668dd-668ee) (Administration Act), requires us to develop a CCP for each national wildlife refuge. The purpose in developing a CCP is to provide refuge managers with a 15-year strategy for achieving refuge purposes and contributing toward the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System (NWRS), consistent with sound principles of fish and wildlife management, conservation, legal mandates, and Service policies. In addition to outlining broad management direction on conserving wildlife and their habitats, CCPs identify wildlifedependent recreational opportunities available to the public, including opportunities for hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, and environmental education and interpretation. We will review and update the CCP at least every 15 years in accordance with the Administration

Each unit of the NWRS was established for specific purposes. We use these purposes as the foundation for developing and prioritizing the management goals and objectives for each refuge within the NWRS mission, and to determine how the public can use each refuge. The planning process is a way for us and the public to evaluate management goals and objectives that will ensure the best possible approach to wildlife, plant, and habitat conservation, while providing for wildlife-dependent recreation opportunities that are compatible with each refuge's establishing purposes and the mission of the NWRS.

Additional Information

The final CCP may be found at http://www.fws.gov/midwest/planning/ GreatLakesIslands/index.html. The final CCP includes detailed information about the planning process, the refuges, issues, and management alternative selected. The Web site also includes an EA and FONSI, prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (43 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.). The EA/FONSI includes discussion of three alternative refuge management options. The Service's selected alternative is reflected in the final CCP. The selected alternative would provide for the growth of the island refuges by up to 14,133 additional acres, and more opportunities for compatible recreational use. A detailed description of objectives and actions included in

this selected alternative is found in chapter 4 of the final CCP.

Christopher P. Jensen,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

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

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), 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 requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

DATES: We must receive any written comments on or before April 15, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments by U.S. mail to the Regional Director, Attn: Lisa Mandell, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, 5600 American Blvd. West, Suite 990, Bloomington, MN 55437–1458; or by electronic mail to permitsR3ES@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisa

Mandell, (612) 713–5343.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

We invite public comment on the following permit applications for certain activities with endangered species authorized by section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) and our regulations governing the taking of endangered species in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17. Submit your written data, comments, or request for a copy of the complete application to the address shown in ADDRESSES.

Permit Applications

Permit Application Number: TE98032A

Applicant: James E. Gardner, Jefferson City, MO.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and release) Indiana bats

(Myotis sodalis), Gray bats (Myotis grisescens), and Ozark big-eared bats (Corynorhinus townsendii ingens) throughout the States of Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Minnesota, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Tennessee. Proposed activities are for the recovery and enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Application Number: TE38769A

Applicant: Sarah A. Bradley, Mark Twain National Forest, Salem, MO.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (capture and release) Indiana bats and gray bats within the Mark Twain National Forest, Missouri. Proposed activities are for the recovery and enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Application Number: TE98039A

Applicant: Kevin J. Roe, Iowa State University, Ames, IA.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture, sample, and collect) the Iowa Pleistocene Snail (*Discus maccklintocki*) within Iowa and Illinois. The proposed scientific research is for the conservation and recovery of the species in the wild.

Permit Application Number: TE77530A

Applicant: Douglas J. Kapusinski, Cleveland, OH.

The applicant requests a permit amendment to take (capture and release) the following mussels within the States of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Wisconsin:

Dwarf wedgemussel—*Alasmidonta* heterodon

Spectaclecase—Cumberlandia monodonta

Fanshell—Cyprogenia stegaria Purple Catspaw—Epioblasma obliquata obliquata

White Catspaw—Epioblasma obliquata perobliqua

Northern riffleshell—*Epioblasma* torulosa rangiana

Tubercled blossom—*Epioblasma* torulosa torulosa

Snuffbox—Epioblasma triquetra Cracking pearlymussel—Hemistena lata Pink mucket—Lampsilis abrupta Higgins eye pearlymussel—Lampsilis

higginsii Scaleshell—Leptodea leptodon Ring pink—Obovaria retusa

White wartyback—Plethobasus cicatricosus

Orangefoot pimpleback—*Plethobasus* cooperianus

Sheepnose—Plethobasus cyphyus Clubshell—Pleurobema clava James spinymussel—Pleurobema collina Rough pigtoe—Pleurobema plenum Fat pocketbook—*Potamilus capax* Winged mapleleaf—Quadrula fragosa Rayed bean—Villosa fabalis

Proposed activities are for the recovery and enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Application Number: TE207178

Applicant: Amy L. Halsall, Aurora, IL.

The applicant requests a renewed permit to take (capture and release) Indiana bats within the States of Illinois and Indiana. Proposed activities are for the recovery and enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Application Number: TE98057A

Applicant: Lynda M. Mills, Festus, MO.

The applicant requests a renewed permit to take (capture and release) Indiana bats and Gray bats within the State of Missouri. Proposed activities are for the recovery and enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Application Number: TE181256

Applicant: Lewis Environmental Consulting, LLC, Murray, KY.

The applicant requests a permit amendment to add the rabbitsfoot mussel (Quadrula cylindrica cylindrica) to the list of species covered under the permit and to include authorization to work within the State of Michigan. Proposed activities are for the enhancement of survival and recovery of mussel species in the wild.

Permit Application Number: TE98063A

Applicant: Kathryn M. Womack, Columbia, MO.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and release) Indiana bats and gray bats within the State of Missouri. Proposed activities are for the recovery and enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Application Number: TE207526

Applicant: Columbia Environmental Research Center, U.S. Geological Survey, Columbia, MO.

The applicant requests a permit amendment to take (capture, sample, release; capture and hold) Pallid Sturgeon (Scaphirhyncus albus) within the Missouri River and Middle Mississippi River. Proposed research activities are for the conservation and recovery of the species in the wild.

Permit Application Number: TE135297

Applicant: Saint Louis Zoo, St. Louis, MO.

The applicant requests a permit renewal and amendment to take (capture and release; capture and hold)

American burying beetle (Nicrophorus americanus) within the States of Missouri and Arkansas, and at the Zoo facility in St. Louis, MO. Proposed activities are for the propagation and enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Application Number: TE38789A

Applicant: BHE Environmental, Inc., Cincinnati, OH.

The applicant requests a permit renewal and amendment to take (capture and release) the following mammal, mussel and fish species: Bat, Gray—Myotis grisescens Bat, Indiana—Myotis sodalis Pocketbook, Quachita rock—Arkansia

Bean, rayed—Villosa fabalis Catspaw, white (pearlymussel)-Epioblasma obliquata perobliqua Higgins eye (pearlymussel)—*Lampsilis*

higginsii

wheeleri

Mapleleaf, winged—Quadrula fragosa Mussel, scaleshell—Leptodea leptodon Mussel, sheepnose—Plethobasus cyphyus

Mussel, snuffbox—*Epioblasma triquetra* Pearlymussel, Curtis—Epioblasma florentina curtisii

Purple cat's paw pearlymussel— Epioblasma obliquata obliquata Spectaclecase (mussel)—Cumberlandia monodonta

Acornshell, southern—Epioblasma othcaloogensis

Bankclimber, purple (mussel)— Elliptoideus sloatianus

Bean, Choctaw—Villosa choctawensis Bean, Cumberland (pearlymussel)— Villosa trabalis

Blossom, green (pearlymussel)— Epioblasma torulosa gubernaculum Blossom, tubercled (pearlymussel)-

Epioblasma torulosa torulosa Blossom, turgid (pearlymussel)— Epioblasma turgidula

Blossom, yellow (pearlymussel)— Epioblasma florentina florentina

Clubshell, black—*Pleurobema curtum* Clubshell, ovate—*Pleurobema* perovatum

Clubshell, southern—Pleurobema decisum

Combshell, Cumberlandian— Epioblasma brevidens

Combshell, southern—Epioblasma

Combshell, upland—Epioblasma metastriata

Ebonyshell, round—Fusconaia rotulata Elktoe, Appalachian—Alasmidonta raveneliana

Elktoe, Cumberland—Alasmidonta atropurpurea

Fanshell—Cyprogenia stegaria Fatmucket, Arkansas—Lampsilis powellii

Heelsplitter, Alabama (=inflated)— Potamilus inflatus

Heelsplitter, Carolina—Lasmigona decorata

Kidneyshell, southern—Ptychobranchus jonesi

Kidneyshell, triangular— Ptychobranchus greenii

Lampmussel, Alabama—Lampsilis virescens

Lilliput, pale (pearlymussel)— Toxolasma cylindrellus

Moccasinshell, Alabama—Medionidus acutissimus

Moccasinshell, Coosa—Medionidus parvulus

Moccasinshell, Gulf—Medionidus penicillatus

Moccasinshell, Ochlockonee— Medionidus simpsonianus

Monkeyface, Cumberland

(pearlymussel)—Quadrula intermedia Mucket, orangenacre—Lampsilis perovalis

Mucket, pink (pearlymussel)—Lampsilis abrupta

Mussel, oyster—Epioblasma capsaeformis

Pearlshell, Alabama—Margaritifera marrianae

Pearlshell, Louisiana—Margaritifera hembeli

Pearlymussel, birdwing—Lemiox rimosus

Pearlymussel, cracking—Hemistena lata Pearlymussel, dromedary—Dromus dromas

Pearlymussel, littlewing—Pegias fabula Pigtoe, Cumberland—Pleurobema gibberum

Pigtoe, dark—Pleurobema furvum Pigtoe, finerayed—Fusconaia cuneolus Pigtoe, flat—Pleurobema marshalli

Pigtoe, fuzzy—Pleurobema strodeanum

Pigtoe, Georgia—Pleurobema hanlevianum

Pigtoe, heavy—Pleurobema taitianum Pigtoe, narrow—Fusconaia escambia Pigtoe, oval—Pleurobema pyriforme

Pigtoe, rough—Pleurobema plenum Pigtoe, shiny—Fusconaia cor

Pigtoe, southern—Pleurobema georgianum

Pigtoe, tapered—Fusconaia burkei Pimpleback, orangefoot (pearlymussel)—Plethobasus

cooperianus

Pocketbook, fat—Potamilus capax Pocketbook, finelined—*Lampsilis altilis* Pocketbook, shinyrayed—Lampsilis subangulata

Pocketbook, speckled—Lampsilis streckeri

Riffleshell, tan—Epioblasma florentina walkeri (=E. walkeri)

Ring pink (mussel)—*Óbovaria retusa* Slabshell, Chipola—*Elliptio* chipolaensis

Spinymussel, Altamaha—Elliptio spinosa

Spinymussel, Tar River—Elliptio steinstansana Stirrupshell—Quadrula stapes

Three-ridge, fat (mussel)—Âmblema neislerii

Wartyback, white (pearlymussel)— Plethobasus cicatricosus

Bean, purple—Villosa perpurpurea Clubshell—Pleurobema clava Monkeyface, Appalachian

(pearlymussel)—Quadrula sparsa Rabbitsfoot, rough—Quadrula

cylindrica strigillata

Riffleshell, northern—Epioblasma torulosa rangiana

Spinymussel, James—Pleurobema collina

Wedgemussel, dwarf—Alasmidonta heterodon

Darter, Niangua—Etheostoma nianguae Madtom, Scioto—Noturus trautmani Cavefish, Ozark—Amblyopsis rosae Dace, Laurel—Chrosomus saylori Sculpin, pygmy—Cottus paulus (=pygmaeus)

Shiner, blue—Cyprinella caerulea Chub, spotfin—*Érimonax monachus* Chub, slender—Erimystax cahni Darter, slackwater—*Étheostoma* boschungi

Darter, vermilion—Etheostoma chermocki

Darter, relict—Etheostoma chienense Darter, Etowah—Etheostoma etowahae Darter, yellowcheek—Etheostoma moorei

Darter, watercress—Etheostoma nuchale Darter, Okaloosa—Etheostoma okaloosae

Darter, duskytail—Etheostoma percnurum

Darter, rush—Etheostoma phytophilum Darter, bayou—Etheostoma rubrum Darter, Cherokee—Etheostoma scotti Darter, bluemask (=jewel)—Etheostoma

Darter, Cumberland—Etheostoma

Darter, boulder—Etheostoma wapiti Silverside, Waccamaw—Menidia extensa

Shiner, palezone—Notropis albizonatus Shiner, Cahaba—Notropis cahabae Shiner, Cape Fear—Notropis mekistocholas

Madtom, smoky—Noturus baileyi Madtom, chucky—Noturus crypticus Madtom, yellowfin—Noturus

flavipinnis

Madtom, pygmy—Noturus stanauli Darter, amber—Percina antesella Darter, goldline—Percina aurolineata Logperch, Conasauga—Percina jenkinsi Darter, snail—Percina tanasi Dace, blackside—Phoxinus

cumberlandensis

Sturgeon, Alabama—Scaphirhynchus suttkusi

Cavefish, Alabama—Speoplatyrhinus poulsoni

Darter, Maryland—Etheostoma sellare Logperch, Roanoke—Percina rex Shiner, Topeka—Notropis topeka (=tristis)

Madtom, Neosho-Noturus placidus

Activities are proposed throughout the range of the species which includes the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. The purpose of the proposed activities is to conserve and enhance the survival of the species in the wild through population monitoring, habitat assessments, and determination of presence/absence of the species in the wild.

Permit Application Number: TE98111A

Applicant: Ohio Department of Transportation, Columbus, OH.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and release/relocate) the following mussel species throughout the State of Ohio: clubshell, fanshell, northern riffleshell, pink mucket pearlymussel, purple catspaw, white catspaw, rayed bean, snuffbox, sheepnose and rabbitsfoot. Proposed activities are for the purpose of conservation and recovery of the species in the wild through project planning and habitat evaluation.

Permit Application Number: TE15027A

Applicant: Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., Columbus, OH.

The applicant requests a permit renewal and amendment to take (capture and release) Indiana bats and gray bats throughout the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. Proposed activities are for the recovery and enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Application Number: TE212440

Applicant: John Chenger, Bat Conservation and Management, Carlisle, PA.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (capture and release) Indiana bats and gray bats throughout the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia,

Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. Proposed activities are for the recovery and enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Application Number: TE113009

Applicant: Steven Ahlstedt, Norris, TN.

The applicant requests a permit amendment to include the following mussel species: Littlewing pearly mussel, Fluted kidnevshell (Ptychobranchus subbtentum), Cumberland bean, Cumberland Combshell, and Tan Riffleshell. The proposed amendment includes expanding the geographic area in which the applicant may work to include locations within Kentucky. Proposed activities are for the recovery and enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Application Number: TE98294A

Applicant: Normandeau Associates, Stowe, PA.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and release) Indiana bats throughout the State of Ohio. Proposed activities are for the recovery and enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Application Number: TE212427

Applicant: Ecology and Environment, Inc., Lancaster, NY.

The applicant requests a permit renewal and amendment to take (capture and release) Indiana bats, gray bats, Virginia big eared bats (Corynorhinus townsendii virginianus), and Ozark big-eared bats throughout the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. Proposed activities are for the recovery and enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Application Number: TE98295A

Applicant: Dallas Scott Settle, DBA Alliance Consulting, Fayetteville, WV.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and release) Indiana bats, gray bats, and Virginia big eared bats within the States of Illinois and West Virginia. Proposed activities are for the recovery and enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Application Number: TE98296A

Applicant: Braden A. Hoffman, DBA Alliance Consulting, Fayetteville, WV.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and release) Indiana bats and gray bats throughout the range of the species: Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, New York, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. Proposed activities are for the recovery and enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Application Number: TE82665A

Applicant: Melody L. Myers-Kinzie, Indianapolis, IN.

The applicant requests a permit amendment to add rabbitsfoot and spectaclecase mussels to the list of mussels on her permit to take (capture and release) mussel species for the purpose of enhancement of survival of the species in the wild. The proposed amendment also includes adding the States of Illinois, Iowa, and Michigan to the scope of the permit.

Permit Application Number: TE98298A

Applicant: Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Groveport, OH.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and release; salvage dead specimens) mussels within Ohio's streams and rivers. Federally listed species proposed to be included on the permit are: clubshell, fanshell, northern riffleshell, pink mucket pearlymussel, purple catspaw, rabbitsfoot, rayed bean, sheepnose, snuffbox, and white catspaw. Proposed activities are for the conservation and recovery of the species through evaluation and protection of habitats.

Public Comments

We seek public review and comments on these permit applications. Please refer to the permit number when you submit comments. Comments and materials we receive are available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the address shown in the ADDRESSES section. 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

Dated: March 7, 2013.

Lynn M. Lewis.

Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Midwest Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Recovery Permit Applications

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 applications for permits to conduct activities with the purpose of enhancing the survival of endangered species. The Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), prohibits certain activities with respect to 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 April 15, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Endangered Species Program Manager, Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Regional Office, 911 NE 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 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 respect to 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 part 17, the Act provides for certain permits, and requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits for endangered species.

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 respect to U.S. endangered or threatened species for scientific purposes or enhancement of propagation or survival. Our regulations implementing section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act 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.

Applications Available for Review and Comment

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

Documents and other information submitted with these applications 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 Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

Subpermit Number: TE-97901A

Applicant: Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge, Ridgefield, Washington.

The applicant requests a subpermit to take (haze, capture, and relocate) the Columbian white-tailed deer in conjunction with a translocation effort in the State of Washington for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit Number: TE-97903A

Applicant: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services, Olympia, Washington.

The applicant requests a permit to take (haze, capture, and relocate) the Columbian white-tailed deer in conjunction with a translocation effort in the State of Washington for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit Number: TE-98686A

Applicant: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Olympia, Washington.

The applicant requests a permit to take (haze, capture, and relocate) the Columbian white-tailed deer in conjunction with a translocation effort in the State of Washington for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.