

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of General Medical Sciences; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

The meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Institute of General Medical Sciences Special Emphasis Panel; Training Grant Applications.

Date: March 20, 2009.

Time: 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Natcher Building, Room 3AN12, 45 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Arthur L. Zachary, PhD, Scientific Review Officer, Office of Scientific Review, National Institute of General Medical Sciences, National Institutes of Health, Natcher Building, Room 3AN-12, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 594-2886, zacharya@nigms.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: National Institute of General Medical Sciences Special Emphasis Panel; ZGM1-GDB-2-CP.

Date: March 23-24, 2009.

Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Natcher Building, Room 3AN12, 45 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: Arthur L. Zachary, PhD, Scientific Review Officer, Office of Scientific Review, National Institute of General Medical Sciences, National Institutes of Health, Natcher Building, Room 3AN-12, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 594-2886, zacharya@nigms.nih.gov.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.375, Minority Biomedical Research Support; 93.821, Cell Biology and Biophysics Research; 93.859, Pharmacology, Physiology, and Biological Chemistry Research; 93.862, Genetics and Developmental Biology Research; 93.88, Minority Access to Research Careers; 93.96, Special Minority Initiatives, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: February 18, 2009.

Jennifer Spaeth,

Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Statement of Delegation of Authority

Notice is hereby given that I have delegated to the Director, National Institutes of Health (NIH), with the authority to redelegate, the authorities under Section 105 of the National Institutes of Health Reform Act of 2006 (Pub. L. No. 109-482), 42 U.S.C. 284n, pertaining to certain demonstration projects authorized by this Section.

The Secretary of Health and Human Services retains the authority to submit reports to Congress. The delegation shall be exercised in accordance with the Department's applicable policies, procedures, guidelines and regulations. In addition, the delegation ratifies and affirms any actions taken by the Director, National Institutes of Health, or subordinates that involved the exercise of the authorities prior to the effective date of the delegation.

This delegation is effective upon date of signature.

Dated: February 9, 2009.

Charles E. Johnson,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R4-ES-2008-N0332; 40120-1112-0000-F2]

Receipt of Applications for the Renewal of Incidental Take Permits for Residential Construction in Charlotte and Sarasota County, FL

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of permit renewal applications; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The U.S Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) issued incidental take permits (permits), pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, for incidental take of the threatened Florida scrub-jay (*Aphelocoma coerulescens*) (scrub-jay)

in Sarasota County, Florida, to Paul Athanas (TE126176-0) and to David Boxer (TE156306-0) in Charlotte County, Florida (Applicants). The Applicants have requested renewals that will extend permit expiration by 5 years from the date their permits are reissued. The Applicants have agreed to follow all of the existing habitat conservation plan (HCP) conditions. If renewed, no additional take will be authorized.

DATES: We must receive your written comments on the permit renewals on or before March 26, 2009.

ADDRESSES: See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below for information on how to submit your comments on the permit renewals. You may obtain a copy of the permit renewal applications and the HCPs by writing to the South Florida Ecological Services Office, Attn: Permit number TE126176-1/TE156306-1, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1339 20th Street, Vero Beach, FL 32960-3559. In addition, we will make the permit renewal applications and HCPs available for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Trish Adams, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, South Florida Ecological Services Office (see **ADDRESSES**); telephone: (772) 562-3909, ext. 232.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: If you wish to comment on the permit renewals, you may submit comments by any one of the following methods. Please reference permit number TE126176-1/TE156306-1 in such comments.

1. Mail or hand-deliver comments to our South Florida Ecological Services Office address (see **ADDRESSES**).

2. E-mail comments to trish_adams@fws.gov. If you do not receive a confirmation that we have received your e-mail message, contact us directly at the telephone number listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Residential construction for the Paul Athanas HCP will take place within Section 33, Township 39, Range 19, South Venice, Sarasota County, Florida,

at Poinciana Road, Lots 1652, 1653, and 1654, of South Venice unit 5, property identification number 0459-05-0033. These lots are within scrub-jay occupied habitat. The lots encompass about 0.275 acres (0.11 ha), and the footprint of the home, infrastructure, and landscaping precludes retention of scrub-jay habitat on these lots. Details of the habitat conservation plan are available (see **ADDRESSES**).

Residential construction for the David Boxer HCP will take place within Section 24, Township 40, Range 21, Port Charlotte, Charlotte County, Florida, at 3300 Liberty Street, property identification number 402124336005. This lot is within scrub-jay occupied habitat. The lot encompasses about 0.23 acres (0.09 ha), and the footprint of the home, infrastructure, and landscaping precludes retention of scrub-jay habitat on this lot. Details of the habitat conservation plan are available (see **ADDRESSES**).

The Service has made preliminary determinations that renewal of the permits is neither a major Federal action that will significantly affect the quality of the human environment within the meaning of section 102(2)(C) of the

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), nor will they individually or cumulatively have more than a negligible effect on the species covered in the HCPs. Therefore, the permit renewals qualify as categorical exclusions under NEPA as provided by the Department of Interior Manual (516 DM 2, Appendix 1 and 516 DM 8.5).

Authority: We provide this notice pursuant to Section 10 of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

Dated: December 2, 2008.

Paul Souza,

Field Supervisor, South Florida Ecological Services Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R9-IA-2009-N043; 96300-1671-0000-P5]

Denial of Permits for Marine Mammals

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of denial of permits for marine mammals.

SUMMARY: The following permits were denied.

ADDRESSES: Documents and other information submitted with these 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: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 212, Arlington, Virginia 22203; fax 703/358-2281.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Division of Management Authority, telephone 703/358-2104.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that on the dates below, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Fish and Wildlife Service denied the requested permits.

MARINE MAMMALS

Permit No.	Applicant	Receipt of application Federal Register notice	Denial date
189427	Dennis H. Dunn	73 FR 61162, October 15, 2008	February 2, 2009.
189429	Keith C. Halstead	73 FR 61162, October 15, 2008	February 2, 2009.
189430	Keith J. Atcheson	73 FR 61162, October 15, 2008	February 2, 2009.
189431	Kevin J. Wiczorek	73 FR 61162, October 15, 2008	February 2, 2009.
189432	Marcus C. Hansen	73 FR 61162, October 15, 2008	February 2, 2009.
189434	Ben A. Hamel	73 FR 61162, October 15, 2008	February 2, 2009.
191814	Aaron R. Neilson	73 FR 61162, October 15, 2008	February 2, 2009.

Dated: February 13, 2009.

Lisa J. Lierheimer,

Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R9-IA-2009-N044; 96300-1671-0000-P5]

Receipt of Applications for Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

SUMMARY: The public is invited to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species.

DATES: Written data, comments or requests must be received by March 26, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Documents and other information submitted with these 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 within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 212, Arlington, Virginia 22203; fax 703/358-2281.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Division of Management Authority, telephone 703/358-2104.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Endangered Species

The public is invited to comment on the following applications for a permit

to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of these complete applications should be submitted to the Director (**ADDRESSES** above).

Applicant: Richard A. Hyce, Wasilla, AK, PRT-191870

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Milton T. Hummer, Anchorage, AK, PRT-205664

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus*