

Request for proposals for post-delisting monitoring of the Concho water snake

This is a special notice request to encourage you to submit a grant application under the FY 2012 Traditional Section 6 Request for Proposals by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD). Specifically, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and TPWD are interested in receiving proposals to conduct post-delisting monitoring (PDM) for the Concho water snake

The USFWS proposed to delist the snake in July 2008 and anticipates publishing a final decision in 2011. In cooperation with the USFWS, we are considering funding a project under the ESA Section 6 grant program to conduct the first 3 years of the PDM, beginning in the fall of 2012. The Service has completed a PDM plan which is available online at <http://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/AustinTexas/>.

Generally, the project should monitor the population status of the snakes as outlined in the PDM plan to document that the species is not likely to become endangered in the foreseeable future. The methods and scope of the data collection should be conducted so as to facilitate replication for long-term monitoring beyond the time of this initial project. Proposed budgets for this project should not exceed \$50,000 per year (federal cost) for up to three years, and must be matched at the standard minimum rate of 25% of total cost.

Additional background on the Concho water snake can be found in the 2008 proposed delisting document and 1993 Recovery Plan, available online here:

<http://ecos.fws.gov/speciesProfile/SpeciesReport.do?scode=C04E>

Proposals for the Concho water snake PDM are due to TPWD by 18 November 2011. For Section 6 proposal submission instructions please refer to the Traditional Section Request for Proposals at:

http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/business/grants/wildlife/section_6/

PLEASE NOTE: all proposals submitted for the above compete with the other proposals received by TPWD under the Section 6 program and will be judged accordingly on their merits. Also, due to the uncertainty in the federal budget for FY12 we are unable to guarantee there will be any funding for Section 6 projects this year, however, we have been advised by USFWS to assume the potential of funding and proceed with this year's program.

If you know someone else that might be interested in submitting a proposal for this project, please forward this announcement to them.

All questions about the grant program and proposal preparation should be directed to Dr. C. Craig Farquhar, Endangered Species Grants Coordinator, TPWD, (512) 389-4933, craig.farquhar@tpwd.state.tx.us.