DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service

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RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS FOR ENDANGERED SPECIES PERMITS

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (ESA) prohibits activities with listed species unless a Federal permit is issued that allows such activities. The ESA requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

DATES: We must receive written data or comments on the applications at the address given below, by September 11, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Documents and other information submitted with the applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, GA 30345 (Attn: David Dell, Permit Coordinator).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Dell, Permit Coordinator, telephone 404–679–7313; facsimile 404–679–7081.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The public is invited to comment on the following applications for permits to conduct certain activities with endangered and threatened species pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), and our regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17. This notice is provided under section 10(c) of the Act.

If you wish to comment, you may submit comments by any one of the following methods. You may mail comments to the Fish and Wildlife Service’s Regional Office (see ADDRESSES section) or send them via electronic mail (email) to: permitsR4ES@fws.gov. Please include your name and return address in your email message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the Fish and Wildlife Service that we have received your email message, contact us directly at the telephone number listed above (see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT). Finally, you may hand-deliver comments to the Fish and Wildlife Service office listed above (see ADDRESSES).

Before including your address, telephone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, 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 comments to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Permit Application Number: TE05601B
Applicant: Ross Scott, Naples, Florida.

The applicant requests authorization to take red-cockaded woodpeckers (Picoides borealis) for the purpose of installing artificial cavity inserts, drilling cavities and advanced starts, and monitoring, handling, banding, and translocating red-cockaded woodpeckers. These activities will be conducted throughout the range of the species in Florida, Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, and Louisiana.

Permit Application Number: TE18225A
Applicant: CH2M Hill, Atlanta, Georgia.

The applicant requests authorization to take endangered fish species while conducting listed species monitoring activities. These activities will be conducted in the Georgia segment of the Chattahoochee River Basin.

Permit Application Number: TE079863
Applicant: Michael Gangloff, Boone, North Carolina.

The applicant requests authorization to amend his permit to take (capture, handle, conduct tissue sampling, release, and collect dead shells for identification) eight additional species of freshwater mussels for the purpose of conducting presence/absence/population surveys and assisting in species recovery efforts. These activities will be conducted throughout the range of these species: Alabama pearlshell (Margaritifera marrianae), Choctaw bean (Villosa/Obovaria choctawensis), Escambia pigtoe (Fusconaia escambia), fuzzy pigtoe (Pleurobema strodeanum), round ebonyshell (Fusconaia rotulata), Southern kidneyshell (Ptychobranchus jonesi), Southern sandshell (Hamiota australis), and tapered pigtoe (Fusconaia burkei).

Permit Application Number: TE12156B
Applicant: Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, Little Rock, Arkansas.

The applicant is requesting authorization to perform normal fisheries and macroinvertebrate biomonitoring activities in streams/ rivers of Arkansas that currently host the following federally listed species: lowlowlake darter (Etheostoma moorei), Arkansas darter (Etheostoma cragini), Arkansas River shiner (Notropis girardi), leopard darter (Percina pantherina), pallid sturgeon (Scaphirhynchus albus).

Permit Application Number: TE136808
Applicant: Loggerhead Marine Life Center, Center, A. Maniere, Juno Beach, Florida.

The applicant requests authorization to take (receive, hold, rehabilitate, release, euthanize) the Kemp’s Ridley sea turtle (Lepidochelys kempi), hawksbill sea turtle (Eretmochelys imbricata), leatherback sea turtle (Dermochelys coriacea), green sea turtle (Chelonia mydas), loggerhead sea turtle (Caretta caretta), and olive ridley sea turtle (Lepidochelys olivacea) while providing medical treatment and rehabilitation services. The proposed activities would occur at the Loggerhead Marine Life Center, Juno Beach, Florida.

Permit Application Number: TE069280
Applicant: Alabama Department of Transportation, Montgomery, Alabama.

The applicant requests authorization to conduct certain activities (Peromyscus polionotus ammobates) for the purpose of conducting presence/absence/population surveys and assisting in species recovery efforts. These activities will be conducted throughout the range of the species in Alabama.

Permit Application Number: TE11866B
Applicant: USDA Forest Service, Columbia, South Carolina.

The applicant requests authorization to take American chaffseed (Schwalbea americana) seeds for the purpose of improving greenhouse cultivation methods and reintroduction techniques. These activities will be conducted in the
Francis Marion and Sumter National Forests, in South Carolina.

**Permit Application Number:** TE05089B

**Applicant:** Apogee Environmental & Archæological, Whitesburg, Kentucky.

The applicant requests authorization to take (capture, handle, conduct tissue sampling, and release) 42 species of freshwater mussels for the purpose of conducting presence/absence/population surveys and assisting in species recovery efforts. These activities will be conducted throughout the range of each species:


**Permit Application Number:** TE237535

**Applicant:** Bok Tower Gardens, Lake Wales, Florida.

The applicant requests authorization to take scrub lupine (*Lupinus aridorum*) for the purpose of seed harvesting, germ plasm storage, and germination research in Polk County, Florida.

**Permit Application Number:** TE812344

**Applicant:** Pennington and Associates, Inc., Cookeville, Tennessee.

The applicant requests authorization to take (capture, handle, conduct tissue sampling, and release) 18 species of freshwater fish, 1 species of freshwater crayfish, 2 species of freshwater snails, and 43 species of freshwater mussels for the purpose of conducting presence/absence/population surveys and assisting in species recovery efforts. These activities will be conducted throughout the range of each species:


Dated: August 5, 2013.

Mike Oetker, Acting Regional Director.

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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.

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