

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Jenny Ericson, at our Yreka office (address above), by telephone at 530-841-3115, or via the Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), have received an application from members of the Hart Family 2003 Trust (applicant) for a 50-year enhancement of survival permit (permit) under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). If granted, the permit will authorize the take of both the northern spotted owl (*Strix occidentalis caurina*) and the gray wolf (*Canis lupus*) that may occur incidental to land management activities in connection with ongoing livestock grazing and forest management operations that can restore, enhance, or maintain habitat for the species on the Butte Creek Ranch in Siskiyou County, California. The documents available for review and comment are the applicant's safe harbor agreement (SHA) and our draft environmental action statement (EAS), which supports a categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*). We invite comments from the public and Federal, Tribal, State, and local governments.

**Background**

Under SHAs, participating landowners voluntarily undertake management activities on their properties to enhance, restore, or maintain habitat to benefit species listed under the ESA. SHAs, and the subsequent enhancement of survival permit issued pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA, encourage private and other non-Federal property owners to implement conservation efforts for listed species by assuring property owners that they will not be subject to increased land use restriction as a result of efforts to attract or increase the numbers or distribution of a listed species on their property. Application requirements and issuance criteria for enhancement of survival permits through SHAs are found in 50 CFR 17.22(c) and 17.32(c).

**Application: Butte Creek Ranch Safe Harbor Agreement**

Members of the Hart Family 2003 Trust have applied for a 50-year enhancement of survival permit under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA for the Butte Creek Ranch. The permit addresses incidental take of the northern spotted owl and gray wolf that may occur during ongoing livestock grazing and forest management

operations on approximately 3,468 acres of forestland owned by the applicant.

The Butte Creek Ranch is managed under an existing conservation easement (easement) that ensures preservation and protection of the property in perpetuity. Easement restrictions on management activities are incorporated into the SHA as conservation measures to benefit and contribute to the recovery of the northern spotted owl and gray wolf.

Northern spotted owls have not been detected on or adjacent to the property, although forest management activities may lead to their presence in the future. If northern spotted owls occupy the property during the permit term, covered activities are expected to result in the incidental take of a maximum of 10 juveniles and two adults during periodic timber harvest. The baseline habitat conditions for northern spotted owl on the property are estimated to be 65 acres of nesting/roosting habitat and 1,045 acres of foraging habitat. The SHA will increase the baseline for northern spotted owls by retaining habitat elements (*e.g.*, snags, large old trees) and developing and perpetually maintaining forests that are older and structurally more complex than that which currently exists. The SHA will achieve a net conservation benefit for northern spotted owl by increasing the amount of suitable habitat over the permit term and by managing the threats of barred owl and unnaturally severe wildfire. The take avoidance measures in the SHA will minimize the potential for incidental take through surveys and seasonal timing restrictions prior to any timber operations in suitable habitat.

Wolves have been documented using the Butte Creek Ranch and will likely continue to use the property in the future because the current level of human activity, including road use and construction, is not expected to increase under the SHA. The covered activities are expected to result in the incidental take of a maximum of 15 juvenile wolves over the permit term if cattle operations or forest management activities occur near an active den or rendezvous site, which may lead to abandonment of the site or of young. The monitoring of wolf activity and the wolf protection measures in the SHA will minimize the potential for incidental take. The SHA will achieve a net conservation benefit and increase the baseline for wolves by maintaining an area of limited human disturbance, improving deer and elk habitat, and using livestock husbandry practices to avoid livestock and wolf conflict. Because the property will be managed under the SHA to be a secure and

relatively undisturbed location, it will provide habitat for dispersing wolves and may potentially become part of an established territory that supports a wolf pack.

**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. 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.

**Authority**

We provide this notice under section 10(c) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.22 and 17.32) and NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (40 CFR 1506.6 and 43 CFR 46.305).

**Jenny Ericson,**

Field Supervisor, Yreka Fish and Wildlife Office, Yreka, California.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Fish and Wildlife Service**

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**Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act Advisory Group; Call for Nominations**

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

**ACTION:** Call for nominations.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary of the Interior seeks nominations for individuals to be considered to fill one vacancy to serve as a member of the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act Advisory Group. The Advisory Group operates under statutory procedures established in the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act, which promotes long-term conservation of neotropical migratory birds and their habitats.

**DATES:** Written nominations must be postmarked by April 29, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Please address and submit your nomination letters via U.S. mail or hand delivery to Mr. Jerome Ford, Assistant Director—Migratory Birds; Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act Advisory Group; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS:MB; Falls Church, VA 22041–3803.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kari Duncan by email (preferred) at [kari\\_duncan@fws.gov](mailto:kari_duncan@fws.gov), by telephone at 703–358–1784, by U.S. mail at the address in **ADDRESSES**, or via the Federal Relay Service at 1–800–877–8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

The Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act (NMBCA or Act; 16 U.S.C. 6101 *et seq.*), promotes long-term conservation of neotropical migratory birds and their habitats through a competitive grants program by promoting partnerships and local conservation efforts, and achieving habitat protection in 36 countries. The goals of NMBCA include perpetuating healthy bird populations, providing financial resources for bird conservation, and fostering international cooperation. Because the greatest conservation need is south of the U.S. border, the Act requires that at least 75 percent of NMBCA funding supports projects outside the United States.

Under the Act (16 U.S.C. 6106), the Secretary may convene an advisory group consisting of individuals representing public and private organizations actively involved in the conservation of neotropical migratory birds. Accordingly, since 2006, an advisory group has assisted in administration of the NMBCA.

**Advisory Group Duties**

The NMBCA Advisory Group provides advice to the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on progress toward program goals and on neotropical migratory bird conservation priorities, conducts outreach to partners to encourage collaboration and cooperative planning, communicates the need for program support, and contributes to a long-term strategic vision. Under statutory procedures established in the Act, the Advisory Group typically meets once a year to discuss the strategic direction and management of the NMBCA program.

**Advisory Group Membership**

As a whole, the Advisory Group shall have expertise in migratory bird

conservation and management throughout the Western Hemisphere. Currently, the Advisory Group includes Directors of State fish and wildlife agencies representing the four migratory bird flyways, the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Secretary of the Board of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and nonprofit organizations engaged in migratory bird conservation activities. In the event that an appointment lapses, members continue to serve until reappointed or replaced.

**Nomination Method and Eligibility**

The Secretary seeks nominations for individuals who have expertise in migratory bird conservation and management throughout the Western Hemisphere to be considered to fill one vacancy to serve as a member of the Advisory Group. The member will be appointed to a three-year term that will expire on March 31, 2022. Nominations should include a resume that provides contact information and a description of the nominee's qualifications that would enable the Department of the Interior to make an informed decision regarding the candidate's suitability to serve on the Advisory Group.

Dated: April 2, 2019.

**James W. Kurth,**

*Deputy Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

**Drug Enforcement Administration**

[Docket No. DEA–392]

**Importer of Controlled Substances Application: Sanyal Biotechnology, LLC**

**ACTION:** Notice of application.

**DATES:** Registered bulk manufacturers of the affected basic classes, and applicants therefore, may file written comments on or objections to the issuance of the proposed registration on or before May 8, 2019. Such persons may also file a written request for a hearing on the application on or before May 8, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent to: Drug Enforcement Administration, Attention: DEA Federal Register Representative/DPW, 8701 Morrisette Drive, Springfield, Virginia 22152. All requests for a hearing must be sent to: Drug Enforcement Administration, Attn: Administrator,

8701 Morrisette Drive, Springfield, Virginia 22152. All requests for a hearing should also be sent to: (1) Drug Enforcement Administration, Attn: Hearing Clerk/OALJ, 8701 Morrisette Drive, Springfield, Virginia 22152; and (2) Drug Enforcement Administration, Attn: DEA Federal Register Representative/DPW, 8701 Morrisette Drive, Springfield, Virginia 22152.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Attorney General has delegated his authority under the Controlled Substances Act to the Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), 28 CFR 0.100(b). Authority to exercise all necessary functions with respect to the promulgation and implementation of 21 CFR part 1301, incident to the registration of manufacturers, distributors, dispensers, importers, and exporters of controlled substances (other than final orders in connection with suspension, denial, or revocation of registration) has been redelegated to the Assistant Administrator of the DEA Diversion Control Division (“Assistant Administrator”) pursuant to section 7 of 28 CFR part 0, appendix to subpart R.

In accordance with 21 CFR 1301.34(a), this is notice that on January 7, 2019, Sanyal Biotechnology, LLC, 700 West Olney Road, Marioneaux Lab—Room 3159, Norfolk, Virginia 23507–1607 applied to be registered as an importer of the following basic class of controlled substances:

Controlled substance	Drug code	Schedule
Marihuana Extract	7350	I
Tetrahydrocannabinols.	7370	I

The company plans to import finished dosage unit products containing marihuana extract for clinical trial studies. These cannabis extracts compounds are listed under drug code 7350. No other activity for these drug codes is authorized for this registration. Approval of permit applications will occur only when the registrant's business activity is consistent with what is authorized under 21 U.S.C. 952(a)(2). Authorization will not extend to the import of FDA-approved or non-approved finished dosage forms for commercial sale.

Dated: March 21, 2019.

**John J. Martin,**

*Assistant Administrator.*

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