

reptiles, identified in 50 CFR 17.11 in the States of Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, and Mississippi. Take may occur while sampling for aquatic bio-assessment for (1)(a) EPA Regional Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Program (R-EMAP) projects, (b) Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 303(d) listing and de-listing of impaired waters, (c) development of CWA Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs), and for (2)(a) EPA human risk assessments and (b) Superfund human health and ecological risk assessments.

Applicant: United States Air Force, Julie A. Hovis, Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina, TE075925-0

The applicant requests authorization to take (capture, band, release, track, translocate, blood sample, monitor nests and roost cavities, and construct, install and maintain artificial nest cavities) red-cockaded woodpeckers (*Picoides borealis*) while conducting presence and absence surveys and population monitoring and management. The take activities would occur at Poinsett Electronic Combat Range and Manchester State Forest in Sumter County, South Carolina.

Applicant: Timothy W. Savidge, North Carolina Heritage Program, Stephen P. Hall, Raleigh, North Carolina, TE075923-0

The applicant requests authorization to take (survey, capture, release, and retain relic shells) James spiny mussel (*Pleurobema collina*), dwarf-wedge mussel (*Alasmodonta heterodon*) tar spiny mussel (*Elliptio steinstansanna*), and Carolina heelsplitter (*Lasmigona decorata*). Take may occur while conducting presence/absence surveys. The proposed activities would take place in North Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, and Florida.

Applicant: HMB Professional Engineers, Inc., Jim H. Smith, Frankfort, Kentucky, TE075918-0

The applicant requests authorization to take (survey, capture, band, radio tag, photograph, release, and track) gray bat (*Myotis grisescens*) and Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*), and take (survey, capture, identify, photograph, collect relic shells, and release) the Cumberland elktoe (*Alasmodonta atropurpurea*). Take may occur while conducting presence and absence surveys for highway improvement and new roadway projects in the state of Tennessee.

Applicant: Julie L. Lockwood, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, TE075916

The applicant requests authorization to take (survey, capture, band, collect blood samples, monitor nest, and

release) the Cape Sable seaside sparrow (*Ammodramus maritimus mirabilis*). The take activities may take place while studying the effects of fire on the Cape Sable seaside sparrow demography. The proposed activities would occur within the Everglades National Park, Monroe County, Florida.

Applicant: Virginia Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Unit, Richard J. Neves, Blacksburg, Virginia, TE075915-0

The applicant requests authorization to take (survey, capture, collect up to 30 tissue samples, tag, and release) the James spiny mussel (*Pleurobema cillina*) and the tar spiny mussel (*Elliptio steinstansana*). The proposed take may occur while conducting genetic analyses and habitat surveys, and while studying the life history and the feasibility of culturing it in recirculating aquaculture systems with different substrata. The proposed activities would occur in Stokes and Rockingham counties, Dan and Mayo rivers, Dan River subbasin of the Roanoke River basin, North Carolina for the tar spiny mussel. The proposed activities for the James spiny mussel will occur in Patrick and Henry Counties, South Fork Mayo River, Virginia.

Applicant: Thomas S. Risch, Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, Arkansas, TE075912-0

The applicant requests authorization to take (survey, capture, mark, band, radio-tag, track, recapture, and release) the Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*) while conducting presence and absence surveys of caves and abandoned mines. The proposed activities would take place at Rosson Hollow, Ozark National Forest, Franklin, Arkansas.

Applicant: Thomas S. Risch, Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, Arkansas, TE075913-0

The applicant requests authorization to take (survey, capture, mark, band, radio-tag, track, recapture, and release) the Ozark big-ear bat (*Corynorhinus townsendii ingens*), gray bat (*Myotis grisescens*), and Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*) while conducting presence and absence surveys of caves and abandoned mines in Marion, Searcy, Baxter, and Newton Counties, Buffalo National River, Arkansas.

Applicant: Steven Ray Shattler, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Venus, Florida, TE076499-0

The applicant requests authorization to take (capture, band, release, monitor nests, install and drill artificial cavity inserts, and install snake exclusion devices) red-cockaded woodpeckers (*Picoides borealis*) while conducting presence and absence surveys and management activities. The proposed activities would take place in Highlands

and Glades Counties, on the Platt Branch Mitigation Park and the Lykes Brothers Inc. Ranch, Florida.

Applicant: Roel R. Lopez, Texas A & M University, College Station, Texas, TE076447-0

The applicant requests authorization to take (trap, mark, tag, examine, recapture, release) Key Largo woodrats (*Neotoma foidana smalli*) and Key Largo cotton mice (*Peromyscus gossypinus allapaticola*) while conducting mark-recapture surveys for the Key Largo woodrat. The population estimates would be used for recovery purposes. The proposed activities would take place at the Crocodile Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Key Largo, Monroe County, Florida.

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Sam D. Hamilton,

Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Issuance of Permits

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of decision and availability of decision documents.

SUMMARY: Between November 23, 2002, and July 17, 2003, the Pacific Region of the Fish and Wildlife Service (we, the Service) issued nine permits in response to applications for incidental take of threatened and endangered species, pursuant to sections 10(a)(1)(B) and 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). Copies of the permits and associated decision documents are available upon request.

ADDRESSES: Documents are available from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 911 NE. 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232; facsimile (503) 231-6243. Charges for copying, shipping and handling may apply.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you would like copies of any of the above documents, please contact Shelly McKeever, Administrative Assistant, at telephone (503) 231-6241.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 9 of the Act and Federal regulations prohibit the take of wildlife species listed as endangered or threatened. 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