DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service

Receipt of Application for Endangered Species Permits

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

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 a Federal permit is issued that allows such activities. The ESA requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

DATES: We must receive written data or comments on the applications at the address given below by August 19, 2015.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James Gruhala, 10(a)(1)(A) Permit Coordinator, telephone 404–679–7097; facsimile 404–679–7081.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The public is invited to comment on the following applications for permits to conduct certain activities with endangered and threatened species under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), and our regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17. This notice is provided under section 10(c) of the Act.

If you wish to comment, you may submit comments by any one of the following methods. You may mail comments to the Fish and Wildlife Service’s Regional Office (see ADDRESSES section) or send them via electronic mail (email) to permitsR4ES@fws.gov. Please include your name and return address in your email message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the Fish and Wildlife Service that we have received your email message, contact us directly at the telephone number listed above (see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT). Finally, you may hand-deliver comments to the Fish and Wildlife Service office listed above (see ADDRESSES).

Before including your address, telephone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, 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 comments to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Permit Applications

Permit Application Number: TE 13844A–2

Applicant: Anthony Miller, Morgan Worldwide, Lexington, Kentucky.

The applicant requests an amendment of his current permit to add the state of Georgia for permitted activities with the gray bat (Myotis grisescens). Permitted activities will continue to be take (enter hibernacula and maternity roost caves, mist-net, harp trap, band, radio-tag, light-tag, wing punch, and salvage) for the purpose of carrying out presence/absence surveys.

Permit Application Number: TE 12399A–3

Applicant: Ronald Forman, Audubon Nature Institute, New Orleans, Louisiana.

The applicant requests renewal of his current permit to take (rehabilitate, mark, transport, release, and euthanize) Kemp’s ridley (Lepidochelys kempii), hawksbill (Eretmochelys imbricata), leatherback (Dermochelys coriacea), green (Chelonia mydas), loggerhead (Caretta caretta), and olive ridley (Lepidochelys olivacea) sea turtles and amendment to authorize the attachment of satellite tags to turtles prior to release, for purposes of veterinary treatment and monitoring of movements and survival of released turtles in the state of Louisiana and elsewhere as directed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Permit Application Number: TE 66445B–0

Applicant: Angelina Fowler, Nashville, Tennessee.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture, identify, release) Nashville crayfish (Orconectes shoupi) and thirteen species of fish for the purpose of conducting presence/absence
surveys in Tennessee, Alabama, Kentucky, and Georgia.

**Permit Application Number:** TE 66480B–0

**Applicant:** Thomas Gilbert, Greenwood, Arkansas.

The applicant requests a permit to take (live-trap and release) American burrowing beetles (*Nicrophorus americanus*) for the purpose of conducting presence/absence surveys in Arkansas and Oklahoma.

**Permit Application Number:** TE 017853–3

**Applicant:** Lynne Byrd, Mote Marine Laboratory, Sarasota, Florida.

The applicant requests renewal of his current permit to take (euthanize) Kemp’s ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*), hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*), green (*Chelonia mydas*), loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*), sea turtles for the purpose of veterinary treatment in the state of Florida and elsewhere as directed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

**Permit Application Number:** TE 68616B–0

**Applicant:** Carla Atkinson, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture, identify, release) 33 species of mussels for the purpose of conducting presence absence surveys in Alabama, Georgia, and Tennessee.

**Permit Application Number:** TE 121059–2

**Applicant:** Peggy Measel, Round Mountain Biological & Environmental Studies Inc., Nicholasville, Kentucky.

The applicant requests an amendment of her current permit to add the states of Indiana, Illinois, Virginia, and West Virginia for already permitted activities with Indiana (*Myotis sodalis*) and gray (*Myotis grisescens*) bats. Permitted activities will continue to be take (enter hibernacula and maternity roost caves, salvage bead bats, collect hair samples, mist-net, harp trap, band, radio-tag, light-tag, wing punch, and salvage) for the purpose of carrying out presence/absence surveys.

**Permit Application Number:** TE 64232B–0

**Applicant:** Joshua R. Young, Lexington, Kentucky.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture, identify, tag, and release) Virginia big-eared (*Corynorhinus townsendii virginianus*), Indiana (*Myotis sodalis*), gray (*Myotis grisescens*), and northern long-eared bats (*Myotis septentrionalis*) in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia, and take (capture, identify, release, and collect retreat shells) 26 species of freshwater mussels in Kentucky for the purpose of conducting presence/absence surveys.

**Dated:** June 23, 2015.

**Leopoldo Miranda,**

Assistant Regional Director—Ecological Services, Southeast Region.

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**Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Nevada Department of Wildlife; Application for Enhancement of Survival Permit; Proposed Programmatic Candidate Conservation Agreement With Assurances for the Relict Leopard Frog; Clark County, Nevada**

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

**ACTION:** Receipt of application; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announce receipt from the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) of an application for an enhancement of survival permit (permit) under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA). The requested permit would authorize take of the relict leopard frog (RLF) resulting from certain land use and conservation activities, should the species be listed as endangered or threatened in the future. The permit application includes a proposed programmatic candidate conservation agreement with assurances (CCAA) between NDOW and the Service. The requested term of the proposed CCAA and permit is 30 years. In accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), we have prepared a draft low-effect screening form supporting our determination that the proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under NEPA. We are accepting comments on the permit application, proposed CCAA, and draft NEPA compliance documentation.

**DATES:** Written comments on the permit application, proposed programmatic CCAA, and draft NEPA compliance documentation must be received on or before August 19, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** Obtaining Documents: Persons wishing to review the application, the proposed CCAA, the draft NEPA compliance documentation, or other related documents may obtain copies by written or telephone request to Jeri Krueger, by mail at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Reno Fish and Wildlife Office, 1340 Financial Boulevard, Suite 234, Reno, NV 89502, or by phone at 775–861–6300. Copies of these documents may also be obtained on the Internet at http://www.fws.gov/nevada/protected_species/amphibians/species/relict_leopard_frog.html.

**Submitting Comments:** Please address written comments to Michael J. Senn, Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Southern Nevada Fish and Wildlife Office, 4701 North Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89130. You may also send comments by facsimile to 702–515–5231. Please note that your information request or comment is in reference to the Programmatic CCAA for the Relict Leopard Frog, Clark County, Nevada.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeri Krueger, Reno Fish and Wildlife Office, at the address or telephone number listed above under ADDRESSES.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Document Availability**

You may obtain copies of the permit application, proposed CCAA, draft NEPA compliance documentation, and other related documents from the individual listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT. Copies of these documents are also available for public inspection, by appointment, during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), at the Southern Nevada Fish and Wildlife Office, 4701 North Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89130.

**Background Information**

Enhancement of survival permits issued for CCAAs encourage non-Federal landowners to implement conservation measures for species that are, or are likely to become, candidates for Federal listing as endangered or threatened by assuring landowners they will not be subjected to increased property use restrictions if the covered species becomes listed in the future. Application requirements and issuance criteria for enhancement of survival permits issued for CCAAs are in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17.22(d) and 17.32(d). The policy