

The permittee requests an amendment to take (monitor nests) the least Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*) in conjunction with surveys and nest monitoring in Ventura County, California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. TE-069321

Applicant: Department of the Army—Fort Hunter Liggett, Fort Hunter Liggett, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture, band, and release) the least Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*) and the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) in conjunction with mist-netting surveys in Ventura County, California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. TE-837309

Applicant: Michael Misenhelter, Norco, California.

The permittee requests an amendment to take (survey by pursuit) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. TE-069534

Applicant: Victor Novik, San Diego, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey) the Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus wootoni*) and the San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*), and to take (survey by pursuit) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) in conjunction with surveys in San Diego, Imperial, Orange,

Riverside, and Ventura Counties, California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. TE-067291

Applicant: Barry Roth, San Francisco, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (survey, collect, and sacrifice) the Morro shoulderband snail (*Helminthoglypta walkeriana*) in conjunction with taxonomic and classification studies throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

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

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Daniel H. Diggs,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Issuance of Permits for Incidental Take

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Issuance of 229 Permits for Incidental Take of Threatened and Endangered Species.

SUMMARY: Between April 21, 2000 and December 31, 2002, Region 2 of the Fish and Wildlife Service issued 229 permits for the incidental take of threatened and endangered species, pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species

Act of 1973 (Act), as amended. Of the 229 permits issued, in the greater Austin, Texas area; 9 were for the golden-cheeked warbler (*Dendroica chrysoparia*) (GCW) related to the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve, and 220 were for the Houston toad (*Bufo houstonensis*) (HT). In addition, between October 1, 2000, and September 30, 2001, 5 permits were amended, one for several karst invertebrate species, and 4 for HT.

ADDRESSES: If you would like copies of any of the above documents, please contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, P.O. Box 1306, Room 4012, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 87103.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Leslie Dierauf, Regional Habitat Conservation Plan Coordinator, P.O. Box 1306, Room 4012, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 87103, 505-248-6651. Further details of these permits may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://ecos.fws.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 9 of the Act and Federal Regulation prohibit the "take" of wildlife species listed as threatened or endangered species. Under the Act, the term "take" means to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect listed wildlife, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct. The Service may, under limited circumstances, issue permits to authorize incidental take, *i.e.* that is incidental to, and not the purpose of, the carrying out of an otherwise lawful activity. Regulations governing permits for endangered species are at 50 CFR 17.22.

229 INCIDENTAL TAKE PERMITS ISSUED

Permittee	(State)Species	Permit No.	Date of issuance
Cornerstone #1	(TX)HT	TE-021793-0	4/27/00
Ehler	(TX)HT	TE-021561-0	4/27/00
Sanchez	(TX)HT	TE-021792-0	4/27/00
SPS Builders	(TX)HT	TE-021532-0	5/10/00
Cook Classic Home	(TX)HT	TE-023593-0	5/19/00
Walters	(TX)HT	TE-021659-0	5/24/00
Hanks and Sims	(TX)HT	TE-024872-0	6/9/00
Tilley	(TX)HT	TE-023965-0	6/9/00
Johnson	(TX)GCW	TE-024873-0	7/17/00
Comanche Canyon Ranch	(TX)GCW	TE-004683-0	7/17/00
Crossings, The	(TX)HT	TE-024619-0	7/27/00
Berger	(TX)HT	TE-027260-0	7/28/00
Cantrell	(TX)HT	TE-025654-0	7/28/00
Hodges	(TX)HT	TE-025653-0	7/28/00
Cooper	(TX)HT	TE-027163-0	7/28/00
Manferd	(TX)HT	TE-025655-0	7/28/00
Cornerstone #2	(TX)HT	TE-026687-0	7/28/00
Pettit	(TX)HT	TE-025656-0	7/28/00
Mixon	(TX)HT	TE-027746-0	8/17/00
Bush	(TX)HT	TE-029602-0	8/31/00
Macleod	(TX)HT	TE-025997-0-009	9/15/00
Ludwig/Wheeler	(TX)HT	TE-025997-0-001	9/15/00