

**In-Person Drop-off:** You may drop off comments during regular business hours at address above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carl Melberg, Planning Team Leader, (978) 443-4661 extension 32 (phone) or Libby Herland, Project Leader, 978-443-4661 extension 11 (phone), [fw5rw\\_emnrw@fws.gov](mailto:fw5rw_emnrw@fws.gov) (email).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Introduction**

With this notice, we initiate our process for developing a CCP for Mashpee NWR, in Barnstable County, Massachusetts. This notice complies with our CCP policy to advise other Federal and State agencies, Tribes, and the public of our intention to conduct detailed planning on this refuge.

**Background**

*The CCP Process*

The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee) (Administration Act), as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, requires us to develop a CCP for each national wildlife refuge. The purpose for developing a CCP is to provide refuge managers with a 15-year plan for achieving refuge purposes and contributing toward the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System (NWRS), consistent with sound principles of fish and wildlife management, conservation, legal mandates, and our policies. In addition to outlining broad management direction on conserving wildlife and their habitats, CCPs identify wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities available to the public, including opportunities for hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, and environmental education and interpretation. We will review and update the CCP at least every 15 years in accordance with the Administration Act.

Each unit of the NWRS was established for specific purposes. We use these purposes as the foundation for developing and prioritizing the management goals and objectives for each refuge within the NWRS, and to determine how the public can use each refuge. The planning process is a way for us and the public to evaluate management goals and objectives that will ensure the best possible approach to wildlife, plant, and habitat conservation, while providing for wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities that are compatible with each refuge's establishing purposes and the mission of the NWRS.

Our CCP process provides participation opportunities for Tribal, State, and local governments, agencies, organizations, and the public. Throughout the process, we will have formal comment periods and hold public meetings to gather comments, issues, concerns, ideas, and suggestions for the future management of Mashpee NWR. You may also send comments anytime during the planning process by mail, email, or fax (see **ADDRESSES**).

We will conduct the environmental review of this project and develop an EA in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*); NEPA regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508); other appropriate Federal laws and regulations; and our policies and procedures for compliance with those laws and regulations.

**Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge**

Mashpee NWR is one of eight refuges that comprise the Eastern Massachusetts NWR Complex. Mashpee NWR is located in the towns of Mashpee and Falmouth, Massachusetts. It was established in 1995 for the development, advancement, management, conservation, and protection of fish and wildlife resources. The refuge is cooperatively managed through a unique partnership among Federal and State agencies, a Tribe, municipalities, and private conservation groups. The approved refuge boundary totals 5,871 acres. The refuge includes fee or easement interest on 342 acres within that boundary. Refuge habitats include salt marsh, cranberry bog, Atlantic white cedar swamp, freshwater marsh, and vernal pool habitat. These habitats support a variety of migratory waterfowl, songbirds, shorebirds, raptors, and other native wildlife.

**Scoping: Preliminary Issues, Concerns, and Opportunities**

We have identified several preliminary issues, concerns, and opportunities that we intend to address in the CCP. These include the following:

- The refuge's public use program;
- The refuge's prescribed burning program;
- The possibility for additional land protection;
- The possibility of expanding partnership opportunities to cooperatively manage the refuge;
- The opportunity to provide and manage New England cottontail habitat;
- The impact of climate change on refuge resources;

- The potential to improve community relations and increase outreach;
- The opportunity to increase local awareness of the refuge and the NWRS; and
- The potential to improve coordination and communication with other Federal and State agencies, and Tribal Governments.

We expect that during public scoping, members of the public, our conservation partners, and Federal, State, Tribal, and local agencies may identify additional issues.

**Public Meetings**

During the planning process, we will hold public meetings for the public to provide comments, issues, concerns, ideas, and suggestions about refuge management. When we schedule formal comment periods and public meeting(s), we will announce them in the **Federal Register**, local news media, and on our refuge planning Web site at <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/planning/Eastern%20Mass%203/ccphome.html>. You can also obtain the schedule from the planning team leader or project leader (see **ADDRESSES**).

**Public Availability of Comments**

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.

Dated: January 4, 2012.

**Paul R. Phifer,**

*Acting Regional Director, Northeast Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Hadley, Massachusetts.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**[FWS-R8-ES-2012-N007;  
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**Endangered Species Recovery Permit Applications**

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

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

**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 (Act) prohibits activities with endangered and threatened species unless a Federal permit allows such activity. The Act also requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

**DATES:** Comments on these permit applications must be received on or before March 2, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Written data or comments should be submitted to the Endangered Species Program Manager, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 8, 2800 Cottage Way, Room W-2606, Sacramento, CA 95825 (telephone: 916-414-6464; fax: 916-414-6486). Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when submitting comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Daniel Marquez, Fish and Wildlife Biologist; see **ADDRESSES** (telephone: 760-431-9440; fax: 760-431-9624).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following applicants have applied for scientific research permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). We seek review and comment from local, State, and Federal agencies and the public on the following permit requests.

#### **Applicant**

*Permit No. TE-163367*

*Applicant:* Ryan O'Dell, Hollister, California.

The applicant requests an amendment to an existing permit to remove and reduce to possession from lands under Federal jurisdiction the *Monolopia congdonii* (San Joaquin woolly-thread) in conjunction with floristic surveys and research activities to determine competition from exotic plants and effects of grazing throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

*Permit No. TE-58862A*

*Applicant:* Greg Mason, San Diego, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (survey by pursuit) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) and take (capture, collect, and kill) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*), San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta*

*sandiegensis*), and vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of each species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

*Permit No. TE-59772A*

*Applicant:* Clinton R. Elsholz, Lathrop, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (survey, capture, handle, and release) the California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*) in conjunction with survey and annual monitoring activities on State Park lands throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

*Permit No. TE-161483*

*Applicant:* Linette A. Lina, Orange, California.

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

*Permit No. TE-58760A*

*Applicant:* Jason D. Yakich, Forest Knolls, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (survey, locate, and monitor nests) the California least tern (*Sterna antillarum browni*) and take (capture, collect, and kill) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*), San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegensis*), and vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*) in conjunction with survey and population monitoring activities throughout the range of each species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

*Permit No. TE-179013*

*Applicant:* Scott M. Werner, Ojai, California.

The applicant requests an amendment to a permit to take (harass by survey) the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) and take (locate and monitor nests) the least Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*) in conjunction with surveys and population monitoring throughout the range of each species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

*Permit No. TE-59775A*

*Applicant:* Norman R. Sisk, Friant, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (survey, capture, handle, and release) the California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*) and arroyo toad (*Anaxyrus californicus*) in conjunction with survey and annual monitoring activities throughout the range of each species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

*Permit No. TE-48169A*

*Applicant:* Katie A. Hall, Oceanside, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture, collect, and kill) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*), San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegensis*), and vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of each species within the jurisdiction of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Carlsbad Field Office in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

*Permit No. TE-61778A*

*Applicant:* Karen Miller LaCoste, Ramona, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture, collect, and kill) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*), San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegensis*), and vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of each species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

*Permit No. TE-60147A*

*Applicant:* Heather L. Moine, Goleta, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture, collect, and kill) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*), San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegensis*), and vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of each species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

**Permit No. TE-60149A**

*Applicant:* California Department of Fish and Game, Arcata, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (survey, capture, handle, and release) the tidewater goby (*Eucyclogobius newberryi*) in conjunction with salmonid and longfin smelt monitoring studies and tidewater goby presence, distribution, and rescue activities throughout the range of the species in Del Norte, Humboldt, and Mendocino Counties, California, for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

**Permit No. TE-60117A**

*Applicant:* Maia L. Lipschutz, San Diego, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey) the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of the species in California, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Colorado, and Utah for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

**Permit No. TE-027296**

*Applicant:* Michael H. Fawcett, Bodega, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (survey, capture, handle, release, and collect voucher specimens) the tidewater goby (*Eucyclogobius newberryi*) in conjunction with surveys and population monitoring activities throughout the range of the species in Mendocino, Alameda, Marin, Sonoma, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, and Monterey Counties, California, and take (survey, capture, handle, and release) the California freshwater shrimp (*Syncaris pacifica*) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

**Permit No. TE-61783A**

*Applicant:* Sonya E. Steckler, Carlsbad, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey using taped vocalizations; and locate and monitor nests) the least Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*) in conjunction with surveys and population monitoring throughout the range of each species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

**Public Comments**

We invite public review and comment on each of these recovery permit applications. Comments and materials we receive will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during

normal business hours at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

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.

**Michael Long,**

*Acting Regional Director, Region 8, Sacramento, California.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management**

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**Notice of Correction for Public Land Order No. 7261; Modification and Partial Revocation of 12 Executive Orders and 7 Secretarial Orders; Wyoming**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Correction.

**SUMMARY:** This notice corrects the legal land description published in the **Federal Register** on May 21, 1997 (62 FR 27773) for the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Public Land Order No. 7261 for public water reserves, Wyoming.

**Correction**

On page 27773 in the third column, line 38, correct the legal description to read: sec. 18, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Jennifer Whyte, Realty Specialist, Bureau of Land Management, 5353 Yellowstone Road, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82009, 307-775-6232 or via email at [jwhyte@blm.gov](mailto:jwhyte@blm.gov).

Dated: December 29, 2011.

**Brenda V. Neuman**

*Acting State Director, Wyoming.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management**

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**Alaska Native Claims Selection**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of decision approving lands for conveyance.

**SUMMARY:** As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will issue an appealable decision to The Kuskokwim Corporation. The decision approves the surface estate in the lands described below for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 *et seq.*). The subsurface estate in these lands will be conveyed to Calista Corporation when the surface estate is conveyed to The Kuskokwim Corporation. The lands are in the vicinity of Upper Kalskag, Alaska, and are located in:

**Seward Meridian, Alaska**

T. 17 N., R. 59 W.,  
Secs. 30 and 32.

Containing 49.24 acres.

T. 17 N., R. 60 W.,  
Secs. 25 and 34.

Containing 3 acres.

T. 18 N., R. 60 W.,  
Sec. 13.

Containing 640 acres.

T. 16 N., R. 61 W.,  
Secs. 1, 2, 7, 8, and 9.

Containing 58 acres.

Aggregating 750.24 acres.

Notice of the decision will also be published four times in the *Tundra Drums*.

**DATES:** Any party claiming a property interest in the lands affected by the decision may appeal the decision within the following time limits:

1. Unknown parties, parties unable to be located after reasonable efforts have been expended to locate, parties who fail or refuse to sign their return receipt, and parties who receive a copy of the decision by regular mail which is not certified, return receipt requested, shall have until March 2, 2012 to file an appeal.

2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

3. Notices of appeal transmitted by electronic means, such as facsimile or email, will not be accepted as timely filed.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4, subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.