

minimize, and mitigate the impacts of covered activities on the covered species. The biological goals and objectives are to minimize potential take of Indiana bats through onsite minimization measures and to provide habitat conservation measures for Indiana bats to offset any unavoidable impacts to the species during operations of the project.

The HCP provides onsite avoidance and minimization measures, which include turbine operational adjustments, project maintenance procedures, and decommissioning measures. The estimated level of Indiana bat take from the project is 14 Indiana bats over the 21-year project duration. In order to provide maximum conservation benefit to the Indiana bat, CPP will provide funding for an offsite Indiana bat habitat conservation project designed to mitigate the impacts of the incidental take of Indiana bat. CPP intends to provide funding for implementation of a hibernacula acquisition or gating project within the Appalachian Mountain Recovery Unit.

The proposed action consists of the issuance of an incidental take permit and implementation of the proposed HCP. CPP considered two alternatives to the proposed action in its HCP: No action (i.e., operation of the project without an incidental take permit and without onsite or offsite avoidance, minimization, or mitigation of Indiana bat impacts); and operation of the project with an incidental take permit with complete onsite operational curtailment to avoid or minimize Indiana bat impacts only, and no offsite recovery-plan-based mitigation measures. CPP has also negotiated a draft implementation agreement (IA) with the Service that ensures proper implementation of each of the terms and conditions of the HCP and describes the applicable remedies and recourse should any party fail to perform its obligations, responsibilities, and tasks, as set forth in the agreement. The draft IA is being included with the proposed HCP for public review.

#### National Environmental Policy Act

In compliance with the NEPA, we analyzed the impacts of implementing the HCP, issuance of the permit, and a reasonable range of alternatives. Based on this analysis and any new information resulting from public comment on the proposed action, we will determine if there are any significant impacts or effects caused by issuing the incidental take permit. We have prepared a draft EA on this proposed action and have made it available for public inspection online or

in person at the Chesapeake Bay Field Office (see Availability of Documents).

NEPA requires that a range of reasonable alternatives to the proposed action be described. The draft EA analyzes four alternatives that were derived from discussions with CPP during the development of the HCP. We evaluated a no action alternative (do not issue a permit, status quo), the proposed action (issue the permit and implement the HCP), a full minimization alternative (no need for a permit), and a reduced permit duration alternative.

#### Next Steps

We will evaluate the plan and comments we receive to determine whether the permit application meets the requirements of section 10(a) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). We will also evaluate whether issuance of a section 10(a)(1)(B) permit would comply with section 7 of the ESA by conducting an intra-Service section 7 consultation. We will use the results of this consultation, in combination with the above findings, in our final analysis to determine whether to issue a permit. If the requirements are met, we will issue the permit to the applicant.

#### Public Comments

The Service invites the public to comment on the proposed HCP and draft EA during a 60-day public comment period (see **DATES**). You may submit written comments by one of the following methods:

*Electronically:* Go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. In the Search box, enter FWS-R5-ES-2012-0032, which is the docket number for this notice. Then, on the left side of the screen, under the Document Type heading, click on the Notices link to locate this document and submit a comment.

*By hard copy:* Submit by U.S. mail or hand-delivery to: Public Comments Processing, Attn: FWS-R5-ES-2012-0032; Division of Policy and Directives Management; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, MS 2042-PDM; Arlington, VA 22203.

We will post all public comments and information received electronically or via hardcopy on <http://www.regulations.gov>. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the administrative record and will be available to the public. 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—will be

publicly available. If you submit a hardcopy comment that includes personal identifying information, 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.

#### Authority

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

Dated: July 12, 2012.

#### Deborah Rocque,

Acting Regional Director, Northeast Region.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R1-ES-2012-N174;  
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### Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Recovery Permit Application

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following application for a recovery permit to conduct enhancement of survival activities with endangered species. The Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), prohibits certain activities with endangered species unless a Federal permit allows such activity. The Act also requires that we invite public comment before issuing such permits.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, please send your written comments by August 30, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Endangered Species Program Manager, Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Regional Office, 911 NE 11th Avenue, Portland, OR 97232-4181. Please refer to the permit number for the application when submitting comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Colleen Henson, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, at the above address or by telephone (503-231-6131) or fax (503-231-6243).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

The Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) prohibits certain activities with endangered and threatened species

unless a Federal permit allows such activity. Along with our implementing regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17, the Act provides for certain permits, and requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

A permit granted by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act authorizes the permittee to conduct activities (including take or interstate commerce) with U.S. endangered or threatened species for scientific purposes or to enhance the propagation or survival of the affected species. Our regulations implementing section 10(a)(1)(A) for these permits are found at 50 CFR 17.22 for endangered wildlife species, 50 CFR 17.32 for threatened wildlife species, 50 CFR 17.62 for endangered plant species, and 50 CFR 17.72 for threatened plant species.

#### Application Available for Review and Comment

We invite local, State, and Federal agencies, and the public to comment on the following application. Please refer to the appropriate permit number for the application when submitting comments.

Documents and other information submitted with this application are available for review by request from the Endangered Species Program Manager at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) and the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

#### Permit Number: TE-77991A

*Applicant: Susan Cordell, USDA Forest Service, Hilo, Hawaii*

The applicant requests a permit to remove and reduce to possession (collection of seeds and cuttings) *Stenogyne angustifolia* (no common name) and to remove and reduce to possession (collection of seeds) *Colubrina oppositifolia* (kauila), *Haplostachys haplostachya* (honohono), *Pleomele hawaiiensis* (halapepe), *Portulaca sclerocarpa* (ihi makole), *Silene lanceolata* (lanceolate catchfly), *Spermolepis hawaiiensis* (Hawaiian spermolepis), *Stenogyne angustifolia* (narrowleaf stenogyne), and *Zanthoxylum hawaiiense* (ae) for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

#### Public Availability of Comments

All comments and materials we receive in response to this request 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.

**Authority:** We provide this notice under section 10 of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*)

Dated: July 23, 2012.

#### Hugh Morrison.

*Acting, Regional Director, Pacific Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

**[FWS-R8-FHC-2012-N176;  
FXFR1334088TWG0W4-123-FF08EACT00]**

#### Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group (TAMWG) affords stakeholders the opportunity to give policy, management, and technical input concerning Trinity River (California) restoration efforts to the Trinity Management Council (TMC). The TMC interprets and recommends policy, coordinates and reviews management actions, and provides organizational budget oversight. This notice announces a joint TAMWG and TMC meeting, which is open to the public.

**DATES:** TAMWG and TMC will meet from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Monday, August 20, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** The morning portion of the meeting will take place at the North Fork Grange Hall, Dutch Creek Road, Junction City, CA 96048. The group will then have lunch and resume the meeting at the Strawhouse Resort, 31301 Hwy 299, Big Flat, CA 96048.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

**Meeting Information:** Nancy J. Finley, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1655 Heindon Road, Arcata, CA 95521; telephone: (707) 822-7201. *Trinity River Restoration Program (TRRP)*

**Information:** Robin Schrock, Executive Director, Trinity River Restoration Program, P.O. Box 1300, 1313 South Main Street, Weaverville, CA 96093;

telephone: (530) 623-1800; email: [rschrock@usbr.gov](mailto:rschrock@usbr.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.), this notice announces a joint meeting of the TAMWG and TMC. The meeting will include discussion of the following topics:

- United States Bureau of Reclamation and Rehabilitation Implementation Group update on project activities;
- Discussion of how the project was improved based on partner input;
- Discussion of project implementation challenges based on flow constraints;
- USBR RIG staff demonstration of restoration features;
- FWS staff discussion of monitoring and benefits of restoration features;
- TAMWG and TMC discussion of observations from restoration site visits;
- TAMWG and TMC identification of priority outreach/public relations;
- TAMWG, TMC, and TRRP definition of roles and responsibilities; and
- Discussion of 2013 plan to expand outreach efforts.

Completion of the agenda is dependent on the amount of time each item takes. The meeting could end early if the agenda has been completed.

Dated: July 25, 2012.

#### Kathleen Brubaker,

*Supervisory Fish and Wildlife Biologist, Arcata Fish and Wildlife Office, Arcata, CA.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### Renewal of Agency Information Collection for Class III Gaming; Tribal Revenue Allocation Plans; Gaming on Trust Lands

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Acting Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs is seeking comments on the renewal of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the collection of information for Class III Gaming Procedures authorized by OMB Control Number 1076-0149, Tribal Revenue Allocation Plans authorized by OMB Control Number 1076-0152, and Gaming on Trust Lands Acquired After October 17, 1988 authorized by OMB Control Number 1076-0158. These