## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

Fish and Wildlife Service

50 CFR Part 17

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Findings on Pending Petitions and Description of Progress on Listing Actions

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

**ACTION:** Notice of findings on pending petitions and description of progress on listing actions.

SUMMARY: The Service announces its findings on pending petitions to revise the lists of endangered and threatened plant and animal species. Provisions of the Endangered Species Act Amendments of 1982 (Amendments) required that these findings be made within one year of the effective date of the Amendments. This notice also includes a summary of the Service's progress in revising the lists since passage of the Amendments.

**DATE:** The findings described in this notice were made on October 13, 1983. The description of the Service's progress in revising the lists is current as of that same date.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John L. Spinks, Jr., Chief, Office of Endangered Species, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, D.C. 20240: (703/235–2771).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 4(b)(3)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended in 1982 [16 U.S.C.

1531 et seq.) requires that, for any petition to revise the lists of endangered and threatened wildlife and plants that contains substantial scientific or commercial information, findings be made within 12 months of the date of receipt of the petition. Provisions at Section 2(b)(1) of the Amendments require that petitions pending on the date of enactment of the Amendments (hereafter called pending petitions) be treated as having been filed on that date. Findings (hereafter called 12month findings) on these petitions were therefore made on October 13, 1983. This notice reports these findings and describes the Service's progress in revising the lists of endangered and threatened wildlife and plants during the year following the enactment of the Amendments.

### **Findings**

The petitioned actions that are the subjects of this notice are those for which a previous determination had been made that the petition contained substantial scientific or commercial information indicating that the petitioned action may be warranted. Some of these determinations were made and announced in the Federal Register before the enactment of the Amendments. The remainder of these determinations were announced in the Federal Register on February 15, 1983 [48 FR 6752–6753].

Subsequent to the February 15, 1983, Federal Register notice, the weivice has determined that the petition for designation of critical habitat for the Higgins' eye pearly mussel is not a petition requiring published findings under the Act. The petition review provision in Section 4(b)(3)(D) of the Act applies to petitions to revise existing critical habitat, not to petitions to designate critical habitat in the first instance (see proposed Section 4 regulations. 48 FR 36062 (August 8, 1983) proposed to be codified at 50 CFR 424.14(d)). Although further published findings under the Act on this particular petition are therefore unnecessary, it has nevertheless been considered as a general petition for rule under the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553). The Service has determined that such designation would be inappropriate in this case, and has so informed the petitioner.

Section 4(b)(3)(B) of the Act requires that the Service make one of the following 12-month findings on each petition containing substantial information: (i) The petitioned action is not warranted; (ii) the petitioned action is warranted and the petitioned action will be proposed promptly; or (iii) the petitioned action is warranted but precluded by other efforts to revise the lists, and expeditious progress is being made in listing and delisting species.

Petitioned actions found to be warranted ((ii) above) will be the subjects of proposals that will be published soon or have already been published in the Federal Register. Findings of "not warranted" and "warranted but precluded" ((i) and (iii) above, respectively) for pending petitions are reported here.

The Service's 12-month findings of "not warranted" or "warranted but precluded" on pending petitions on animal taxa are given in Table 1. Petitioned actions that are found to be not warranted are indicated by the word "No" in the "Warranted?" column opposite the name of the affected species. Species that are the subjects of petitioned actions that are found to be warranted but precluded are designated with either "Yes" or "Yes\*" in the "Warranted?" column. ("Yes" and "Yes" correspond to categories 1 and 2. respectively, in the general animal notices of review. The general notice for vertebrate animals was published on December 30, 1982 (47 FR 58454-58460). and can be consulted on the definitions of these category designations. The general notice on invertebrate animals is currently being prepared.)

In the case of the petitions for the bobcat (Lynx rufus) and the river otter (Lutra canadensis), reported as "not warranted," the Service has considered available information and existing regulatory mechanisms (such as the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) and believes that listing action under Section 4(a) of the Act is not warranted at this time. An additional finding of "warranted but precluded" is made herein in the case of 58 foreign bird species for which listing was petitioned in 1980 by Dr. Warren B. King, Chairman, United States Section, International Council for Bird Preservation. The Service published a notice of review for these species on May 12, 1981 (46 FR 26464). Readers should refer to that notice for the names of the species involved. Publication of a proposal to list these species is planned during the present fiscal year (ending September 30, 1984).

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TABLE 1.—12 MONTH FINDINGS ON PENDING PETITIONS ON ANIMAL SPECIES.

Species	Petitioner	Date	Status review	Warrantee
Muscular sponge, Anheteromeyenia biceps	Ronald M. Cowden	June 17, 1974	Apr. 22, 1975 (40 FR 17764)	No
Carolina sponge, Convomeyenia carolinensis	GOGO	do		
Oklawaha sponge, Dosilie pelmen	do	do		
Kissimmee sponge, Ephydatia subtilis	do	do		Yes.*
Pennsylvania sponge, Heteromeyenia longistylis	do	do		
Oneida sponge, Spongilla heterosclerifa	do	do		
Spongy sponge, Spongita sponginosa	National Spale alegical Conint.	do		
Central Missouri cave amphipod, Allocrangonyx hubrichti  Oklahoma cave amphipod, Allocrangonyx peliucidus	National Speleological Societydo			
Kansas well amphipod, Bactrurus hubrichti	do	do	do	
Anomalous spring amphipod, Crangonyx anomalus	do	do		
Appalachian Valley cave amphipod, Crangonyx antennatus	do	do	do	No.
Pennsylvania cave amphipod, Crangonyx dearolfi	do	do		
Hobb's cave amphipod, Crangonyx hobbsi	do	do		
Minor cave amphipod amphipod, Crangonyx minor	do	do		
Packard's cave amphipod, Crangonyx packardi	do	do		
Boustield's amphipod, Gammarus bousfieldi	do	do	do	
Noel's amphipod, Gammarus desperatus	do	do		
Diminutive amphipod, Gammarus hyalleloides	do	do		
Pecos amphipod, Gammarus pacos	do	do	do	Yes.*
Allegheny cave amphipod, Stygobromus (=Stygonectes) alleghen-	do	do	do	No.
iensis. Tidewater interstitial amphipod, Stygobromus (=Apocrangonyx)	do	do	do	Yes.*
araeus.	1.41-1-2			1
Arizona cave amphipod, Stygobromus arizonensis	J. Holsinger			
Balcones cave amphipod, Stygobromus (=Stygonectes) balconis	National Speleological Societydo			
Barr's cave amphipod, Stygobromus (=Stygonectes) barri	do	do		
Bowman's cave amphipod, Stygobromus (=Stygonectes) bowmani	do	do		
Clanton's cave amphipod, Stygobromus (= Stygonectes) clantoni	do	do		
Burnsville Cove cave amphipod, Stygobromus (= Stygonectes) con-	do	do	do	Yes.*
radi.			1	
Cooper's cave amphipod, Stygobromus (= Stygonectes) cooperi	do	do		
Cascade Cave amphipod, Stygobromus (=Stygonectes) dejectus Elevated spring amphipod, Stygobromus (=Stygonectes) eletus	dodo	do	de	Yes.*
Greenbriar Cave amphipod, Stygobromus (=Stygonectes) emargin-	do	do		
atus.				
Ephemeral cave amphipod, Stygobromus (=Apocrangonyx) ephemerus.	do	do	do	Yes.*
Central Kentucky cave amphipod, Stygobromus exilis	ido	do	do	No.
Ezeil's Cave amphipod, Stygobromus (=Stygonectes) flagellatus	do	do		Yes.*
Shenandoah Valley cave amphipod, Stygobromus (=Stygonectes)	do	do	do	No.
gracilipes.	1		1	
Grady's cave amphipod, Stygobromus gradi	J. Holsinger			
Devil's Sinkhole amphipod, Stygobromus (=Stygonectes) hadenoe- cus.	National Speleological Society	Sept. 9, 1974	do	Yes.*
Hara's cave amphipod, Stygobromus harai	J. Holsinger	July 12 1974	do	Yes.*
Amphipod (no common name), Stygobromus heteropodus	National Speleological Society		do	
Malheur Ceve amphipod, Stygobromus hubbsi	J. Holsinger		do	
Tidewater amphipod, Stygobromus (= Stygonectes) indentatus	National Speleological	Sept. 9, 1974		
lows amphipod, Stygobromus iowae	do	dc		
Long-legged cave amphipod, Stygobromus (=Stygonectes) lon- nines.	do	do	do	Yes.*
Rubious cave amphipod, Stygobromus (= Apocrangonyx) Lucifugus	do	l do	do	No.
Mackenzie's cave amphipod. Stroobromus mackenziei	J. Holsinger	July 12, 1974		
Southwestern Virginia cave amphipod, Stygobromus mackini	National Speleotogical Society	Sept. 9, 1974	do	No.
Mountain cave amphipod, Stygobromus (= Stygonoctes) montanus	do	do	do	Yes.*
Morrison's cave amphipod, Stygobromus (= Stygonectes) morrisoni	do	do		
Bath County cave amphipod, Stygobromus (= Stygonectes) mundus. Norton's cave amphipod, Stygobromus (= Apocangonyx) nortoni	do	do		
Onondaga cave amphipod, Stygobromus onondagaensis	do	do		
Oregon cave amphipod, Stygobromus oregonensis	J. Holsinger	July 12, 1974	1	No.
Ozark cave emphipod, Stygobromus (=Stygonectes) ozarkensis	National Speleological Society	Sept. 9, 1974		
Minute cave amphipod, Stygobromus (= Apocrangonyx) parvus	do	do	do	
Peck's cave amphipod, Stygobromus (=Stygonectes) pecki	do	do		
Pizzini's cave amphipod, Stygobromus (= Stygonectes) pizzinii	. do	do		
Wisconsin well amphipod, Stygobromus putealia	do	do		
Alabama well amphipod, Stygobromus smithi	do	do		
Spring cave amphipod, Stygobromus (=Stygonectes) spinatus		do		
Stellmack's cave amphipod, Stygobromus (=Stygonectes) stell-		do		
macki.			1	
Subtle cave amphipod, Stygobromus (= Apocrangonyx) subtilis Potomac groundwater amphipod, Stygobromus (= Stygonectes)	do	do		
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Wengerors' cave amphipod, Stygobromus wengororum	J. Holsinger		do	
Palm Springs cave crayfish, Procambarus acherontis	National Speleological Societydo		do	
Squirrel Chimney cave shrimp. Paleemonetes cummingi	do	do		
Alabama cave shrimp, Palaemonias alabamae	do	do		
Columbia River tiger beetie, Cicindela columbica	Gary Shook	Dec. 15, 1979		
Wilbur Springs shore bug, Saldula usingeri	A. Andrade, Friends of Wilbur	Mar. 7, 1979	July 25, 1979 (44 FR 43709)	No.
Uncompagne fritillary butterfly, Boloria acrocnema		Nov. 5, 1979		Yes.*
Florida atala butterfly, Europeus atala florida		Oct. 23, 1974		
Bay checkerspot butterfly, Euphydryas editha bayensis	Bruce A. Wilcox, Dennis D. Murphy, and Paul R. Ehrlich.	Oct. 21, 1980	Feb. 13, 1981 (46 FFI 43709)	Yes.*
Mitchell's woodsaty: butterfly, Neonympha (Euptychia) mitchelli	A. Charles	Nov. 19, 1974	Mar. 20, 1975 (40 FR 17757)	No.
Atossa fritillary butterfly, Speyeria adiaste atossa	Jo Brewer	Oct. 23, 1974		
Weist's sphinx moth, Euproserpinus weisti	Karolis Bagdonas	Jan 26, 1981	June 26, 1981 (46 FR 33053)	Yes.*
San Francisco tree lupine moth, Grapholitha edwardsiana	Richard A. Arnold and Jerry A. Powell	Dec. 12, 1982	Feb. 15, 1980 (48 FR 6752)	Yes.*
Bliss Rapids snail, Hydrobiidae (species and genus undescribed)	Peter A. Bowler	.! Feb. 07, 1980	! Apr. 23, 1980 (45 FFI 27723)	Yes.*

TABLE 1.—12 MONTH FINDINGS ON PENDING PETITIONS ON ANIMAL SPECIES.—Continued

Species	Pétitioner	Date	Status review	Warrante
Snake River physa snail, Physa sp	do	do	do	Yes .
Ozark cavefish, Amblyopsis rosea	Missouri Department of Conservation	July 23, 1982	Dec. 30, 1982 (47 FR 58454)	Yes.*
Niangua darter, Etheostoma nianguae	Ozarks Endangered Species Task Force	Dec. 10, 1980		
Shoshone sculpin, Cottus greenei	P.A. Bowler	Dec. 13, 1979		Yes.*
Bonneville cutthroat trout, Salmo clarki utah	P.G. Sanchez, Desert Fishes Council	Oct. 23, 1979	Mar. 26, 1980 (45 FR 19857)	Yes.*
Marianas crow, Corvus kubaryi	Internat, Counc. Bird Preservation	Nov. 24, 1980	May 12, 1981 (46 FR 26464)	Yes.
Marianas fruit dove, Ptilinopus roseicapillus	do	do	do	Yes.
Rufous-fronted fantail, Rhipidura rufifrons uraniae	Paul M. Calvo, Governor of Guarn	Dec. 23. 1981	Dec. 30, 1982 (47 FR 58454)	Yes.
Marianas gallinule, Gallinula chloropus guarni.	Internat, Counc. Bird Preservation	Nov. 24 1980	May 12, 1981 (46 FR 26464)	Yes.*
Tule white-fronted goose, Anser albifrons elgasi	do	do	do	No.
Puerto Rican sharp-shinned hawk, Accipiter striatus venator	do	do	do	Yes.*
Puerto Rican broad-winged hawk, Buteo platypterus brunnescens	do	do	do	Yes.
Guam Micronesian kingfisher, Halcyon cinnomomina cinnomomina	do	do	do	
Truk monarch, Metabolus rugensis	do	do	do	
Ponape short-eared owl, Asio fiameus ponapensis	Internat, Counc. Bird Preservation	Nov. 24, 1980	May 12, 1981 (46 FR 26464)	Yes.
Virgin Islands screech owl. Otus nuclipes newtoni	do	do	do	Yes.
Palau blue-faced parrotfinch, Erythrura trichroa pelewensis	do	do	do	Yes.
Palau Nicobar pigeon, Caloenas nicobarica pelewensis	do	do		
Radak Micronesian pigeon, Ducula oceanica raetakensis	do	do	do	Yes.
Truk Micronesian pigeon, Ducula oceanica teraoki	do	do	do	Yes.
Guam rait, Rallus oustoni	do	do	, do	Yes.*
Arnek song sparrow, Melospiza conspicillata rotensis	do	do		Yes.
interior least tern, Sterne albitrons athalasso.	Oklahoma Omithological Society	Nov. 17. 1975		Yes.
Arizona Bell's vireo Verio bellii arizonae	James M. Graves	Nov. 8, 1979	Dec. 30, 1982 (47 FR 58454)	No.
Least Bell's vireo, Virao bellii pusillus	dodo	do		Yes.*
Truk greater white-eye, Rukia ruki	Internat, Counc. Bird Preservation	Nov. 24 1980	May 12, 1981 (46 FR 26464)	Yes.
Rota bridled white-eye, Zosterops conspicillata rotensis.	dodo	do	dodo	Yes.
Palau white-breasted woodswellow, Artemus leucorhynchus	do	60	do	Yes.*
pelewensis.	l			1
Bobcat, Lynx rufus	Defenders of Wildlife	Jan. 20, 1977		. No.
Woodland caribou, Rangifer tarandus montanus	Jan Strobeck, C.E. Knoder, W.D. Carrier and J. M. Conley.	Oct. 24, 1982	Feb. 09, 1981 (46 FR 11567)	. Yes.*
Marten, Martes americana americana	Sierra Club	. June 25, 1975	. Aug. 25, 1976 (41 FR 35855)	. No.
Choctawhatchee beach mouse, Peromyscus polionotus allophrys	S. R. Humphrey	June 16, 1982		
Alabama beach mouse, Peromyscus polionotus ammobates	D. C. Holliman	Nov. 2, 1982		Yes.*
Perdido Key beach mouse, Peromyscus polionotus trissyllepsis	S. R. Humphrey	June 16, 1982	Oct. 6, 1982 (47 FR 44125)	. Yes."
River otter, Lutra canadensis	Fund for Animals	Apr. 11, 1977	. July 26, 1977 (42 FR 38395)	No.
Silver rice rat, Oryzomys argentatus	Center for Action on Endangered Species.	Apr. 12, 1980	July 14, 1980 (45 FR 47365)	Yes.*

"Not warranted" and "warranted but precluded" findings for pending plant petitions are announced in this notice by categories; their application to individual taxa is published in a supplementary plant notice of review in the November 28, 1983, Federal Register (48 FR 53640-53670). The plant notice category number opposite the name of each taxon that is the subject of a pending petition indicates the Service's finding on that taxon. Findings of "not warranted" on the petitioned action are hereby reported by the designation of subcategories 3A, 3B, or 3C for such taxa. Findings of "warranted but precluded" are hereby reported by the designation of category 1, 1\*, 1\*\*, 2, or 2\* for such subject taxa. The complete definitions of these category numbers are described in the supplement to the 1980 general plant notice (45 FR 82479).

Section 4(b)(3)(C)(i) of the Act requires that a petition found to be warranted but precluded be treated as an accepted petition newly submitted on the date of the finding. A finding on such a petition must then be made again within 12 months of the date of the first 12-month finding.

## Progress in Revision of the Lists

Section 4(b)(3)(B)(iii) of the Act states that petitioned actions may be found to be warranted but precluded by other

listing actions when it is also found that the Service is making expeditious progress in revising the lists. The Service's progress in revising the lists since October 13, 1982, the effective date of the Amendments, is a line of the Amendments, is a line of the present notice. The described activities preclude immediate action on the "warranted but precluded" petitioned actions.

Section 4(g) of the Amendments requires the Service to establish agency guidelines so that revisions of the lists may take place efficiently and effectively. The Service accordingly established listing priority guidelines in a notice published in the Federal Register (48 FR 43098-43105) on September 21, 1983. The Service has further complied with Section 4 by proposing (48 FR 36062-36069; published August 8, 1983) to revise listing procedures to comply with the Amendments. A final rule establishing these procedures is now being prepared for publication in the Federal Register.

The Service's progress in revising the lists during the 12-month period following the effective date of the Amendments is represented by the publication in the Federal Register of final listing actions on 28 species, proposed listing actions on 83 species, and emergency listings on 8 species. The number of species affected by each type

of listing action published during this period is presented in Table 2.

TABLE 2—LISTING ACTIONS DURING THE 1-YEAR PERIOD FOLLOWING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE CHOANGERED SPECIES ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1982

Type of action	Num- ber of spe- cies affect- ed
Final endangered status with critical habitat	6
Emergency endangered status with critical habitat	2
Emergency endangered status	
Final endangered status	
Final threatened status	12
Proposed change from threatened to endangered	
status	1
Proposed endangered status with critical habitat	12
Proposed threatened status with critical habitat	3
Proposed endangered status	45
Proposed threatened status	14
Final change from endangered and threatened to	
threatened by similarity of appearance	1
Proposed change from endangered to threatened	
status	2
Final removal from lists	3
Proposed removal from lists	6

As of October 13, 1983, the Service's Washington Office of Endangered Species was also reviewing documents that would propose or make final listing actions on 95 species. The type of action and numbers of affected species are given in Table 3.

TABLE 3.—POSSIBLE LISTING ACTIONS FOR WHICH THE SERVICE WAS REVIEWING DRAFT DOCUMENTS ON OCTOBER 13, 1983

Type of action	Num- ber of spe- cies affect- ed
Final endangered status	3
Final threatened status with critical habitat	2
Final threatened status	1
Proposed endangered status with critical habitat	58
Proposed threatened status with critical habitat	13
Proposed endangered status	
Proposed threatened status	3
Proposed change from threatened to threatened by similarity of appearance	1
Final removal from lists	1
Proposed removal from lists	
Final designation of critical habitat	

The Service has also identified 173 species for which listing documents are to be developed during the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1983. The numbers of species affected and types of listing actions are given in Table 4. The Service anticipates that listing actions in addition to these will be identified during the fiscal year.

TABLE 4.—POSSIBLE LISTING ACTIONS FOR WHICH THE SERVICE EXPECTS TO DEVELOP DRAFT LISTING DOCUMENTS DURING THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 1983

Type of action	Num- ber of spe- cies affect- ed
Final endangered status with critical habitat	14
Final endangered status	20
Final threatened status with critical habitat	2
Final threatened status	5
Proposed endangered status with critical habitat	13
Proposed threatened status with critical habitat	5
Proposed endangered status	82
Proposed threatened status	4
status	15
Final removal from lists	1
Proposed removal from tists	12

The Service has also funded status surveys for 29 species during the 12month period following passage of the Amendments. These surveys are designed to gather any additional data needed to make a determination on whether the subject species are eligible for protection under the Act.

The general plant and animal notices of review are important tools for gathering data on species that are candidates for listing and informing interested parties of the Service's general views on the status of present and past candidate species. A general notice on vertebrate animals was published on December 30, 1982 (47 FR 58454–58460). A supplemental general notice on plants was published on November 28, 1983 (48 FR 53640–53670). The Service will soon publish the first general notice of review on invertebrate animals.

Provisions of the Amendments that address the handling of petitions have made it necessary for the Service to implement extensive new procedures for conforming to deadlines and making findings on petitions. These internal procedures have been developed during the 12 months since the effective date of the Amendments and have been set down by the Service in an interim document entitled Petition Management Guidelines, which is available from the Service on request (see "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT." above).

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# List of Subjects in 50 CFR Part 17

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