

survey) American burying beetle (*Nicrophorus americanus*) in conjunction with population monitoring activities in Nebraska and South Dakota for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit Application Number: TE-052005

*Applicant:* Edwin Miller, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, Independence, Kansas.

The applicant requests renewal of an existing permit to take (harass by survey) American burying beetle (*Nicrophorus americanus*) in conjunction with population monitoring activities in Nebraska and South Dakota for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

### National Environmental Policy Act

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), we have made an initial determination that the proposed activities in these permits are categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement (516 DM 6 Appendix 1, 1.4C(1)).

### Public Availability of Comments

All comments and materials we receive in response to this request 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.

### Authority

We provide this notice under section 10 of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: March 12, 2012.

**Michael G. Thabault,**

*Acting Regional Director, Mountain-Prairie Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

**[FWS-R4-ES-2012-N068; 40120-1112-0000-F2]**

### Receipt of Applications for Endangered Species Permits

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**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 (ESA) prohibits activities with listed species unless a Federal permit is issued that allows such activities. The ESA requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

**DATES:** We must receive written data or comments on the applications at the address given below, by *April 19, 2012*.

**ADDRESSES:** Documents and other information submitted with the 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 to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, GA 30345 (Attn: Cameron Shaw, Permit Coordinator).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cameron Shaw, telephone 904/731-3191; facsimile 904/731-3045.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The public is invited to comment on the following applications for permits to conduct certain activities with endangered and threatened species pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and our regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17. This notice is provided under section 10(c) of the Act.

If you wish to comment, you may submit comments by any one of the following methods. You may mail comments to the Fish and Wildlife Service's Regional Office (see **ADDRESSES** section) or via electronic mail (email) to: [permitsR4ES@fws.gov](mailto:permitsR4ES@fws.gov). Please include your name and return address in your email message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the Fish and Wildlife Service that we have received your email message, contact us directly at the telephone number listed

above (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section). Finally, you may hand deliver comments to the Fish and Wildlife Service office listed above (see **ADDRESSES** section).

Before including your address, telephone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, 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 comments to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Permit Application Number: TE-206872

*Applicant:* Joy O'Keefe, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, Indiana.

Applicant requests authorization for non-lethal take of gray bats (*Myotis grisescens*) for the purpose of conducting presence/absence surveys and collecting scientific data. This work will be conducted throughout the range of this species.

Permit Application Number: TE-206886

*Applicant:* Kentucky Division of Abandoned Mines, Frankfort, Kentucky.

Applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys and to conduct scientific studies on the following species:

Indiana bat *Myotis sodalis*.  
Gray bat *Myotis grisescens*.  
Virginia big-eared bat *Corynorhinus townsendii virginianus*.  
Ozark big-eared bat *Corynorhinus townsendii ingens*.  
Relict Darter *Etheostoma chienense*.  
Blacksided dace *Chrosomus cumberlandensis*.

This work will be carried out on lands under the authority of the Kentucky Division of Abandoned Mines.

Permit Application Number: TE-65002A

*Applicant:* Robert Oney, Winchester, Kentucky.

Applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys and to conduct scientific studies on the following species:

Indiana bat *Myotis sodalis*.  
Gray bat *Myotis grisescens*.  
Virginia big-eared bat *Corynorhinus townsendii virginianus*.

This work will be carried out in Kentucky.

Permit Application Number: TE-65346A

*Applicant:* Matthew Roberts, Berea Kentucky.

Applicant requests authorization for non-lethal take of gray bats (*Myotis grisescens*) and Indiana bats (*Myotis*

*sodalis*) for the purpose of conducting presence/absence surveys and collecting scientific data. This work will be conducted throughout the range of these species.

Permit Application Number: TE-139474

Applicant: FTN Associates, LTD., Little Rock, Arkansas.

Applicant requests authorization for non-lethal take of American burying beetle (*Nicrophorus americanus*) while conducting presence/absence surveys in the State of Kansas.

Permit Application Number: TE-65550A

Applicant: Dale Gawlik, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida.

Applicant requests authorization to capture and collect biological specimens from wood storks (*Mycteria Americana*) while conducting scientific research in Dade and Collier Counties, Florida.

Permit Application Number: TE-171516

Applicant: Copperhead Environmental Consulting, Paint Lick, Kentucky.

Applicant requests the addition of Missouri, Indiana, Illinois and Ohio to the location authorized for conducting presence/absence surveys and scientific investigation on listed freshwater mussel species and authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys for the blackside dace (*Chrosomus cumberlandensis*).

Permit Application Number: TE-65968A

Applicant: Jason Dickey, Tallahassee, Florida.

Applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys on the following freshwater mussel species:

Fat threeridge *Amblema neislerii*.  
Shinyrayed pocketbook *Hamiota subangulata*.  
Gulf moccasinshell *Medionidus penicillatus*.  
Ochlockonee moccasinshell *Medionidus simpsonianus*.  
Oval pigtoe *Pleurobema pyriforme*.  
Chipola slabshell *Elliptio chipolaensis*.

Purple bankclimber *Margaritifera marrianae*.

These surveys will be conducted in Alabama, Georgia and Florida.

Permit Application Number: TE-66039A

Applicant: Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, Benton, Arkansas.

Applicant requests authorization to take (non-lethally) the Ozark hellbender (*Cryptobranchus alleganiensis bishopi*) for the purpose of scientific research. This activity will take place in Arkansas.

Dated: March 5, 2012.

Mark J. Musaus,

Acting Regional Director.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R9-FHC-2012-N037: 94140-1341-0000-N5]

### Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Meeting

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) Task Force. The ANS Task Force's purpose is to develop and implement a program for U.S. waters to prevent introduction and dispersal of aquatic nuisance species; to monitor, control, and study such species; and to disseminate related information. The meeting is open to the public.

**DATES:** The ANS Task Force will meet from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., from Wednesday, May 2 through Thursday May 3, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** The ANS Task Force meeting will take place at the O'Callaghan Annapolis Hotel, 174 West Street, Annapolis, MD 21401 (410-263-7700). You may inspect minutes of the meeting at the office of the Chief, Division of Fisheries and Aquatic Resource Conservation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203, during regular business hours, Monday through Friday. You may also view the minutes on the ANS Task Force Web site at: <http://anstaskforce.gov/meetings.php>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Susan Mangin, Executive Secretary, ANS Task Force, at (703) 358-2466, or by email at [Susan\\_Mangin@fws.gov](mailto:Susan_Mangin@fws.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.), this notice announces meetings of the ANS Task Force. The ANS Task Force was established by the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 106-580, as amended).

#### Agenda

Topics that the ANS Task Force plans to cover during the meeting include:

- ANSTF Strategic Plan
- ANSTF Recreational Guidelines

- Nutria
- Landscape Conservation Cooperatives
- Impact of Fish Passage on the Movement of ANS.

The agenda and other related meeting information are on the ANS Task Force Web site at: <http://anstaskforce.gov/meetings.php>.

#### Accessibility Information

The meeting location is accessible to wheelchair users. If you require additional accommodations, please notify us at least 1 week in advance of the meeting.

#### Authority

We publish this notice under section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.)

Dated: March 6, 2012.

Jeffrey Underwood,

Acting Co-Chair, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Deputy Assistant Director—Fisheries and Habitat Conservation.

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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 Ahtna, Incorporated. The decision will approve the conveyance of the surface and subsurface estates in certain lands pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 *et seq.*). The lands are located northwesterly of Mentasta, Alaska, and contain 7.25 acres. Notice of the decision will also be published four times in the *Anchorage Daily News*.

**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