

Application No.	Applicant	Species	Location	Activity	Type of take	Permit action
TE69328D	New England Aquarium, Boston, MA.	Kemp's ridley sea turtle (<i>Lepidochelys kempii</i>), Leatherback sea turtle (<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>), Loggerhead sea turtle (<i>Caretta caretta</i>), Green sea turtle (<i>Chelonia mydas</i>), Hawksbill sea turtle (<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>).	Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine.	Stranding Response, Rehabilitation, Necropsy, Biomedical research, Tagging, Post release monitoring, Transport, Release.	Salvage, Capture, Collect, Wound, Euthanize.	New.
TE70044D	Virginia Aquarium, Virginia Beach, VA.	Kemp's ridley sea turtle (<i>Lepidochelys kempii</i>), Leatherback sea turtle (<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>), Loggerhead sea turtle (<i>Caretta caretta</i>), Green sea turtle (<i>Chelonia mydas</i>), Hawksbill sea turtle (<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>).	Virginia	Stranding response, Rehabilitation, Biomedical research, Necropsy, Nest monitoring and relocation, Tagging, Transport, Release.	Salvage, Capture, Collect, Wound, Euthanize.	New.
TE70311D	New York Marine Rescue Center, Riverhead, NY.	Kemp's ridley sea turtle (<i>Lepidochelys kempii</i>), Leatherback sea turtle (<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>), Loggerhead sea turtle (<i>Caretta caretta</i>), Green sea turtle (<i>Chelonia mydas</i>).	New York	Stranding response, Rehabilitation, Necropsy, Nest monitoring, Transport, Biomedical research, Juvenile sex determination research, Tagging, Release.	Salvage, Capture, Collect, Wound, Euthanize.	New.
TE70312D	National Aquarium, Baltimore, MD.	Kemp's ridley sea turtle (<i>Lepidochelys kempii</i>), Leatherback sea turtle (<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>), Loggerhead sea turtle (<i>Caretta caretta</i>), Green sea turtle (<i>Chelonia mydas</i>).	Maryland	Salvage, Stranding response, Rehabilitation, Necropsy, Transport, Release.	Salvage, Capture, Collect, Euthanize.	New.

Public Availability of Comments

Written comments we receive become part of the administrative record associated with this action. 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 request in your comment that we withhold your personal identifying information from public review, 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.

Next Steps

If we decide to issue permits to any of the applicants listed in this notice, we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register**.

Authority

Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Martin Miller,

Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Ecological Services, Northeast Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered and Threatened Species; Receipt of Recovery 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, have received applications for permits to conduct activities intended to enhance the propagation or survival of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act. 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.

DATES: We must receive your written comments by April 27, 2020.

ADDRESSES: *Document availability and comment submission:* Use one of the following methods to request documents or submit comments. Requests and comments should specify the applicant name(s) and application number(s) (e.g., TE123456):

- *Email:* permitsR6ES@fws.gov.
- *U.S. Mail:* Marjorie Nelson, Chief, Division of Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 134 Union Blvd., Suite 670, Lakewood, CO 80228.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathy Konishi, Recovery Permits Coordinator, Ecological Services, 303–236–4224 (phone), or permitsR6ES@fws.gov (email). Individuals who are hearing or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 1–800–877–8339 for TTY assistance.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), prohibits certain activities with endangered and threatened species unless authorized by a Federal permit. The ESA and our implementing regulations in part 17 of title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) provide for the issuance of such permits and require that we invite public comment before issuing permits for activities involving endangered species.

A recovery permit issued by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA

authorizes the permittee to conduct activities with endangered species for scientific purposes that promote recovery or for enhancement of propagation or survival of the species. Our regulations implementing section

10(a)(1)(A) for these permits are found at 50 CFR 17.22 for endangered wildlife species, 50 CFR 17.32 for threatened wildlife species, 50 CFR 17.62 for endangered plant species, and 50 CFR 17.72 for threatened plant species.

Permit Applications Available for Review and Comment

We invite local, State, and Federal agencies; Tribes; and the public to comment on the following applications.

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TE12893D-2	Alisa Halpin, Lincoln, NE	• Interior least tern (<i>Sterna antillarum athalassos</i>).	NE, SD, KS, MO, IA	Pursue for presence/absence surveys, nest monitoring, habitat management.	Amend.
TE232905-2	Como Park Zoo and Conservatory, St. Paul, MN.	• Wyoming toad (<i>Bufo hemiophrys baxteri</i>).	MN	Hold in captivity for captive breeding and rearing; collect genetic samples.	Renew.
TE67251D-0	Kelly Haun, Durango, CO	• Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>).	CO	Pursue for presence/absence surveys	New.
TE183432-2	Kansas City Zoo, Kansas City, MO.	• Wyoming toad (<i>Bufo hemiophrys baxteri</i>).	MO	Hold in captivity for captive breeding and rearing; collect genetic samples.	Renew.
TE13623D-1	James Whitney, Pittsburg, KS.	• Topeka shiner (<i>Notropis topeka</i>). • Razorback sucker (<i>Xyrauchen texanus</i>). • Colorado pikeminnow (<i>Ptychocheilus lucius</i>).	KS, CO, UT, NM	Capture, handle, measure, and release for presence/absence surveys.	Amend.

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Authority

We publish this notice under section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Stephen Small,

Assistant Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

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Agency Plan To Implement the Standards, Assessments, and Accountability System

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of consultations.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) will conduct consultations to obtain oral and written comments on the draft BIE Agency Plan, for implementation the Secretary of the Interior's (Secretary) responsibility to establish requirements for standards, assessments, and an accountability system for BIE-funded schools.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 8, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. ET. See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice for dates and locations of consultation sessions.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to consultation@bia.gov with "DRAFT BIE AGENCY PLAN COMMENTS" in the email subject line.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Juanita Mendoza, Special Assistant, Bureau of Indian Education; phone (202) 208-3559 or email Juanita.Mendoza@bie.edu.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 10, 2019, BIE published a proposed rule to govern how the Secretary will establish requirements for standards, assessments, and accountability system for BIE-funded schools consistent with Section 1111 of the Elementary and

Secondary Education Act (ESEA), as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), on a national, regional, or Tribal basis, as appropriate, taking into account the unique circumstances and needs of such schools and the students served by such schools. See 84 FR 26785. The final rule published in the **Federal Register** on March 26, 2020. The Agency Plan is a Consolidated State Plan aligned to the U.S. Department of Education Consolidated State Plan Template.

BIE's Agency Plan is intended to provide details on how the BIE should implement the requirements for standards, assessments, and accountability system for BIE-funded schools. As such, during consultation BIE seeks input from Indian Tribes, school boards, parents, Indian organizations, and other interested parties regarding best practices for school improvement and support to lowest performing schools as well as the overall vision for improving outcomes for BIE-funded school students as defined in 25 CFR part 30. BIE also seeks input regarding those parts of the draft BIE Agency Plan that have not been established as requirements through the final rule.

Further, BIE would appreciate input regarding long-term goals and annual meaningful differentiation and identification of schools (comprehensive support and improvement activities and targeted support and improvement activities), and any other suggestions that would improve BIE's delivery of high-quality educational services and supports to students at BIE funded schools.