

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

[Docket ID DHS-2017-0062]

The President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee

AGENCY: National Protection and Programs Directorate, Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

ACTION: Committee Management; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting.

SUMMARY: The President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee (NSTAC) will meet via teleconference on Thursday, November 16, 2017. The meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: The NSTAC will meet on November 16, 2017 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST). Please note that the meeting may close early if the committee has completed its business.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via conference call. For access to the conference call bridge, information on services for individuals with disabilities, or to request special assistance to participate, please email NSTAC@hq.dhs.gov by 5:00 p.m. EST on Wednesday, November 15, 2017.

Members of the public are invited to provide comment on the issues that will be considered by the committee as listed in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below. The report that participants will deliberate and vote on during the meeting is available at www.dhs.gov/nstac for review as of Friday, October 6, 2017. Comments may be submitted at any time and must be identified by docket number DHS-2017-0062. Comments may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Please follow the instructions for submitting written comments.

- **Email:** NSTAC@hq.dhs.gov. Include the docket number DHS-2017-0062 in the subject line of the email.

- **Fax:** (703) 705-6190, ATTN: Sandy Benevides.

- **Mail:** Helen Jackson, Designated Federal Officer, Stakeholder Engagement and Cyber Infrastructure Resilience Division, National Protection and Programs Directorate, Department of Homeland Security, 245 Murray Lane, Mail Stop 0612, Arlington, VA 20598-0612.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the words "Department of Homeland Security" and the docket

number for this action. Comments received will be posted without alteration at www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided.

Docket: For access to the docket and comments received by the NSTAC, please go to www.regulations.gov and enter docket number DHS-2017-0062.

A public comment period will be held during the teleconference on Thursday, November 16, 2017, from 3:35 p.m. EST to 3:45 p.m. Speakers who wish to participate in the public comment period must register in advance by no later than Monday, November 13, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. EST by emailing NSTAC@hq.dhs.gov. Speakers are requested to limit their comments to three minutes and will speak in order of registration. Please note that the public comment period may end before the time indicated, following the last request for comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Helen Jackson, NSTAC Designated Federal Officer, Department of Homeland Security, (703) 705-6276 (telephone) or helen.jackson@hq.dhs.gov (email).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is given under *the Federal Advisory Committee Act*, 5 U.S.C. Appendix (Pub. L. 92-463). The NSTAC advises the President on matters related to national security and emergency preparedness (NS/EP) telecommunications and cybersecurity policy.

Agenda: The NSTAC will hold a conference call on Thursday, November 16, 2017, to deliberate and vote on the final draft of the *NSTAC Report to the President on Internet and Communications Resilience* which addresses ways in which the private sector and Government, together, can improve the resilience of the Internet and communications ecosystem (e.g., against botnets). In May 2017, the National Security Council (NSC), on behalf of the President, and as part of Executive Order 13800, *Strengthening the Cybersecurity of Federal Networks and Critical Infrastructure*, Section 2 (d), requested that the President's NSTAC examine how the private sector and Government could improve the resilience of the Internet and communications ecosystem. The report examines threats within the Internet ecosystem and possible solutions, ranging from short-term remedies to long-term solutions. The NSTAC's goal is to inform the Administration's efforts to set cybersecurity priorities and develop policies to deepen Government and private industry cooperation. The

report provides specific recommendations for the private sector and the Government. The draft *NSTAC Report to the President on Internet and Communications Resilience* can be found at <https://www.dhs.gov/publication/2017-nstac-publications>.

Dated: October 25, 2017.

Helen Jackson,

Designated Federal Officer for the NSTAC.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R8-ES-2017-N131; FXES 11130800000-178-FF08E00000]

Endangered Species Recovery Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

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

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 (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.

DATES: Comments on these permit applications must be received on or before November 29, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the Endangered Species Program Manager, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 8, 2800 Cottage Way, Room W-2606, Sacramento, CA 95825 (telephone: 916-414-6464; fax: 916-414-6486). Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel Marquez, Fish and Wildlife Biologist; see **ADDRESSES** (telephone: 760-431-9440; fax: 760-431-9624; email: daniel_marquez@fws.gov).

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-212445

Applicant: Robert Schell, San Rafael, California

The applicant requests a permit renewal and amendment to take (capture, handle, release, collect vouchers, and collect branchiopod cysts) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*), Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*), and vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*); and take (capture, handle, take tissue samples, and release) the California tiger salamander (Santa Barbara County and Sonoma County Distinct Population Segments (DPS)) (*Ambystoma californiense*) in conjunction with survey and research activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-040553

Applicant: Daniel A. Marschalek, San Diego, California

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) and Laguna Mountains skipper (*Pyrgus ruralis lagunae*) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of each species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-34126C

Applicant: Francesca A. Cannizzo, Fresno, California

The applicant requests a new permit to take (capture, handle, and release) the California tiger salamander (central California DPS (*Ambystoma californiense*)) and take (capture, handle, release, collect vouchers, and collect branchiopod cysts) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*) and vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-64144A

Applicant: Emily M. Mastrelli, San Diego, California

The applicant requests a permit amendment to take the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of

the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-74377B

Applicant: Shannon E. Mindeman, San Diego, California

The applicant requests a permit amendment to take the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-021929

Applicant: Sacramento Splash, Mather, California

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (capture, handle, release, collect vouchers, and collect branchiopod cysts) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), and vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*) in conjunction with survey activities in Sacramento County, California, for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-34132C

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

The applicant requests a new permit to take (capture, handle, measure, take skin swabs, clip toes, insert PIT (Passive Integrated Transponder) tags, mark with VIE (Visual Implant Elastomer), transport, translocate, emergency salvage, and release) the Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frog (*Rana sierrae*) and mountain yellow-legged frog (northern California DPS (*Rana muscosa*)) in conjunction with survey and research activities throughout the range of each species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-24603A

Applicant: Karen J. Carter, Running Springs, California

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take the Yuma Clapper rail (Yuma Ridgway's r.) (*Rallus longirostris yumanensis*) (*R. obsoletus* y.) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of the species in California and Nevada for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-082233

Applicant: Marcus C. England, Los Angeles, California

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (locate and monitor nests; and remove brown-headed cowbird (*Molothrus ater*) eggs and chicks from parasitized nests) the least

Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*) and take (survey for, locate and monitor nests, and remove brown-headed cowbird (*Molothrus ater*) eggs and chicks from parasitized nests) the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) in conjunction with survey and population monitoring activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-179036

Applicant: Cullen Wilkerson, Richmond, California

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

Permit No. TE-233373

Applicant: Mary Anne Flett, Point Reyes Station, California

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

Permit No. TE-798003

Applicant: North State Resources, Inc., Redding, California

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (capture, handle, release, collect vouchers, and collect branchiopod cysts) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*), Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*), and vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*); take (by survey activities) the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*); and take (capture, handle, and release) the California tiger salamander (Santa Barbara County and Sonoma County DPSs (*Ambystoma californiense*)) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of the species in California and Oregon for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-59592B

Applicant: Angela M. Johnson, Wauconda, Illinois

The applicant requests a permit amendment and renewal to take (survey

for, locate and monitor nests, and remove brown-headed cowbird (*Molothrus ater*) eggs and chicks from parasitized nests) the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) and take (locate and monitor nests, and remove brown-headed cowbird (*Molothrus ater*) eggs and chicks from parasitized nests) the least Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*) in conjunction with survey and population monitoring activities throughout the range of the species in California, Nevada, and Arizona, for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-837574

Applicant: Eremico Biological Services, Weldon, California

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (capture, band, collect blood samples, and release) the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) in conjunction with survey, population monitoring, and research activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-60149A

Applicant: California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Arcata, California

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (capture, handle, and release) the tidewater goby (*Eucyclogobius newberryi*) in Humboldt County, Del Norte County, and Mendocino County, California, in conjunction with survey activities for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-36221C

Applicant: Jason R. Peters, Sacramento, California

The applicant requests a new permit to take (capture, handle, and release) the California tiger salamander (Santa Barbara County and Sonoma County Distinct Population Segment DPSs (*Ambystoma californiense*)) and take (capture, handle, release, collect vouchers, and collect branchiopod cysts) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*), Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*), and vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-190303

Applicant: Daniel W.H. Shaw, Tahoma, California

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

Permit No. TE-86811A

Applicant: Southwest Resource Management Association, Riverside, California

The applicant requests a permit amendment to take (capture, handle, release, and emergency salvage) the unarmored threespine stickleback (*Gasterosteus aculeatus williamsoni*) in conjunction with survey and salvage activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-797315

Applicant: Michael Morrison, College Station, Texas

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (capture, handle, mark, and release) the Fresno kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys nitratooides exilis*) and take (capture, handle, measure, mark, collect fur samples, and release) the salt marsh harvest mouse (*Reithrodontomys raviventris*) in conjunction with survey and research activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-190302

Applicant: Mitch Siemens, Arroyo Grande, California

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

Permit No. TE-053379

Applicant: Christine Tischer, Orange, California

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) and take (capture, handle, release, collect adult vouchers, and collect branchiopod cysts) the Conservancy fairy shrimp

(*Branchinecta conservatio*), longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*), San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*), and vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-003269

Applicant: Robert James, San Diego, California

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (capture, handle, and release) the Stephens' kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys stephensi*) and Pacific pocket mouse (*Perognathus longimembris pacificus*); take (capture, handle, release, collect vouchers, and collect branchiopod cysts) the San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*) and Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*); and take the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-811615

Applicant: Cynthia Daverin, San Diego, California

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (survey for, locate and monitor nests, and remove brown-headed cowbird (*Molothrus ater*) eggs and chicks from parasitized nests) the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*); take (locate and monitor nests, and remove brown-headed cowbird (*Molothrus ater*) eggs and chicks from parasitized nests) the least Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*); and take the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) in conjunction with survey and population monitoring activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-074955

Applicant: Susan Scatolini, San Diego, California

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (capture, handle, release, collect vouchers, and collect branchiopod cysts) the San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*) and Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*) in conjunction with survey activities within San Diego County and Imperial

County, California, for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-74785A

Applicant: Barry Nerhus, Costa Mesa, California

The applicant requests a permit renewal and amendment to take (survey for and locate and monitor nests) the Light-Footed Clapper rail (light-footed Ridgway's r.) (*Rallus longirostris levipes*) (*R. obsoletus* l.) in conjunction with survey and population monitoring activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-45250C

Applicant: Griffin Brungraber, Bend, Oregon

The applicant requests a new permit to take the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-45251C

Applicant: Emily Moffitt, Campbell, California

The applicant requests a new permit to take (capture, handle, and release) the California tiger salamander (Santa Barbara County and Sonoma County DPSs (*Ambystoma californiense*)) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-195305

Applicant: Andres Aguilar, Los Angeles, California

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (capture, handle, release, collect vouchers, and collect branchiopod cysts) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), and vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*) in conjunction with survey and research activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-025732

Applicant: Samuel Sweet, Santa Barbara, California

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (capture, handle, measure, mark, relocate, release, attach radio tags, collect tail tissue, swab for chytrid fungus testing, collect specimens, conduct restoration activities, and remove and euthanize hybrids) the California tiger salamander

(Santa Barbara County DPS (*Ambystoma californiense*)) and take (capture, handle, swab for chytrid fungus testing, maintain in enclosures in-stream, release, relocate, and collect dead individuals) the arroyo toad (arroyo southwestern) (*Anaxyrus californicus*) in conjunction with survey and scientific research activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-54614A

Applicant: California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Rancho Cordova, California

The applicant requests a permit amendment and renewal to take (capture, handle, collect, photograph, tag, attach radio transmitters and radio track, mark, collect morphological data, collect parasites and tissue, conduct veterinary testing (assess reproductive condition, conduct health assessments, quarantine, test for disease and parasites), administer veterinary care, obtain genetic samples, euthanize, remove from the wild, transport, hold in captivity, captive-rear, captive-breed, release to the wild, translocate, use remote cameras, and monitor populations) the Amargosa vole (*Microtus californicus scirpensis*) in conjunction with survey, research, and behavior studies throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-018111

Applicant: Tenera Environmental, San Luis Obispo, California

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (capture, handle, and release) the tidewater goby (*Eucyclogobius newberryi*) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-787037

Applicant: University of San Diego, San Diego, California

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (capture, handle, release, collect adult vouchers, collect resting eggs, conduct genetic analysis, process vernal pool soil samples for egg identification, and culturing and hatching out of branchiopod eggs) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*), Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*), and vernal

pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*) in conjunction with survey and genetic research activities throughout the range of the species in California 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.

Angela Picco,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Public Meeting, BLM Alaska Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 as amended and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Alaska Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The RAC will hold a public meeting on Thursday, November 16, 2017, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Friday, November 17, 2017, from 8 a.m. until noon. A public comment period will be held during Thursday's meeting from 4 to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place in the Executive Dining Room at the Federal Building, 222 W. 7th Ave., Anchorage, Alaska. The agenda will be posted online by Oct. 17, 2017, at <https://www.blm.gov/site-page/get>