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## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

### **Fish and Wildlife Service**

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### **Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Recovery Permit Applications**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following applications for permits to conduct activities with the purpose of enhancing the survival of endangered species. The Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), prohibits certain activities with respect to endangered species unless a Federal permit allows such activity. The Act also requires that we invite public comment before issuing such permits.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, please send your written comments by [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

**ADDRESSES:** Endangered Species Program Manager, Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Regional Office, 911 NE 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-4181. Please refer to the permit number for the application when submitting comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Colleen Henson, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, at the above address or by telephone (503-231-6131) or fax (503-231-6243).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

The Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) prohibits certain activities with respect to endangered and threatened species unless a Federal permit allows such activity. Along with our implementing regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17, the Act provides for certain permits, and requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits for endangered species.

A permit granted by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act authorizes the permittee to conduct activities (including take or interstate commerce) with respect to U.S. endangered or threatened species for scientific purposes or enhancement of propagation or survival. Our regulations implementing section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act 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.

### **Applications Available for Review and Comment**

We invite local, State, and Federal agencies, and the public to comment on the following applications. Please refer to the appropriate permit number for the application when submitting comments.

Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review by request from the Endangered Species Program Manager at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) and Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

#### **Subpermit Number: TE-97901A**

Applicant: Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge, Ridgefield, Washington

The applicant requests a subpermit to take (haze, capture, and relocate) the Columbian white-tailed deer in conjunction with a translocation effort in the State of Washington for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

#### **Permit Number: TE-97903A**

Applicant: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services, Olympia, Washington

The applicant requests a permit to take (haze, capture, and relocate) the Columbian white-tailed deer in conjunction with a translocation effort in the State of Washington for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

**Permit Number: TE-98686A**

Applicant: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Olympia, Washington

The applicant requests a permit to take (haze, capture, and relocate) the Columbian white-tailed deer in conjunction with a translocation effort in the State of Washington for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

**Permit Number: TE-98069A**

Applicant: Cowlitz Indian Tribe, Longview, Washington

The applicant requests a permit to take (haze, capture, and relocate) the Columbian white-tailed deer in conjunction with a translocation effort in the State of Washington for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

**Public Availability of Comments**

All comments and materials we receive in response to this request will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

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 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.

**Authority**

We provide this notice under section 10 of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

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Acting Regional Director, Pacific Region

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

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