

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

**Permit No. TE-827493**

*Applicant:* Brian Leatherman, Yorba Linda, California.

The permittee requests an amendment to take (capture and collect and kill) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), the longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), the vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*), the Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus wootoni*), and the San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of each species in southern California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

**Permit No. TE-0726550**

*Applicant:* Jennifer Michaud-Laird, Sebastopol, California.

The permittee requests an amendment to take (capture and collect and kill) the California freshwater shrimp (*Syncaris pacifica*) in conjunction with surveys in Sonoma, Marin, and Napa Counties, California, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

**Permit No. TE-118641**

*Applicant:* Jody McGraw, Boulder Creek, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture, handle, and release) the Zayante band-winged grasshopper (*Trimerotropis infantilis*) and the Mount Hermon June beetle (*Polyphylla barbata*) in conjunction with surveys in Santa Cruz County, California, for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

**Permit No. TE-122123**

*Applicant:* Douglas B. McNair, Pasadena, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (locate and monitor nests) the least Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*) and take (harass by survey and monitor nests) the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) in conjunction with surveys in San Bernardino and Riverside Counties in California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

**Permit No. TE-119861**

*Applicant:* Quad Knopf, Inc., Visalia, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and collect and kill) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), the longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), the vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*), the Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus wootoni*), and the San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*); take (harass by survey, capture and release) the California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*); and take (capture, mark, and release) the Tipton kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys nitratroides nitratroides*), the Fresno kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys nitratroides exilis*), the giant kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys nigens*), and the Buena Vista Lake shrew (*Sorex ornatus relictus*) in conjunction with surveys and demographic studies throughout the range of each species in California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

**Permit No. TE-122025**

*Applicant:* Tracy Bailey, Ridgecrest, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture, mark, and release) the San Bernardino kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys merriami parvus*), the Stephens' kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys stephensi*), and the Morro Bay kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys heermanni morroensis*) in conjunction with surveys throughout the species range in California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

**Permit No. TE-101148.**

*Applicant:* David Compton, Santa Barbara, California.

The permittee requests a permit amendment to take (harass by survey) the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) in conjunction with surveys in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, California, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

We solicit public review and comment on each of these recovery permit applications.

Dated: March 31, 2006.

**Paul Henson,**

*Acting Manager, California/Nevada Operations Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**Endangered Species Recovery Permit Application**

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

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

**SUMMARY:** We invite the public to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species.

**DATES:** Comments on this permit application must be received on or before May 19, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Written data or comments should be submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Chief, Endangered Species, Ecological Services, 911 NE. 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-4181 (telephone: 503-231-2063; fax: 503-231-6243). Please refer to the permit number for the 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 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 address above. Please refer to the permit number for the application when requesting copies of documents.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following applicants have applied for survival enhancement permits to conduct certain activities with an endangered species pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service ("we") solicits review and comment from the public, and from local, State, and Federal agencies on the following permit requests.

**Permit No. TE-017352**

*Applicant:* The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Division of Fish and Wildlife, Saipan, Mariana Islands.

The permittee requests a permit amendment to take (capture, release, collect biological samples, and nest monitor) the Rota bridled white-eye (*Zosterops rotensis*) in conjunction with scientific research on the Island of Rota, in the Commonwealth of the Northern

Mariana Islands for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

**Permit No. TE-122117**

*Applicant:* Dawn M. Reding, Honolulu, Hawaii.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture, measure, band, collect blood, and release) the Hawaii akepa (*Loxops coccineus coccineus*), the Hawaii creeper (*Oreomystis mana*), and the akiapolaau (*Hemignathus munroi*); and take (capture, band, and release) the Hawaiian hawk (*Buteo solitarius*) in conjunction with genetic and demographic research on the island of Hawaii in the state of Hawaii for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

**Permit No. TE-122076**

*Applicant:* Gustav R. Bodner, Honolulu, Hawaii.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture, measure, examine, band, collect biological samples, and release) the Hawaii akepa (*Loxops coccineus*), the Hawaii creeper (*Oreomystis mana*), the akiapolaau (*Hemignathus munroi*), Hawaiian hawk (*Buteo solitarius*), and the ou (*Psittirostra psittacea*) in conjunction with disease and parasite research at Hakalau Forest National Wildlife Refuge, Hawaii, for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

**Permit No. TE-122762**

*Applicant:* Liba Pejchar, Palo Alto, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and release) the akiapolaau (*Hemignathus munroi*), akepa (*Loxops coccineus*), and the Hawaii creeper (*Oreomystis mana*) in conjunction with ecological research on the island of Hawaii in the State of Hawaii for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

We solicit public review and comment on these recovery permit applications.

Dated: March 30, 2006.

**David J. Wesley,**

*Acting Regional Director, Region 1, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**Proposed Safe Harbor Agreement for the Valley Elderberry Longhorn Beetle for River Partners in Glenn County, California**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; receipt of application.

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises the public that River Partners (Applicant) has applied to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for an enhancement of survival permit pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The permit application includes a proposed Safe Harbor Agreement (Agreement) between the Applicant and the Service for the threatened valley elderberry longhorn beetle (VELB) (*Desmocerus californicus dimorphus*). The Agreement and permit application are available for public comment.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before May 19, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Shannon Holbrook, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, 2800 Cottage Way, W-2605, Sacramento, California 95825. Written comments may be sent by facsimile to (916) 414-6711.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Shannon Holbrook, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office (see **ADDRESSES**); telephone: (916) 414-6600.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Availability of Documents**

You may obtain copies of the documents for review by contacting the individual named above. You may also make an appointment to view the documents at the above address during normal business hours.

**Background**

Under a Safe Harbor Agreement, participating landowners voluntarily undertake management activities on their property to enhance, restore, or maintain habitat benefiting species listed under the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.). Safe Harbor Agreements, and the subsequent enhancement of survival permits that are issued pursuant to Section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act, encourage private and other non-Federal property owners to implement conservation efforts for listed species by assuring property owners that they will not be subjected to increased property use restrictions as a result of their efforts to attract listed species to their property, or to increase the numbers or distribution of listed species already on their property. Application requirements and issuance criteria for enhancement of survival permits through Safe Harbor Agreements are found in 50 CFR 17.22(c).

We have worked with the Applicant to develop the proposed Agreement for

the conservation of the VELB on the Del Rio Wildland Preserve (Enrolled Property) in Butte City, Glenn County, California. The 259-acre Del Rio Wildland Preserve subject to this Agreement is located in the southeastern corner of Glenn County just south of the Llano Seco Rancho. The property occupies flood-prone land between the Sacramento River Flood Control Project setback levee and Angel Slough. The property currently is divided into existing riparian habitat, an ongoing restoration project, and a walnut orchard.

This Agreement provides for the restoration, enhancement, and management of riparian habitat suitable for the VELB on the Enrolled Property. The proposed duration of the Agreement is 20 years, and the proposed term of the enhancement of survival permit is 25 years, provided that the Service determines that the actions identified in the Agreement were implemented prior to the Agreement's expiration. When fully implemented, the Agreement and requested enhancement of survival permit will allow the Applicants to return to baseline after the end of the 20-year term of the Agreement and prior to the expiration of the 25-year permit, if so desired by the Applicants. The Agreement fully describes the management activities to be undertaken by the Applicant, and the net conservation benefits expected to the VELB.

Upon approval of this Agreement, and consistent with the Service's Safe Harbor Policy published in the **Federal Register** on June 17, 1999 (64 FR 32717), the Service would issue a permit to the Applicants authorizing take of the VELB incidental to the implementation of the management activities specified in the Agreement, incidental to other lawful uses of the Enrolled Property including normal, routine land management activities, and to return to pre-Agreement conditions (baseline).

Under the Agreement, the Applicants would undertake management activities to benefit the VELB by planting over 1,500 elderberry plants in a matrix of native riparian plants that will benefit a variety of riparian dependent wildlife species including the VELB; completing restoration of 231 acres of agricultural land into riparian habitat with a diverse native plant community and high structural diversity; controlling invasive weeds; and increasing the connectivity of riparian forest within the Enrolled Property and along the Sacramento River.

Elderberry bushes (*Sambucus* sp.) are the exclusive host plants for the larval