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

[Docket No. FWS–R4–ES–2026–2608;
FXES11140400000–267–FF04AL4000]

General Conservation Plan for the Alabama beach mouse; Categorical Exclusion; Baldwin County, AL

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comment.

SUMMARY: We, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce receipt of application from each of Randy G. Carter, James W. Vladuchek, Joseph J. Smith, and Four Mile Marker, LLC (applicant/applicants) for four respective incidental take permits (ITP) pursuant to the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and the National Environmental Policy Act under the Service's approved General Conservation Plan (GCP) and final environmental impact statement for the Alabama beach mouse (ABM). A GCP is a mechanism that meets the definition of a conservation plan in the ESA and enables the programmatic permitting and conservation process to address a defined suite of proposed activities over a defined planning area. Each applicant requests an ITP to take the federally listed ABM incidental to the construction associated with residential development. We request public comment on these applications, which include the applicants' proposed habitat conservation plan, as well as on the Service's preliminary determination that the proposed permitting action may qualify under the terms of the ABM GCP. We certify that each of the applications received are statutorily complete and include the necessary information to enroll in the GCP.

DATES: Comments will be accepted on or before September 21, 2026. Comments submitted electronically using the Federal eRulemaking Portal (see **ADDRESSES**, below) must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on the closing date.

To ensure your comment is received and considered, you must submit it

using one of the methods identified in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document. Comments submitted through any method not authorized in this document, or sent to an address not listed here, will not be considered.

ADDRESSES: Comment submission: All submissions must include the docket number [FWS–R4–ES–2026–2608] for this document. You must submit comments using one of the following methods:

- **Electronic submission:** Federal eRulemaking Portal at: <https://www.regulations.gov>. In the search box enter FWS–R4–ES–2026–2608, which is the docket number for this action. Then click the Search button. On the resulting page, you may submit a comment by clicking on “Comment”. Please ensure that you have found the correct document before submitting your comments.

- **U.S. mail:** Public Comments Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS–R4–ES–2026–2608; Policy and Regulations Branch, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS: PRB (JAO/3W), 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041–3803.

Comments submitted through any method not authorized in this document, or sent to an address not listed here, will not be considered. We will not accept comments via email, fax, or hand delivery. We are not required to consider comments that are submitted after the comment period ends or that are submitted via a method outside of these instructions. Comments containing profanity, vulgarity, threats, or other inappropriate content will not be considered.

We will post all comments at <https://www.regulations.gov>. You may request that we withhold personal identifying information from public review; however, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. See Public Availability of Comments for more information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

William Lynn, by U.S. mail (see **ADDRESSES**), by telephone at 1–251–538–2065, or via email at william_lynn@fws.gov. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce receipt of applications under the approved General Conservation Plan

(GCP) for the Alabama beach mouse from Randy G. Carter, James W. Vladuchek, Joseph J. Smith, and Four Mile Marker, LLC for an ITP under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). Each applicant requests an ITP to take the federally listed Alabama beach mouse (ABM; *Peromyscus polionotus ammobates*). One applicant will take ABM incidental to the construction of a single-family home, one will take ABM due to the construction of a garage with driveway, one will take ABM due to a deck with pool addition to an existing house, and one will take ABM incidental to the tear down and reconstruction of a single-family home in Baldwin County, Alabama. We request public comment on the applications, the applicants' HCPs, and on the Service's preliminary determination that these proposed ITPs may qualify for a categorical exclusion under the GCP and final environmental impact statement (FEIS) for the Alabama beach mouse published on March 28, 2012 (77 FR 18857).

Proposed Projects

Permit Number: PER26827056

Randy G. Carter, applicant, requests a 50-year ITP to take ABM via the conversion of 0.147 acres (ac) of occupied nesting, foraging, and sheltering ABM habitat incidental to the construction of a single-family home on a 0.99-ac parcel located at 2772 W. Beach Blvd., in Gulf Shores, Alabama. The applicant proposes to mitigate for the take of ABM through an in-lieu fee of \$14,690.79 to the Alabama Coastal Heritage Trust's ABM conservation fund.

Permit Number: PER31663748

James W. Vladuchek, applicant, requests a 50-year ITP to take ABM via the conversion of 0.02 ac of occupied nesting, foraging, and sheltering ABM habitat incidental to the construction of a garage with driveway on a 0.212-ac parcel located at 369 Kinzallow Lane in Gulf Shores, Alabama. The applicant proposes to mitigate for the take of ABM through an in-lieu fee of \$1,968.80 to the Alabama Coastal Heritage Trust's ABM conservation fund.

Permit Number: PER31737155
(Originally TE42768C–0)

Joseph J. Smith, applicant, requests a modification of an existing 50-year ITP (TE42768C–0) to take Alabama beach mice via the additional conversion of 0.01 ac of occupied nesting, foraging, and sheltering ABM habitat incidental to the construction of a deck with pool

addition to an existing house on a 0.460-ac parcel located at 5645 Pizarro Avenue in Gulf Shores, Alabama. The applicant proposes to mitigate for the take of ABM through an in-lieu fee of \$1,000.50 to the Alabama Coastal Heritage Trust's ABM conservation fund.

Permit Number: PER32083666

Four Mile Marker, LLC, applicant, requests a 50-year ITP to take ABM via the additional conversion of 0.034 ac of occupied nesting, foraging, and sheltering ABM habitat incidental to the tear down and reconstruction of a single family home on a 0.723 ac lot located at 3802 Ponce de Leon Court, Gulf Shores, Alabama. The applicant proposes to mitigate for the take of ABM through an in-lieu fee of \$3,399.40 to the Alabama Coastal Heritage Trust's ABM conservation fund.

Our Preliminary Determination

The Service has made a preliminary determination that reasonably foreseeable effects of the applicants' proposed projects, including the construction of a single-family home, garage, deck with a pool addition and the tear down and reconstruction of a single-family home, would have a minor effect on ABM and the human environment. Therefore, we have preliminarily determined that the proposed ESA section 10(a)(1)(B) permit would meet the requirements of the GCP and FEIS.

Next Steps

The Service will evaluate the application and the comments to determine whether to issue the requested ITP. We also will conduct an intra-Service consultation pursuant to section 7 of the ESA to evaluate the effects of the proposed take. After considering the preceding and other matters, we will determine whether the permit issuance criteria of section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA have been met. If met, the Service will issue ITP number PER26827056 to Randy G. Carter, ITP number PER31663748 to James W. Vladuchek, ITP Number PER31737155 to Joseph J. Smith, and ITP number PER32083666 to Four Mile Marker, LLC.

Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made available to the public. If you submit a comment at <https://www.regulations.gov>, your entire

comment, including any personal identifying information, will be posted on the website. If you submit a hard copy 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. 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.

Authority

The Service provides this notice under section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.22), National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) as amended, and the Department of the Interior's implementing regulations (43 CFR part 46).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

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Receipt of Documented Petition for Federal Acknowledgment as an American Indian Tribe

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Interior (Department) gives notice that the group known as the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band of the Mission San Juan Bautista has filed a documented petition for Federal acknowledgment as an American Indian Tribe with the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs. The Department seeks comments and evidence from the public on the petition.

DATES: Comments and evidence must be postmarked by December 21, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the narrative portion of the documented petition, as submitted by the petitioner (with any redactions appropriate under 25 CFR 83.21(b)), and other information are

available at the Office of Federal Acknowledgment's (OFA) website: www.bia.gov/as-ia/ofa. Submit any comments or evidence to: Department of the Interior, Office of the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs, Attention: Office of Federal Acknowledgment, Mail Stop 4071 MIB, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240, or by email to: Ofa_Info@bia.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Nikki Bass, OFA Director, Office of the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, by phone: (202) 513-7650; or by email: Ofa_Info@bia.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 31, 2015, the Department's revisions to 25 CFR part 83 became final and effective (80 FR 37861). A key goal of the revisions was to improve transparency through increased notice of petitions and providing improved public access to petitions. Today the Department informs the public that a complete documented petition has been submitted under the current regulations, that portions of that petition are publicly available on the website identified above for easy access, and that we are seeking public comment early in the process on this petition.

Under 25 CFR 83.22(b)(1), the OFA publishes notice that the following group has filed a documented petition for Federal acknowledgment as an American Indian Tribe to the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs: Amah Mutsun Tribal Band of the Mission San Juan Bautista. The contact information for the petitioner is Mr. Wayne F. Pierce, 8070 La Jolla Shores Drives, La Jolla, California 92037.

Also, under 25 CFR 83.22(b)(1), OFA publishes on its website the following:

- i. The narrative portion of the documented petition, as submitted by the petitioner (with any redactions appropriate under 25 CFR 83.21(b));
- ii. The name, location, and mailing address of the petitioner and other information to identify the entity;
- iii. The date of receipt;
- iv. The opportunity for individuals and entities to submit comments and evidence supporting or opposing the petitioner's request for acknowledgment within 120 days of the date of the website posting; and
- v. The opportunity for individuals and entities to request to be kept informed of general actions regarding a specific petitioner.

Authority

The Department publishes this notice and request for comment in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary