DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Center for Substance Abuse Prevention; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to Public Law 92–463, notice is hereby given for the meeting of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration’s (SAMHSA) Center for Substance Abuse Prevention National Advisory Council (CSAP NAC) on February 14, 2018.

The Council was established to advise the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use, SAMHSA; and Director, CSAP concerning matters relating to the activities carried out by and through the Center and the policies respecting such activities.

The meeting will be open to the public and will include the discussion of the substance use prevention workforce and opioid use prevention. The meeting will also include updates on CSAP program developments.

The meeting will be held in Rockville, Maryland. Attendance by the public will be limited to the space available. Interested persons may present data, information, or views, orally or in writing, on issues pending before the Council. Written submissions should be forwarded to the contact person on or before one week prior to the meeting.

Oral presentations from the public will be scheduled at the conclusion of the meeting. Individuals interested in making oral presentations should notify the contact on or before one week prior to the meeting. Five minutes maximum will be allotted for each presentation.

To attend onsite, submit written or brief oral comments, or request special accommodations for persons with disabilities, please register at the SAMHSA Committees’ website, http://nac.samhsa.gov/Registration/meetingsRegistration.aspx, or communicate with the CSAP Council’s Designated Federal Officer (see contact information below).

Substantive program information may be obtained after the meeting by accessing the SAMHSA Committee website, http://nac.samhsa.gov/, or by contacting the Designated Federal Officer.

Committee Name: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention National Advisory Council.

Date/Time/Type: February 14, 2018, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EST. (OPEN).

Place: SAMHSA, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 5A02, Rockville, MD 20852, Adobe Connect webcast: https://samhsa-csap.adobeconnect.com/nac/.

Contact: Matthew J. Aumen, Designated Federal Officer, SAMHSA CSAP NAC, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20852. Telephone: 240–276–2440, Fax: 301–480–8480, Email: matthew.aumen@samhsa.hhs.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service


Foreign Endangered and Threatened Species; Receipt of Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of permit applications.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on applications to conduct certain activities with foreign endangered and threatened species. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act prohibits activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is acquired that allows such activities. The ESA also requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

DATES: We must receive comments by February 12, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Document availability: The applications, as well as any comments and other materials that we receive, will be available for public inspection online in Docket No. FWS–HQ–IA–2017–0086 at http://www.regulations.gov.

Submitting comments: You may submit comments by one of the following methods:
II. Background

To help us carry out our conservation responsibilities for affected species, and in consideration of section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.; ESA), along with Executive Order 13576, “Delivering an Efficient, Effective, and Accountable Government,” and the President’s Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies of January 21, 2009—Transparency and Open Government (74 FR 4685; Jan. 26, 2009), which call on all Federal agencies to promote openness and transparency in Government by disclosing information to the public, we invite public comment on these permit applications before final action is taken.

III. Permit Applications

We invite the public to comment on applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species. With some exceptions, the ESA prohibits activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is acquired that allows such activities.

Applicant: Smithsonian National Zoological Park, Washington, DC; PRT–007870

The applicant requests reissuance of their permit for scientific research with captive-born giant pandas (Ailuropoda melanoleuca) currently held under loan agreement with the Government of China and under the provisions of the Service Giant Panda Policy. The proposed research will cover all aspects of behavior, reproductive physiology, genetics, nutrition, and animal health, and will be continuation of activities currently in progress. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

IV. Next Steps

If the Service decides to issue permits to any of the applicants listed in this
notice, we will publish a notice in the Federal Register. You may locate the Federal Register notice announcing the permit issuance date by searching regulations.gov under the permit number listed in this document (e.g., PRT–13245C).

V. Authority
The authority for this action is the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

Joyce Russell,
Government Information Specialist, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Where, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), intend to prepare an environmental analysis under the National Environmental Policy Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.; NEPA), for the proposed habitat conservation plan for the California Department of Parks and Recreation Oceano Dunes District (HCP). The HCP is a conservation plan as required under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA), for issuance of an incidental take permit (ITP). The draft environmental analysis will evaluate the impacts of several alternatives related to the proposed issuance of an ITP to the California Department of Parks and Recreation Oceano Dunes District (CDPR, applicant) for incidental take of threatened and endangered wildlife species that could result from activities covered under the HCP. The HCP would also include conservation measures for endangered plants. We also are announcing the initiation of a public scoping process to engage Federal, Tribal, State, and local governments and the public in the identification of issues and concerns, potential impacts, and possible alternatives to the proposed action.

DATES: In order to be included in the analysis, all comments must be received or postmarked on or before March 12, 2018. We will hold public scoping meetings at a location in the vicinity of the proposed plan area. At least one week prior to the meeting dates, we will announce exact meeting locations, dates, and times in local newspapers and on the internet at https://www.fws.gov/ventura/.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), intend to prepare an environmental analysis under the National Environmental Policy Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.; NEPA), for the proposed habitat conservation plan (HCP) for the California Department of Parks and Recreation Oceano Dunes District. The HCP is a conservation plan as required under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.; ESA), for issuance of a section 10(a)(1)(B) incidental take permit (ITP). The proposed ITP would authorize the incidental take of threatened and endangered wildlife species that could result from ongoing activities associated with the public use, recreation management, natural resources management, and park and beach management in two coastal Oceano Dunes District park units and an associated inland lake located in San Luis Obispo County, California. The HCP would also include conservation measures to protect endangered plant species. We also are announcing the initiation of a public scoping process to engage Federal, Tribal, State, and local governments and the public in the identification of issues and concerns, potential impacts, and possible alternatives to the proposed action.

Upon completion of the public scoping process and completion of our review of the applicant’s proposed HCP, we may determine that an environmental assessment rather than an environmental impact statement is sufficient to support potential issuance of the ITP.

BACKGROUND
Section 9 of the ESA and its implementing regulations prohibit “take” of fish and wildlife species listed as endangered or threatened (16 U.S.C. 1538; 50 CFR 17.21 and 17.31). Under section 3 of the ESA, the term “take” means to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct (16 U.S.C. 1532(19)). The term “harm” is further defined by regulation as an act that actually kills or injures wildlife. Such acts may include significant habitat modification or degradation where it actually kills or injures wildlife by significantly impairing essential behavioral patterns, including breeding, feeding, or sheltering (50 CFR 17.3). The term “harass” is also further defined in the regulations as an intentional or negligent act or omission that creates the likelihood of injury to wildlife by annoying it to such an extent as to significantly disrupt normal behavioral patterns, which include, but are not limited to, breeding, feeding, or sheltering (50 CFR 17.3).

Under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA, the Secretary of the Interior may authorize the taking of federally listed species if such taking occurs incidental to otherwise legal activities and where a conservation plan has been developed under section 10(a)(2)(A) that describes: (1) The impact that will likely result from such taking; (2) the steps an applicant will take to minimize and mitigate that take to the maximum extent practicable and the funding that will be available to implement such steps; (3) the alternative actions to such taking that an applicant considered and the reasons why such alternatives are not being utilized; and (4) other measures that the Service may require as being necessary or appropriate for the purposes of the plan. Issuance criteria under section 10(a)(2)(B) for an incidental take permit require the Service to find that: (1) The taking will be incidental to otherwise lawful activities; (2) an applicant will, to the maximum extent practicable, minimize and mitigate the taking of such taking; (3) an applicant has ensured that adequate funding for the plan will be