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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Application

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

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of application.

The following applicant has applied for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*).

*Applicant:* Ronald L. Richards,  
Indianapolis, Indiana.

The applicant requests a permit to take (collect, dead shells only) the following unionid species in Indiana: Clubshell (*Pleurobema clava*), Fanshell (*Cyprogenia stegaria*), Ring-pink mussel (*Obovaria retusa*), Winged Mapleleaf Mussel (*Quadrula fragosa*), Cracking pearly mussel (*Hemistena lata*), Orange-footed pearly mussel (*Plethobasus cooperianus*), Pink mucket pearly mussel (*Lampsilis abrupta*), Purple cat's paw pearly mussel (*Epioblasma obliquata obliquata*), Tubercled-blossom (*Epioblasma torulosa torulosa*), White cat's paw (*Epioblasma sulcata delicata*), White wartback pearly mussel (*Plethobasus cicatricosus*) Rough pigtoe (*Pleurobema plenum*), Fat Pocketbook (*Potamilus capax*), and Northern Riffleshell (*Epioblasma torulosa rangiana*). Activities are proposed to supplement the collection at the Indiana State Museum and to document the former distribution and abundance of freshwater mussels in Indiana for the purpose of survival and enhancement of the species in the wild.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Operations, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111-4056, and must be received within 30 days of the date of this publication.

Documents and other information submitted with this application are available for review 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, Ecological Services Operations,

1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling,  
Minnesota 55111-4056. Telephone:  
(612/725-3536 x250); FAX: (612/725-  
3526).

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### Outer Continental Shelf, Gulf of Mexico Region, Proposed Central Gulf Sales 169, 172, 175, 178, and 182

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service,  
Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of the  
Draft Multisale Environmental Impact  
Statement (EIS) and Public Hearings on  
Proposed Central Gulf of Mexico (GOM)  
Sales 169, 172, 175, 178, and 182.

The Minerals Management Service (MMS) has prepared a draft multisale EIS on five proposed Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) oil and gas lease sales in the Central GOM. We will conduct a planning process for one sale each year from 1998 through 2002. Although this EIS addresses five proposed lease sales, it is a decision document only for proposed Sale 169. We will consult with other Federal Agencies and the affected States for each of the yearly proposed sales. We will perform a National Environmental Policy Act review, and give the public an opportunity to participate in each sale.

You may obtain single copies of the draft multisale EIS from the Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, Attention: Public Information Office (MS-5034), 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, Room 114, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394 or by calling 1-800-200-GULF.

You may look at copies of the draft EIS in the following libraries:

#### Texas

Abilene Christian University, Margaret  
and Herman Brown Library, 1600  
Campus Court, Abilene;  
Alma M. Carpenter Public Library, 330  
South Ann, Sourlake;  
Aransas Pass Public Library, 110 North  
Lamont Street, Aransas Pass;  
Austin Public Library, 402 West Ninth  
Street, Austin;  
Bay City Public Library, 1900 Fifth  
Street, Bay City;  
Baylor University, 13125 Third Street,  
Waco;

Brazoria County Library, 410 Brazoport  
Boulevard, Freeport;  
Calhoun County Library, 301 South  
Ann, Port Lavaca;  
Chambers County Library System, 202  
Cummings Street, Anahuac;  
Comfort Public Library, Seventh & High  
Streets, Comfort;  
Corpus Christi Central Library, 805  
Comanche Street, Corpus Christi;  
Dallas Public Library, 1513 Young  
Street, Dallas;  
East Texas State University Library,  
2600 Neal Street, Commerce;  
Houston Public Library, 500 McKinney  
Street, Houston;  
Jackson County Library, 411 North  
Wells Street, Edna;  
Lamar University, Gray Library, Virginia  
Avenue, Beaumont;  
LaRatama Library, 505 Mesquite Street,  
Corpus Christi;  
Liberty Municipal Library, 1710 Sam  
Houston Avenue, Liberty;  
Orange Public Library, 220 North Fifth  
Street, Orange;  
Port Arthur Public Library, 3601  
Cultural Center Drive, Port Arthur;  
Port Isabel Public Library, 213 Yturria  
Street, Port Isabel;  
R. J. Kleberg Public Library, Fourth and  
Henrietta, Kingsville;  
Reber Memorial Library 193 North  
Fourth, Raymondville;  
Refugio County Public Library, 815  
South Commerce Street, Refugio;  
Rice University, Fondren Library, 6100  
South Main Street, Houston;  
Rockwall County Library, 105 South  
First Street, Rockwall;  
Rosenberg Library, 2310 Sealy Street,  
Galveston;  
Sam Houston Regional Library &  
Research Center, FM 1011 Governors  
Road, Liberty;  
Stephen F. Austin State University,  
Steen Library, Wilson Drive,  
Nacogdoches;  
Texas A & M University, Corpus Christi  
Library, 6300 Ocean Drive, Corpus  
Christi;  
Texas A & M University, Evans Library,  
Spence and Lubbock Streets, College  
Station;  
Texas Southmost College Library, 1825  
May Street, Brownsville;  
Texas State Library, 1200 Brazos Street,  
Austin;  
Texas Tech University Library, 18th and  
Boston Avenue, Lubbock;  
University of Houston Library, 4800  
Calhoun Boulevard, Houston;  
University of Texas at Arlington,  
Library, 701 South Cooper Street,  
Arlington;  
University of Texas at Austin, Library,  
21st and Speedway Streets, Austin;  
University of Texas at Brownsville,  
Oliveria Memorial Library, 80 Fort  
Brown, Brownsville;