

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service**

[Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2022-0123;
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**Marine Mammal Protection Act and
Wild Bird Conservation Act; Receipt of
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 (Service), invite the
public to comment on species for which
the Service has jurisdiction under the
Marine Mammal Protection Act
(MMPA) and foreign bird species
covered under the Wild Bird
Conservation Act (WBCA). With some
exceptions, the MMPA and WBCA
prohibit activities with listed species
unless Federal authorization is issued
that allows such activities. These Acts
also require that we invite public
comment before issuing permits for any
activity they otherwise prohibit with
respect to any species.

DATES: We must receive comments by
December 12, 2022.

ADDRESSES: *Obtaining Documents:* The
application, application supporting
materials, and any comments and other
materials that we receive will be
available for public inspection at
<https://www.regulations.gov> in Docket
No. FWS-HQ-IA-2022-0123.

Submitting Comments: When
submitting comments, please specify the
name of the applicant and the permit
number at the beginning of your
comment. You may submit comments
by one of the following methods:

- *Internet:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Search for and submit comments on Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2022-0123.

- *U.S. Mail:* Public Comments Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2022-0123; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Headquarters, MS: PRB/3W; 5275 Leesburg Pike; Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.

For more information, see Public
Comment Procedures under
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Brenda Tapia, by phone at 703-358-
2185 or via email at DMAFR@fws.gov.
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deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have
a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY,
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international calls to the point-of-
contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Public Comment Procedures**

*A. How do I comment on submitted
applications?*

We invite the public and local, State,
Tribal, and Federal agencies to comment
on these applications. Before issuing
any of the requested permits, we will
take into consideration any information
that we receive during the public
comment period.

You may submit your comments and
materials by one of the methods in
ADDRESSES. We will not consider
comments sent by email, or to an
address not in **ADDRESSES**. We will not
consider or include in our
administrative record comments we
receive after the close of the comment
period (see **DATES**).

When submitting comments, please
specify the name of the applicant and
the permit number at the beginning of
your comment. Provide sufficient
information to allow us to authenticate
any scientific or commercial data you
include. The comments and
recommendations that will be most
useful and likely to influence agency
decisions are: (1) Those supported by
quantitative information or studies; and
(2) those that include citations to, and
analyses of, the applicable laws and
regulations.

*B. May I review comments submitted by
others?*

You may view and comment on
others' public comments at <https://www.regulations.gov> unless our
allowing so would violate the Privacy
Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) or Freedom of
Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

C. Who will see my comments?

If you submit a comment at <https://www.regulations.gov>, your entire
comment, including any personal
identifying information, will be posted
on the website. If you submit a
hardcopy comment that includes
personal identifying information, such
as your address, phone number, or
email address, you may request at the
top of your document that we withhold
this information from public review.
However, we cannot guarantee that we
will be able to do so. Moreover, 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.

II. Background

To help us carry out our conservation
responsibilities for affected species, and
in consideration of section 104(c) of the
Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972,
as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et
seq.*), and section 112(4) of the Wild
Bird Conservation Act of 1992 (WBCA;
16 U.S.C. 4901-4916), we invite public
comments on permit applications before
final action is taken. With some
exceptions, these Acts prohibit certain
activities with listed species unless
Federal authorization is issued that
allows such activities. Service
regulations regarding permits for any
activity otherwise prohibited by the
MMPA with respect to any marine
mammals are available in title 50 of the
Code of Federal Regulations in part 18.
Service regulations regarding permits
for any activity otherwise prohibited by
the WBCA with respect to any wild
birds are available in title 50 of the Code
of Federal Regulations in part 15.

Concurrent with publishing this
notice in the **Federal Register**, we are
forwarding copies of the marine
mammal applications to the Marine
Mammal Commission and the
Committee of Scientific Advisors for
their review.

III. Permit Applications

We invite comments on the following
applications.

A. Marine Mammal Protection Act

Applicant: Offspring Films Ltd., Bristol,
UK; Permit No. PER0027521

The applicant requests a permit to
photograph (video and still
photography) West Indian manatee
(*Trichechus manatus*) in Florida, for the
purpose of commercial photography.
This notification covers activities to be
conducted by the applicant over a 5-
year period.

Applicant: Jason Gulley, Tampa, FL;
Permit No. PER0030530

The applicant requests a permit to
photograph (video and still
photography) West Indian manatee
(*Trichechus manatus*) in Florida, for the
purpose of commercial photography.
This notification covers activities to be
conducted by the applicant over a 5-
year period.

Applicant: Mote Marine Laboratory &
Aquarium, Sarasota, FL; Permit No.
PER0027767

The applicant requests to amend a
permit for scientific research on Florida
manatees (*Trichechus manatus*)

latirostris) both in the wild or being held in captivity. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

B. Wild Bird Conservation Act

Applicant: Gerald Bobak, Ellijay, GA;
Permit No. PER0051912

The applicant wishes to establish a cooperative breeding program for eclectus parrot (*Eclectus roratus*), importing into the United States 100 eclectus parrots from captive breeding facilities outside the United States. The applicant would be an active participant in this program. Once the program is established, additional applicants could apply to participate, which Laurella Desborough, of Claremore, Oklahoma, intends to do. If approved, the program will be overseen by the Organization of Professional Aviculturists, San Dimas, California.

IV. Next Steps

After the comment period closes, we will make decisions regarding permit issuance. If we issue permits to any of the applicants listed in this notice, we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register**. You may locate the notice announcing the permit issuance by searching <https://www.regulations.gov> for the permit number listed above in this document. For example, to find information about the potential issuance of Permit No. 12345A, you would go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for "12345A".

V. Authority

We issue this notice under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and its implementing regulations and under the authority of the Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992 (16 U.S.C. 4901–4916). This notice is provided pursuant to section 112(4) of the Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992, 50 CFR 15.26(c).

Brenda Tapia,

Supervisory Program Analyst/Data Administrator, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

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Public Meeting of the National Geospatial Advisory Committee

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey, Department of Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) is publishing this notice to announce that a Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the National Geospatial Advisory Committee (NGAC) will take place.

DATES: The meeting will be held as a webinar on Tuesday, December 6, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, December 7, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time).

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held on-line and via teleconference.

Instructions for accessing the meeting will be posted at www.fgdc.gov/ngac. Comments can be sent by email to gs-faca@usgs.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John Mahoney, Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC), USGS, by mail at 909 First Avenue, Room 703, Seattle, WA 98104; by email at jmahoney@usgs.gov; or by telephone at (206) 375–2565.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting is being held under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552B, as amended), and 41 CFR 102–3.140 and 102–3.150.

Purpose of the Meeting: The NGAC provides advice and recommendations related to management of Federal and national geospatial programs, the development of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI), and the implementation of the Geospatial Data Act of 2018 (GDA) and the Office of Management and Budget Circular A–16. The NGAC reviews and comments on geospatial policy and management issues and provides a forum to convey views representative of non-federal stakeholders in the geospatial community. The NGAC meeting is one of the primary ways that the FGDC collaborates with its broad network of partners. Additional information about the NGAC meeting is available at www.fgdc.gov/ngac.

Agenda Topics

- FGDC Update
- Landsat Advisory Group
- 3D Elevation Program
- GDA Reporting
- GDA Implementation
- Geospatial Excellence and Innovation
- Executive Order 14008, Climate Mapping Initiative
- Integrated Geospatial Information Framework
- Public Comment

Meeting Accessibility/Special Accommodations: The webinar meeting is open to the public and will take place from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on December 6, 2022, and from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on December 7, 2022. Members of the public wishing to attend the meeting should visit www.fgdc.gov/ngac or contact Mr. John Mahoney (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). Webinar/conference line instructions will be provided to registered attendees prior to the meeting.

Please make requests in advance for sign language interpreter services, assistive listening devices, or other reasonable accommodations. We ask that you contact the person listed in the (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) section of this notice at least seven (7) business days prior to the meeting to give the Department of the Interior sufficient time to process your request. All reasonable accommodation requests are managed on a case-by-case basis.

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Public Disclosure of Comments: There will be an opportunity for public comment during both days of the meeting. Depending on the number of people who wish to speak and the time available, the time for individual comments may be limited. Written comments may also be sent to the Committee for consideration. To allow for full consideration of information by Committee members, written comments must be provided to John Mahoney (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting. Any written comments received will be provided to Committee members before the meeting.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personally identifiable information (PII) in your comment, you should be aware