

restricted to the river mouth and would not extend into the estuary.

#### EPA's Role in the EIS Process

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is charged with reviewing all Federal agencies' EISs and commenting on the adequacy and acceptability of the environmental impacts of proposed actions. Therefore, in addition to our publication of this notice, the EPA is publishing a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the DEIS, as required under section 309 of the Clean Air Act (CAA; 42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*). The publication date of EPA's notice of availability is the start of the public comment period for the DEIS/EIR. Under the CAA, EPA also must subsequently announce the final EIS via the **Federal Register**. EPA also serves as the repository (EIS database) for EISs prepared by Federal agencies. The EIS database provides information about EISs prepared by Federal agencies, as well as EPA's comments concerning the EISs. You may search for EPA comments on EISs, along with EISs themselves, at <https://cdxapps.epa.gov/cdx-enepa-II/public/action/eis/search>.

#### Public Comments

You may submit your written comments and materials by one of the methods presented in **ADDRESSES**.

No opportunity will be provided for verbal comments during the virtual public meetings described under **DATES**.

#### Reasonable Accommodations

Persons needing reasonable accommodations to participate in the virtual public meetings should contact the Service as soon as possible, using one of the methods listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. To allow sufficient time to process requests, please make contact no later than one week before the scheduled public meetings.

Information regarding this proposed action is available in alternative formats upon request.

#### Public Availability of Comments

You may submit your comments by one of the methods listed in **ADDRESSES**. 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.

#### Next Steps and Decision To Be Made

After public comment, we will evaluate any comments received and prepare written responses, which will be included with the final EIS. The Service expects to announce the availability of the final EIS in the **Federal Register** in early 2023. After consideration of the analysis and information provided in the final EIS, as well as the comments received throughout the review process, the Regional Director will select the alternative that best achieves the purpose and need for the intended action. The decision, which will be documented in the record of decision, will also consider the consistency of the action with agency policies, regulations, and applicable laws, and the contribution it will make towards achieving the purposes for which the TSNWR was established. At least 30 days after the final EIS is available, we expect the record of decision will be completed, in accordance with applicable timeframes established in 40 CFR 1506.11.

#### Authority

We provide this notice in accordance with the requirements of NEPA and its implementing regulations (40 CFR 1503.1 and 1506.6).

Jill Russi,

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

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#### Endangered Species; Receipt of Recovery Permit Applications

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

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of permit applications; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, have received applications for permits to conduct activities intended to enhance the propagation and survival of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act. We invite the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies to comment on these applications. Before issuing the requested permits, we will take into consideration any information that we receive during the public comment period.

**DATES:** We must receive your written comments on or before September 19, 2022.

**ADDRESSES: Document availability and comment submission:** Submit a request for a copy of the application and related documents and submit any comments by one of the following methods. All requests and comments should specify the applicant name and application number (*e.g.*, Dana Ross, ESPER0001705):

- *Email:* [permitsR1ES@fws.gov](mailto:permitsR1ES@fws.gov).
- *U.S. Mail:* Marilet Zablan, Regional Program Manager, Restoration and Endangered Species Classification, Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Regional Office, 911 NE 11th Avenue, Portland, OR 97232-4181.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Colleen Henson, Regional Recovery Permit Coordinator, Ecological Services, (503) 231-6131 (phone); [permitsR1ES@fws.gov](mailto:permitsR1ES@fws.gov) (email). Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on applications for permits under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The requested permits would allow the applicants to conduct activities intended to promote recovery of species that are listed as endangered under the ESA.

#### Background

With some exceptions, the ESA prohibits activities that constitute take of listed species unless a Federal permit is issued that allows such activity. The ESA's definition of "take" includes such activities as pursuing, harassing, trapping, capturing, or collecting, in addition to hunting, shooting, harming, wounding, or killing.

A recovery permit issued by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA authorizes the permittee to conduct activities with endangered or threatened species for scientific purposes that promote recovery or for enhancement of propagation or survival of the species. These activities often include such prohibited actions as capture and collection. Our regulations implementing section 10(a)(1)(A) for

these permits are found in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 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.

**Permit Applications Available for Review and Comment**

Proposed activities in the following permit requests are for the recovery and enhancement of propagation or survival of the species in the wild. The ESA requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

Accordingly, we invite local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies and the public to submit written data, views, or arguments with respect to these applications. The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are those supported by quantitative information or studies.

Application No.	Applicant, city, state	Species	Location	Take activity	Permit action
ES018078 .....	Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, Hawaii National Park, HI.	Hawaiian petrel ( <i>Pterodroma sandwichensis</i> ) ..... <i>Adenophorus periens</i> (pendant kihi fern) ..... <i>Argyroxiphium kauense</i> (Mauna Loa silversword) ..... <i>Argyroxiphium sandwicense</i> var. <i>sandwicense</i> ('ahinahina). <i>Asplenium fragile</i> var. <i>insulare</i> (no common name (NCN)). <i>Clermontia lindseyana</i> ..... <i>Clermontia peleana</i> ('oha wai) ..... <i>Cyanea shipmanii</i> (haha) ..... <i>Cyanea stictophylla</i> (haha) ..... <i>Cyanea tritomantha</i> ('akū) ..... <i>Cyrtandra giffardii</i> (ha'iwale) ..... <i>Cyrtandra tintinnabula</i> (ha'iwale) ..... <i>Exocarpos menziesii</i> (heau) ..... <i>Haplostachys haplostachya</i> (NCN) ..... <i>Hibiscadelphus giffardianus</i> (hau kuahiwi) ..... <i>Hibiscadelphus hualalaiensis</i> (hau kuahiwi) ..... <i>Ischaemum byrone</i> (Hilo ischaemum) ..... <i>Joinvillea ascendens</i> ssp. <i>ascendens</i> ('ohe) ..... <i>Kokia drynarioides</i> (koki'o) ..... <i>Melicope zahlbruckneri</i> (alani) ..... <i>Neraudia ovata</i> (NCN) ..... <i>Nothoestrum breviflorum</i> ('aiea) ..... <i>Ochrosia haleakalae</i> (holei) ..... <i>Phyllostegia floribunda</i> (NCN) ..... <i>Phyllostegia parviflora</i> (NCN) ..... <i>Phyllostegia racemosa</i> (kiponapona) ..... <i>Phyllostegia stachyoides</i> (NCN) ..... <i>Pittosorum hawaiiense</i> (hoawa) ..... <i>Plantago hawaiiensis</i> (Kuahiwi laukahi) ..... <i>Pleomele hawaiiensis</i> (hala pepe) ..... <i>Portulaca sclerocarpa</i> (po'e) ..... <i>Portulaca villosa</i> ('ihi) ..... <i>Pritchardia lanigera</i> (lo'ulu) ..... <i>Pritchardia maideniana</i> (lo'ulu) ..... <i>Ranunculus hawaiiensis</i> (makou) ..... <i>Sanicula sandwicensis</i> (NCN) ..... Taylor's checkerspot ( <i>Euphydryas editha taylori</i> ) .....	Hawaii .....	Bird: Harass by survey, monitor, capture, handle, band, biosample, conduct predator control, and release. Plants: Remove/reduce to possession.	Renew.
ES19239B .....	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Olympia, WA.	Taylor's checkerspot ( <i>Euphydryas editha taylori</i> ) .....	Oregon and Washington.	Harass by capture, handle, biosample, collect voucher specimens, and release.	Renew.
ES67157D .....	Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR.	Hawaiian common gallinule ( <i>Gallinula galeata sandwicensis</i> ). Hawaiian coot ( <i>Fulca americana alai</i> ) .....	Hawaii .....	Harass by survey, monitor, capture, handle, band biosample, attach transmitters, float eggs, release, and salvage.	Amend.

**Public Availability of Comments**

Written comments we receive become part of the administrative record associated with this action. 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 request in your comment that we withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. All submissions

from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety.

**Next Steps**

If we decide to issue a permit to an applicant listed in this notice, we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register**.

**Authority**

We publish this notice under section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of

1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

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