follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number Docket #DHS–DHS–2026–0298. All comments received will be posted without change to *https://www.regulations.gov,* including any personal information provided.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to *https://www.regulations.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (CRCL) reviews and investigates civil rights and civil liberties complaints filed by the public regarding U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) policies and activities. Under 6 U.S.C. 345 and 42 U.S.C. 2000ee–1, CRCL reviews and assesses allegations involving a range of alleged civil rights and civil liberties abuses.

The information collected on this form will allow CRCL to review and investigate civil rights and civil liberties complaints filed by the public regarding DHS programs and activities.

CRCL submits copies of all external allegations of civil rights and civil liberties violations within its jurisdiction that it receives to the DHS Office of Inspector General (OIG) for review because OIG has the right of first refusal to investigate any allegations. If the OIG declines to investigate the allegations, CRCL may investigate. CRCL coordinates with DHS Components and the OIG regarding matters that CRCL opens as complaint investigations as well as some it decides not to investigate. In general, CRCL shares the incoming information with the Components involved and coordinates with the Components throughout a CRCL investigation. CRCL typically has a designated liaison office or person for each component and directs requests to them, which they route or share according to their internal procedures and obligations to obtain and share information with CRCL pursuant to statute, delegation, and other Department policies and directives. CRCL staff receive privacy training and adhere to DHS required policies and procedures regarding the protection of PII. At the conclusion of its complaint investigations, CRCL may issue recommendations to DHS Components to address issues of concern and to enhance the agency's civil rights and civil liberties protections. CRCL also engages with Components on the implementation of such recommendations.

In addition, the information provided is entered into a CRCL complaint management system (CMS) and may be used by CRCL to track allegations and identify trends and systemic issues that are within CRCL's jurisdiction regardless of whether CRCL investigates an individual allegation. CRCL has used information from these database records to notify DHS Components of issue areas and locations that may warrant closer attention.

Information must be submitted to CRCL via the web form *https://www.dhs.gov/make-civil-rights-complaint* and may be initiated by members of the public. The use of the complaint form is mandatory, but all fields do not have to be completed to submit a complaint.

The form in an electronic form and it is available online for submission at *https://www.dhs.gov/make-civil-rights-complaint.*

This information collection does not have an impact on small businesses or other small entities.

If the information collection is not conducted or is conducted less frequently, CRCL may not be able to effectively fulfill its statutory obligation to the public to review and investigate allegations involving alleged civil rights and civil liberties concerns regarding DHS polices and activities.

The assurance of confidentiality provided to the respondents for this information collection will be provided by: CRCL's statute under 6 U.S.C. 345, 42 U.S.C. 2000ee–1; the Privacy Impact Assessment for the CRCL Complaint Form and Privacy Waiver; and the Systems of Record Notice: Department of Homeland Security/ALL–029 Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Records System of Records.

This submission is a reinstatement of a previously approved collection. Any changes reflected are updates made to incorporate 2026 data and information. No other program changes or adjustments have been made beyond these updates. This notice replaces the published notice, on July 22, 2026. The public will have 60 days from the publication date of this notice to submit comments on the collection.

The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments which:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

2. Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

4. Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.,* permitting electronic submissions of responses.

Analysis

Agency: Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

Title: DHS Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Complaint and Privacy Waiver Form.

OMB Number: 1601–0035.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Members of the Public or non-government organizations.

Number of Respondents: 13,000.

Estimated Time per Respondent: .5hrs (30 mins).

Total Burden Hours: 6,500 hrs (390,00 mins).

Suzanne Komara,

Deputy Executive Director, Enterprise Business Management Directorate.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[Docket No. FWS–R4–ES–2026–3863; FXES11140400000–267–FF04E00000]

Endangered Species; Recovery Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; receipt of permit applications and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (We or Service) invites the public to comment on permit applications to conduct certain activities with listed species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). With some exceptions, the ESA prohibits activities involving listed species unless the Service issues a federal authorization, such as a permit, to allow for such activities. The ESA also requires the Service to invite public comment and to consider any information received during the public comment period before issuing a permit

for any activity otherwise prohibited by the ESA. We invite the public as well as local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies, to comment on these applications. We will consider all information received during the public comment period before issuing any of the requested permits.

DATES: Comments will be accepted on or before December 23, 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:

Reviewing Documents: Submit requests for copies of applications and supporting materials to *permitsr4es@fws.gov* (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). All requests for application information and comments should specify the applicant's name and application number accordingly to facilitate the request.

Comment submission: All submissions must include the docket number [FWS–R4–ES–2026–3863] 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–2026–3863, 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 docket before submitting your comments.
- *U.S. mail:* Public Comments Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS–R4–ES–2026–3863, 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.

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: Kaye London via telephone at 404–679–7097 or via email at *permitsr4es@fws.gov.* Individuals in the U.S. 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), invite review and comment from the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies on applications we have received 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 (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and our regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR part 17. Documents and other information submitted with the applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552a), and the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

Background

With some exceptions, the Act prohibits certain activities with listed species, including the take of listed wildlife, unless a federal permit is issued that authorizes such activities. A recovery permit issued by the Service under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act authorizes an otherwise prohibited take of listed species by the permittee while engaging in activities conducted for scientific purposes that promote recovery of the species, for enhancement of propagation, or survival of the species in the wild. The Service regulations implementing the Act's prohibitions and permitting requirements for listed species are set forth in 50 CFR part 17.

Permit Applications Available for Review and Comment

Section 10(c) of the Act requires the Service to publish notice of each application in the **Federal Register** and to invite interested parties to submit written data, views, or arguments before we take final action on the permit application. Accordingly, we invite comments on these applications. The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and most likely to influence agency decisions are those supported by quantitative information or studies. The proposed activities in the following permit requests are for the recovery and enhancement of propagation or survival of the species in the wild.

We invite comments on the following applications:

Reference No.	Applicant	Species	Permit action
PER0037593–1	Donald Hubbs; Camden, TN	49 species of freshwater mussels and 13 species of snails.	Amendment.
PER9605390–0	Amanda Rosenberger; Cookeville, TN	Chucky madtom (*Noturus crypticus*) and 53 species of freshwater mussels.	New.
PER0007863–1	Jana Day; Louisville, KY	Longsolid (*Fusconaia subrotunda*), round hickorynut (*Obovaria subrotunda*), and salamander mussel (*Simpsonaias ambigua*).	Amendment.
ES60238B–3	Odum School of Ecology, University of Georgia; Athens, GA.	Gray bat (*Myotis grisescens*), Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*), and northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*).	Renewal with changes.
PER36136928–0	Odum School of Ecology, University of Georgia; Athens, GA.	8 species of fishes	New.
ES040792–6	U.S. Forest Service, Savannah River Site; New Ellenton, SC.	Tricolored bat (*Perimyotis subflavus*)	Renewal with changes.
ES66039A–3	Arkansas Game and Fish Commission; Benton, AR.	Ozark hellbender (*Cryptobranchus alleganiensis bishopi*) and 8 species of freshwater mussels.	Renewal with changes.
PER31433012–0	Niemiller Nature, LLC; Madison, AL	5 species of bats and 4 species of crustaceans	New.
PER31754783–0	Dewberry Engineers, Inc.; Raleigh, NC	Cape Fear shiner (*Notropis mekistocholas*) and Carolina madtom (*Noturus furiosus*).	New.

Reference No.	Applicant	Species	Permit action
ES88809B–2	Ray Eaton; Berea, KY	5 species of bats	Amendment.
ES64232B–2	Joshua Young; Lexington, KY	4 species of bats	Renewal.
PER33900511–0	Katherine Caldwell; Asheville, NC	5 species of bats	New.
PER35026980–0	Giam Lab, University of Tennessee; Knoxville, TN.	8 species of freshwater mussels	New.
PER35025122–0	Nutter and Associates, Inc.; Athens, GA.	8 species of fishes	New.
CS21862369	Michael Moore; Richmond, KY	4 species of fishes	New.
CS21886201	Bradlyn McEttrick; St. Petersburg, FL	5 species of sea turtles and piping plover (*Charadrius melodus*).	New.
CS21887737	Danielle Gaus; St. Petersburg, FL	5 species of sea turtles and piping plover (*Charadrius melodus*).	New.
PER35574771–0	Ava Hagan; Louisville, KY	4 species of bats	New.
ES59318D–1	Marie Selby Botanical Gardens; Sarasota, FL.	Aboriginal prickly-apple (*Harrisia (=Cereus) aboriginum (=gracilis)*).	Renewal with changes.
PER3613672–0	Hayden Mattingly; Cookeville, TN	Pygmy madtom (*Noturus stanauli*)	New.
PER36228923–0	Samuel Freeze; Palmetto, FL	4 species of bats	New.

Public Availability of Comments

Any written comments that we receive will 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, be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask in your comment to 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.

Next Steps

After the comment period closes, we will make decisions regarding permit issuance. If we issue permits to any of the applicants listed above in this notice, we will publish a subsequent notice in the **Federal Register**. The notice announcing the permit issuance may be located by searching *regulations.gov* for the permit application number listed in the table above. Enter the search exactly as the permit application number appears above, with spaces and hyphens as necessary. For example, to find information about the potential issuance of Permit No. PER1234567–0, go to *https://www.regulations.gov* and enter ''PER1234567–0'' in the Search field.

An interested party opposed to a recovery permit's issuance may object by following the requirements in 50 CFR 17.22(d). The Service will notify the interested party of the Service's decision on the permit application under that section.

Authority

We publish this notice under section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Christopher Cooley,

Acting Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Southeast Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[Docket No. FWS–R7–ES–2026–1486; FXES111607MRG01–278–FF07CAMM00]

Marine Mammals; Incidental Take During Specified Activities; Proposed Incidental Harassment Authorization for Southwest Alaska Stock of Northern Sea Otters in Kodiak, Alaska

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notification of receipt of application and proposed authorization; availability of draft environmental assessment; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS or we), in response to a request under the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended, from the City of Kodiak, propose to authorize incidental take by harassment of small numbers of Southwest Alaska stock northern sea otters (*Enhydra lutris kenyoni*) from November 1, 2026, to October 31, 2027. The applicant has requested this authorization for take by harassment that may result from activities associated with pile driving and marine construction within St. Herman Harbor in Kodiak, Alaska. We estimate that this project may result in the incidental take by harassment of up to 324 northern sea otters from the Southwest Alaska stock. Neither the applicant nor the FWS anticipated any lethal take. We invite comments on the proposed incidental harassment authorization and the accompanying draft environmental assessment from the public, Tribes, and local, State, and Federal agencies.

DATES: Comments must be received by December 23, 2026.

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: *Document availability:* You may view the application package, the draft environmental assessment, and other supporting material at *https://www.regulations.gov* under Docket No. FWS–R7–ES–2026–1486, or you may request these documents from the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Comment submission: All submissions must include the docket number (FWS–R7–ES–2026–1486) for this document. You must submit comments using one of the following methods:

- *Electronic submission:* Go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal: *https://www.regulations.gov.* In the Search box, enter FWS–R7–ES–2026–1486, which is the docket number for this action. Then, click on the ''Search'' button. On the resulting page, in the panel on the left side of the screen under the ''Document Type'' heading, check the Notice box to locate this document. You may submit a comment by clicking on ''Comment.'' Comments must be submitted to *https://www.regulations.gov* before 11:59 p.m.