DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered and Threatened Species; Receipt of 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, have received applications for permits to conduct activities intended to enhance the propagation or survival of endangered or threatened species under the Endangered Species Act. We invite the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies to comment on these applications. Before issuing any of the requested permits, we will take into consideration any information that we receive during the public comment period.

DATES: We must receive your written comments on or before April 3, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Use one of the following methods to request documents or submit comments. Requests and comments should specify the applicant name(s) and application number(s) (e.g., TE123456):
- Email: permitsR5ES@fws.gov.
- U.S. Mail: Abby Gelb, Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 300 Westgate Center Dr. Hadley, MA 01035.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Abby Gelb, 413–253–8212 (phone), or permitsR5ES@fws.gov (email).

Individuals who are hearing or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 1–800–877–8339 for TTY assistance.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on applications for permits under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.). The requested permits would allow the applicants to conduct activities intended to promote recovery of species that are listed as endangered or threatened under the ESA.

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<td>TE18372D</td>
<td>U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Hadley, MA.</td>
<td>Amphibians: Shenandoah salamander (Plethodon shenandoah); Birds: Piping plover (Charadrius melodus), Red-cockaded woodpecker (Picoides borealis), Roseate tern (Sterna dougallii dougallii); Fish: Atlantic salmon (Salmo salar), Diamond darter (Crystallaria cincta), Duskytail darter (Etheostoma perornum), Maryland darter (Etheostoma sellare), Roanoke logperch (Percina rex); Invertebrates: American burying beetle (Nicrophorus americanus), Appalachian monkeyface pearl mussel (Quadrula sparsa), Birdwing pearl mussel (Lemiox rimosus), Clubshell mussel (Pleurobema clava), Cracking pearl mussel (Epioblasma triquetra), Cumberland bean pearl mussel (Villosa trabalis), Cumberland monkeyface pearl mussel (Quadrula intermedia), Cumberlandian combshell mussel (Epioblasma brevidens), Dredetary pearl mussel (Dromus dromas), Dwarf wedgemussel (Alasmidonta heterodon), Fanshell mussel (Alasmidonta cuneolus), Fine-rayed pigtoe mussel (Cyprogenia cuneolus), Fluted kioneshell mussel (Phychobranchus subtomentum), Green blossom pearl mussel (Epioblasma torulosa gubemaculum), Guyandotte River crayfish (Cambarus veteranus), Hay’s Springfield amphipod (Stygobromus hayi), James spinymussel (Pleurobema collina), Kanner blue butterfly (Lycaedides melissa samuelii), Lee County cave isopod (Liceus usdagalun), Littlewing pearl mussel (Papatia fabula), Mitchell’s saty butterfly (Neonymphia michelli michelli), Northern riffleshell mussel (Epioblasma torulosa rangiana), Orangefoot pimpleback pearl mussel (Plathobas lineopunctatus), Oyster mussel (Epioblasma capsaformis), Pink nucklet pearl mussel (Lampsilis abrupta), Purple bean mussel (Villosa perpurpurea), Rayed bean mussel (Villosa fabalis), Ring pink mussel (Obovaria retusa), Rough pigtoe mussel (Pleurobema plenum), Rough rabbitfoot (Quadrula cylindrica strigillata), Rusty patched bumble bee (Bombus affinis), Sheepnose mussel (Plathobasus cyphus), Shiny pigtoe mussel (Fusconaia cor), Slabside pearl mussel (Pleurobema dolabeloides), Snuffbox mussel (Epioblasma triquetrula), Spectaclecase mussel (Cumberlandia monodonta), Spurce-frir moss spind (Microhexura montivaga), Tan riffleshell mussel (Epioblasma florentina walken), Tubercled blossom pearl mussel (Epioblasma torulosa torulosa), Virginia fringed mountain snail (Polygyrrus virginianus);</td>
<td>CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VA, VT, WV, DC.</td>
<td>Survey, capture, collect, handle, transport, release, select, euthanize, propagate, translocate, reintroduce.</td>
<td>Harass, harm, pursue, wound, lethal collection, trap, capture, or collect.</td>
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<td>Aquatic Wildlife Conservation Center, Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, Manon, VA.</td>
<td>Mammals: Carolina northern flying squirrel (Glaucomys sabrinus coloratus), Gray bat (Myotis grisescens), Gray wolf (Canis lupus), Indiana bat (Myotis sodalis). Virginia big-eared bat (Corynorhinus townsendii virginianus); Reptiles: Hawkbill sea turtle (Eretmochelys imbricata), Kemp’s ridley sea turtle (Lepidochelys kempii), Leatherback sea turtle (Dermochelys coriacea), Northern red-bellied turtle (Pseudemys rubriventris); Plants: American chestnut (Schizalina americana), Canary’s dropwort (Oxyypyllis canbyi), Furbish lousewort (Pedicularis furbishiae), Harperetia (Pulmonium nodosum), Jessup’s milk-vetch (Astragalus robbinsii var. jeeps), Michaux’s sumac (Rhus michauxii), Northeastern bulrush (Scirpus angicochaeus), Peter’s Mountain mallow (Illma corei), Roan Mountain blue (Hyditepus purpurea var. montana), Rock gnome lichen (Gymnoderma linea), Running buffalo clover (Trifolium stoloniferum), Sandplain gerardia (Agalinis acuta), Schweinitz’s sunflower (Helianthus schweinitzii), Shale barren rock cress (Arabis serotina), Small-anthered bittercress (Cardamine microsperma), Smooth coneflower (Echinacea laevigata).</td>
<td>VA, TN ..........</td>
<td>Collect adults as broodstock andark populations; propagate; release juveniles and adults.</td>
<td>Capture, collect, transport, propagate, reintroduce.</td>
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**Public Availability of Comments**

Written comments we receive become part of the administrative record associated with this action. 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 request in your comment that we withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Moreover, 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.

**Next Steps**

If we decide to issue permits to any of the applicants listed in this notice, we will publish a notice in the Federal Register.

Authority

Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

Martin Miller,
Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Ecological Services, Northeast Region.

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

**Employment and Training Administration**

**Selection Procedures for Reviewing Applications Filed by Employers Seeking Temporary Employment of H–2B Foreign Workers in the United States**

**AGENCY:** Employment and Training Administration (ETA), Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor’s (Department’s or DOL’s) Office of Foreign Labor Certification (OFLC) is making this announcement to inform employers and other interested stakeholders of how H–2B Applications for Temporary Employment Certification, Form ETA–9142B, filed by employers on or after July 3, 2019, will be assigned to staff for review. The Department believes these procedural changes will provide for fairer and more orderly assignment and review of applications. The Department is seeking public comments on these procedural changes.

**DATES:** To be ensured for consideration, comments must be submitted in writing on or before April 3, 2019. OFLC will review all of the comments received and will make any changes it determines are appropriate prior to July 3, 2019. The new procedural changes are applicable on July 3, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by one of the following methods:

Mail and hand delivery/courier: Submit comments to Thomas M. Dowd, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration, Box PPII 12–200, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210. Due to security-related concerns, there may be a significant delay in the receipt of submissions by United States Mail. You must consider this when preparing to meet the deadline for submitting comments.

Email: Submit comments to H2BReform.Comments@dol.gov.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas M. Dowd, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor,