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Dated: April 6, 2000.

**Samuel H. Wilson,**

*Deputy Director, National Toxicology Program.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Fish and Wildlife Service has published a Comprehensive Conservation Plan, Environmental Assessment, and a Finding of No Significant Impact for Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge in Collier County, Florida. The plan describes how the Fish and Wildlife Service intends to manage the refuge for the next 15 years.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the above documents may be obtained by writing to the Fish and Wildlife Service, Attention: Jennifer Harris, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 420, Atlanta, Georgia 30345; or to Jim Krakowski, Refuge Manager, Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge, 3860 Tollgate Boulevard, Suite 300, Naples, Florida 34114.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** By implementing this comprehensive conservation plan, the refuge seeks to (1) provide a clear statement of the desired future conditions when refuge purposes and goals are accomplished; (2) provide refuge neighbors and visitors with a clear understanding of the reasons for management actions on and around the refuge; (3) ensure that management of other refuge reflects policies and goals of the National Wildlife Refuge System; (4) ensure that refuge management is consistent with federal, state, and county plans; (5) provide long-term continuity in refuge management; and (6) provide a basis for operation, maintenance, and capital improvement budget requests.

Dated: April 7, 2000.

**Judy L. Jones,**

*Acting Regional Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Endangered Species Permit Applications

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

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of permit applications.

**SUMMARY:** The following applicants have applied for a scientific research permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species pursuant to section 10 (a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

*Permit No. TE-023904*

*Applicant:* USDI Bureau of Land Management, North Palm Springs, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (survey by pursuit) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) in conjunction with presence or absence surveys throughout its range for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

*Permit No. TE-023895*

*Applicant:* Paul W. Collins, Santa Ynez, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and handle) the California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*) in conjunction with presence or absence surveys in Santa Barbara County, California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

*Permit No. TE-023892*

*Applicant:* Lawrence Edward Hunt, Santa Barbara, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and handle) the California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*) in conjunction with presence or absence surveys in Santa Barbara County, California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

*Permit No. TE-023886*

*Applicant:* San Diego Natural History Museum, San Diego, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture, handle, and collect tissue samples) the arroyo southwestern toad (*Bufo californicus*) in conjunction with surveys, population monitoring, ecological research, and population

augmentation throughout the species range for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

*Permit No. TE-018909*

*Applicant:* Kelly Michelle Rios, Brea, California

The permittee requests a permit amendment to take (survey by pursuit) the El Segundo blue butterfly (*Euphilotes battoides allyni*) in conjunction with presence or absence surveys throughout its range for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

*Permit No. TE-817397*

*Applicant:* John R. Storrer, Santa Barbara, California

The permittee requests a permit amendment to take (capture and handle) the California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*) in conjunction with presence or absence surveys in Santa Barbara County, California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

*Permit No. TE-009015*

*Applicant:* Jason Lee Berkley, Whittier, California

The permittee requests a permit amendment to take (capture and handle) the arroyo southwestern toad (*Bufo microscaphus californicus*) in conjunction with presence or absence surveys throughout its range for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

*Permit No. TE-815144*

*Applicant:* Rosemary Ann Thompson, Santa Barbara, California

The permittee requests a permit amendment to take (capture and handle) the California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*) in conjunction with presence or absence surveys in Santa Barbara County, California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

*Permit No. TE-826513*

*Applicant:* Galen Rathbun, Bakersfield, California

The permittee requests a permit amendment to take (radio-tag) the blunt-nosed leopard lizard (*Gambelia sila*) in Kern County, California in conjunction with ecological research for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

*Permit No. TE-768251*

*Applicant:* Biosearch Wildlife Surveys, Santa Cruz, California

The permittee requests a permit amendment to take (capture, mark) the Tipton kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys nitratoides nitratoides*) in conjunction with population studies throughout the species range in California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

*Permit No. 022615*

*Applicant:* Robert L. Calloway, Leonardtown, Maryland

The applicant requests a permit to purchase, in interstate commerce, two female and two male captive bred Hawaiian (=nene) geese (*Nesochen [=Branta] sandvicensis*) for the purpose of enhancing the species propagation and survival.

*Permit No. TE-702631*

*Applicant:* Assistant Regional Director-Ecological Services, Region 1, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Portland, Oregon

The permittee requests a permit amendment to remove and reduce to possession specimens of the following plant species: *Cirsium loncholepis* (La Graciosa thistle), *Eriodictyon capitatum* (Lompoc yerba santa), *Hemizonia increscens ssp. villosa* (Gaviota tarplant), and *Lupinus nipomensis* (Nipomo Mesa lupine). Collection activities will be conducted throughout each species range in conjunction with recovery efforts for the purpose of enhancing their propagation and survival.

*Permit No. TE-025182*

*Applicant:* Ecosphere Environmental Services, Durango, Colorado

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey) the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax extimus traillii*) in conjunction with presence or absence surveys throughout the species range in California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

*Permit No. TE-025197*

*Applicant:* Lockheed Martin Environmental Service, Las Vegas, Nevada

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey, capture and handle, collect tissue samples, and collect voucher specimens) the desert pupfish (*Cyprinodon macularius*), Gila topminnow (*Poeciliopsis occidentalis*), Gila trout (*Oncorhynchus gilae*), and Humpback chub (*Gila cypha*) in conjunction with presence or absence surveys and scientific research throughout each species range for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

*Permit No. TE-776608*

*Applicant:* Monk and Associates, Walnut Creek, California

The permittee requests a permit amendment to take (capture and handle) the California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*) in conjunction with presence or absence surveys in Santa Barbara County,

California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

*Permit No. TE-025204*

*Applicant:* Linda Ann Vorobik, Lopez Island, Washington

The applicant requests a permit to remove and reduce to possession specimens of *Arabis macdonaldiana* in conjunction with genetic research and the collection of voucher specimens throughout the species range for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

*Permit No. TE-685022*

*Applicant:* Rudi Mattoni, University of California, Los Angeles, California

The permittee requests a permit amendment to take (survey by pursuit, harass, collect for captive propagation, handle, captive rear, and release) the Palos Verdes blue butterfly (*Glaucopsyche lygdamus palosverdesensis*) in conjunction with presence and absence surveys and scientific research throughout its range for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

*Permit No. TE-025203*

*Applicant:* David J. Griffin, Alpine, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey, collect and sacrifice) the San Diego fairy shrimp (*Brachinecta sandiegonensis*) and the Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*) in conjunction with surveys in Riverside and San Diego Counties, California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

*Permit No. TE-025202*

*Applicant:* Janette Holtz, San Diego, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey, collect and sacrifice) the San Diego fairy shrimp (*Brachinecta sandiegonensis*) and the Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*) in conjunction with surveys and population monitoring in San Diego County, California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

*Permit No. TE-025201*

*Applicant:* Bonnie Ripley, San Diego, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey, collect and sacrifice) the San Diego fairy shrimp (*Brachinecta sandiegonensis*) and the Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*) in conjunction with surveys and population monitoring in San Diego County, California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

**DATES:** Written comments on these permit applications must be received on or before May 17, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Written data or comments should be submitted to the Chief—Endangered Species, Ecological Services, Fish and Wildlife Service, 911 NE. 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-4181; Fax: (503) 231-6243. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when submitting comments. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Documents and other information submitted with these 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 within 20 days of the date of publication of this notice to the address above; telephone: (503) 231-2063. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when requesting copies of documents.

Dated: April 6, 2000.

**Thomas Dwyer,**

*Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Fish and Wildlife Service****Notice of Availability of a Draft Revised Recovery Plan for the Oregon Silverspot Butterfly for Review and Comment**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of document availability.

**SUMMARY:** We, the Fish and Wildlife Service, announce the availability of a draft revised recovery plan for the Oregon silverspot butterfly (*Speyeria zerene hippolyta*) for public review. This butterfly is distributed in six small areas along the Pacific coast from northern California to southern Washington. The Oregon silverspot butterfly depends upon coastal grasslands that contain the larval host plant (early blue violet), nectar sources, and adult courtship areas. This draft revised plan updates the original recovery plan that was completed in 1982.

**DATES:** We must receive your comments on the draft revised recovery plan on or