



OAR 141-093-0185 Rulemaking Public Comments and Agency Response

1) James Thrailkill, Field Supervisor, Roseburg Field Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Comment: DSL received written testimony from James Thrailkill on behalf of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which is attached on page two.

Agency Response: The Department appreciates the response from USFWS in support of the change to OAR 141-093-0185.



United States Department of the Interior



FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
Roseburg Field Office
777 N.W. Garden Valley Boulevard
Roseburg, OR 97471
Phone: (541) 957-3474 FAX: (541) 440-4948

Reply To: DSL comment period
File Name: FWS LOS to DSL VP GP Oct 2020.pdf
TS Number: 21-28
TAILS: 01EOFW00-2021-TA-0032
Doc Type:WORD

October 27, 2020

To: Oregon Department of State Lands
From: Field Supervisor, Roseburg Field Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Subject: Comments regarding renewal of General Permit (OAR code 141-093-0180)

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) fully supports the renewal of the Oregon Department of State Lands' (DSL) Vernal Pool General Permit (Permit) because it supports the conservation of unique, federally listed species that occur within the spatially limited vernal pool ecosystem of Jackson County, Oregon. The Service completed the Vernal Pool Conservation Strategy Biological Opinion in 2011 in collaboration with DSL and the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps). The purpose of the multi-agency collaboration is to provide a streamlined regulatory process, tiered to a comprehensive conservation strategy for the vernal pool ecosystem in Jackson County. Since issuing the Opinion, the streamlined programmatic approach, has been used for various projects, providing efficiencies for the permittee and agencies.

Renewing the DSL's General Permit for Vernal Pools will continue to provide an efficient delivery of regulatory processes, recovery of listed species and conservation of a unique ecosystem located in Jackson County. We encourage the renewal of the General Permit.