

Name of Committee: National Cancer Institute Special Emphasis Panel; Outstanding Investigator Award (OIA) II.
Date: March 8–9, 2018.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Gaithersburg Marriott Washingtonian Center, 9751 Washingtonian Boulevard, Gaithersburg, MD 20878.

Contact Person: Caron A. Lyman, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Research Program Review Branch, Division of Extramural Activities, National Cancer Institute, NIH, 9609 Medical Center Drive, Room 7W126, Bethesda, MD 20892–9750, 240–276–6348, lymanc@mail.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: National Cancer Institute Special Emphasis Panel; SEP–9—Drug Development.

Date: March 9, 2018.
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Cancer Institute, Shady Grove, 9609 Medical Center Drive, Room 7W114, Rockville, MD 20850 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Jeffrey E. DeClue, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Research Technology and Contract Review Branch, Division of Extramural Activities, National Cancer Institute, NIH, 9609 Medical Center Drive, Room 7W114, Bethesda, MD 20892–9750, 240–276–6371, decluej@mail.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: National Cancer Institute Special Emphasis Panel; TEP–1: Development of Software Tools for Post Radiation Therapy Surveillance.

Date: March 13–14, 2018.
Time: 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate contract proposals.

Place: Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center, 5701 Marinelli Road, North Bethesda, MD 20852.

Contact Person: Shakeel Ahmad, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Research Technology and Contract Review Branch, Division of Extramural Activities, National Cancer Institute, NIH, 9609 Medical Center Drive, Room 7W102, Bethesda, MD 20892–9750, 240–276–6349, ahmads@mail.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: National Cancer Institute Special Emphasis Panel; Emerging Questions in Cancer Systems Biology (U01).

Date: March 16, 2018.
Time: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Cancer Institute, Shady Grove, 9609 Medical Center Drive, Room 2E908, Rockville, MD 20850.

Contact Person: Timothy C. Meeker, MD, Scientific Review Officer, Resources and Training Review Branch, Division of Extramural Activities, National Cancer Institute, NIH, 9609 Medical Center Drive, Room 7W606, Bethesda, MD 20892–9750, 240–276–6464, meekert@mail.nih.gov.

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Treatment Research; 93.396, Cancer Biology Research; 93.397, Cancer Centers Support; 93.398, Cancer Research Manpower; 93.399, Cancer Control, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: January 5, 2018.

Melanie J. Pantoja,

Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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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.auen@samhsa.hhs.gov.

Carlos Castillo,

Committee Management Officer, SAMHSA.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[Docket No. FWS–HQ–IA–2017–0086; FXIA1671090000–178–FF09A30000]

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:

• *Federal eRulemaking Portal*: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Search for Docket No. FWS–HQ–IA–2017–0086 and follow the instructions for submitting comments.

• *U.S. mail or hand-delivery*: Public Comments Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS–HQ–IA–2017–0086; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS: BPHC; 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041–3803.

When submitting comments, please include the name of the applicant and the PRT# at the beginning of your comment. We will post all comments on <http://www.regulations.gov>. This generally means that we will post any personal information you provide (see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for more information).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Joyce Russell, 703–358–2023.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Comment Procedures

A. How do I comment on submitted applications?

You may submit your comments and materials by one of the methods listed under *Submitting Comments* in the **ADDRESSES** section. We will not consider comments sent by email or fax, or to an address not in the **ADDRESSES** section.

Please make your comments as specific as possible, confine your comments to issues for which we seek information as described in this notice, and explain the basis for your comments. Include sufficient information with your comments to allow us to authenticate any scientific or commercial data you include.

The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are: (1) Those supported by quantitative information or studies; and (2) Those that include citations to, and analyses of, the applicable laws and regulations. We will not consider or include in our administrative record comments we receive after the close of the comment period (**DATES**) or comments delivered to an address other than those listed in **ADDRESSES**.

B. May I review comments submitted by others?

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review online at <http://www.regulations.gov> and at the street address in **ADDRESSES**. The public may review documents and other information applicants have sent in support of their applications unless our allowing such viewing would violate

the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) or the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

C. Who will see my comments?

If you submit a comment via <http://www.regulations.gov>, your entire comment, including any personal identifying information, will be posted on the website. If you submit a hardcopy comment that includes personal identifying information, such as your address, phone number, or email address, you may request at the top of your document that we withhold this information from public review. However, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

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.

Applicant: Dawn Carone, Swarthmore, PA; PRT–40245C

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples from wild Sumatran orangutan (*Pongo abelii*) and western gorilla (*gorilla gorilla*) for scientific research. This notification is for a single import. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 1-year period.

Applicant: University of Georgia, College of Veterinary Medicine, Infectious Diseases Laboratory, Athens, GA; PRT–45805C

The applicant requests authorization to import tissue or blood samples of any avian species (class Aves), reptile species (class Reptilia), and fish (within the taxonomic phylum Chordata) from locations worldwide for the purpose of diagnostic testing for infectious diseases/scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Mr. Vincent Rose, American Crocodile Education Sanctuary, North Fort Meyers, FL; PRT–44876C

The applicant requests authorization to import the skull of an American crocodile (*Crocodylus acutus*) from Belize to enhance the propagation or survival of the species. This notification is for a single import.

Trophy Applicants

The following applicants each request a permit to import a sport-hunted trophy of a male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancing the propagation or survival of the species.

Applicant: Michael Kincaid, Mukilteo, WA; PRT–53993C

Applicant: Tim Brown, Oregon City, OR; PRT–52676C

Applicant: Christopher O’Connor, Dumfries, VA; PRT–55019C

Applicant: Verne Williamson, Ashland, VA; PRT–46104C

Applicant: Edward Aston, San Juan Capistrano, CA PRT–54247C

Applicant: Benard Calvin Hendrick VII, Odessa, TX; PRT 55894C

Applicant: Kevin H. Young, Chehalis, WA; PRT–57502C

Applicant: William S. Montgomery Jr., Dallas, TX; PRT–58300C

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-12345C).

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R8-ES-2017-N115;
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Draft Habitat Conservation Plan for the California Department of Parks and Recreation Oceano Dunes District, San Luis Obispo County, California; Notice of Intent To Prepare Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement; Initiation of Public Scoping Process

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), intend to prepare draft environmental analysis (either an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement) under the National Environmental Policy Act (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/>.

ADDRESSES: Please provide comments in writing by one of the following methods:

- *Email:* lena_chang@fws.gov. Please include Oceano Dunes HCP in the subject line of the message.
- *Facsimile:* 805-644-3958, Attn: Oceano Dunes HCP.
- *U.S. Mail:* Field Supervisor, Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2493 Portola Road, Suite B, Ventura, CA 93003. Please specify that your information request or comments concern the Oceano Dunes HCP.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lena Chang, by U.S. mail (see **ADDRESSES**), or by phone at 805-677-3305. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf, please call the Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY 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 impacts of such taking; (3) an applicant has ensured that adequate funding for the plan will be