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Deanne Kidd, BLM California State Office, at 916–978–4337, or email dykidd@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339 to contact the above individual. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The BLM has filed an application to extend the withdrawal created by PLO No. 7260 (62 FR 26324 (1997)) for the remaining 6,072 acres of public lands, for an additional 20-year term. PLO No. 7260 will expire on May 5, 2017, unless extended. The purpose of the withdrawal is to protect the Red Rock Canyon State Park resources in Kern County, California, until the lands can be conveyed to the State of California. This notice gives the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed action. This notice also announces the date, time, and location of the public meeting to be held in conjunction with the proposed extension.