

Dated: January 23, 1998.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Assistant Secretary— Water and Science; Central Utah Project Completion Act

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary—Water and Science, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to negotiate a contract between the Strawberry Water Users Association (SWUA) and the Department of the Interior for the conversion of a portion of Strawberry Valley Project (SVP) water from irrigation to municipal and industrial (M&I) use.

SUMMARY: The SVP, authorized December 15, 1905, is one of the earliest Reclamation Projects. The SVP stores water from the Colorado River Basin in the Strawberry Reservoir. The stored water is then conveyed through the Syar Tunnel/Sixth Water Aqueduct into the Great Basin where it is delivered through natural stream courses to a Spanish Fork River diversion structure and into the Strawberry Service Canal. The SVP service area is located in south Utah County, Utah. The SWUA has operational responsibilities for the SVP and contractually uses Central Utah Project (CUP) facilities to store and convey SVP water.

Suburban development in the SVP service area has resulted in agricultural land being taken out of production, annexed into the cities, and developed into residential areas. Under the authority of the Water for Miscellaneous Purposes Act of 1920 (43 U.S.C. 521), the Secretary of Interior has authority to approve converting a portion of the SVP water from irrigation to M&I use. This conversion will: (1) Allow the SWUA to provide M&I water to the cities in south Utah County; (2) ensure the orderly marketing of CUP and SVP M&I water; (3) provide an adequate water supply to the cities; (4) generate revenue to fund the rehabilitation of SVP facilities; and (5) eliminate unauthorized use of SVP water within the service area. Of the total SVP annual average water supply of about 71,000 acre-feet, 7,000 to 8,000 acre-feet of SVP water presently appurtenant to non-agricultural lands will be converted from irrigation to M&I use in the near future with the opportunity to gradually convert

additional amounts as growth continues in the area.

The negotiation process will define the terms and conditions whereby the conversion of SVP water from irrigation to M&I use will be allowed.

DATES: Dates for public negotiation sessions will be announced in local newspapers.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Additional information on matters related to this **Federal Register** notice can be obtained at the address and telephone number set forth below:

Mr. Reed Murray, Program Coordinator,
CUP Completion Act Office,
Department of the Interior, 302 East
1860 South, Provo UT 84606-6154,
Telephone: (801) 379-1237, E-Mail
address: rmurray@uc.usbr.gov

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Ronald Johnston,

CUP Program Director, Department of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Receipt of Applications for Permit

The following applicants have applied 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.*):

RT-838490

Applicant: Veterinary Genetics Laboratory, Ann Bowling, Davis, CA.

The applicant requests a permit to import hair samples collected from captive born Przewalski's horse (*Equus przewalskii*) collected by Dr. W. Zimmermann, Curator of Mammals, Cologne Zoo, Germany for the purpose of scientific research.

PRT-832442

Applicant: Centers for Disease Control & Prevention Division of Parasitic Diseases, Atlanta, GA.

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples from endangered Primates, obtained incidental to other research activities for wild and captive-held primates, for the purpose of scientific research.

PRT-838696

Applicant: Patrick F. Taylor, Foxworth, MS.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one

male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) 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.

PRT-838453

Applicant: William J. Coppola, Santa Fe, NM.

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

PRT-838217

Applicant: Columbus Zoo, Powell, OH.

The applicant requests a permit to import samples from Mexico taken from captive-held and captive-born bonobo (*Pan paniscus*) for the purpose of scientific research.

PRT-835371

Applicant: Ken Wilson, Kerrville, TX.

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

PRT-821764

Applicant: Erik D. Keyster, Tremont, IL.

The applicant requests a permit to import four Chinese giant salamanders (*Andrias davidianus*) from Klaus Haker, Hilden, Germany, for the purpose of enhancement of the species through captive propagation.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203 and must be received by the Director on or before March 2, 1998.

The public is invited to comment on the following applications for permits to conduct certain activities with marine mammals. The application was submitted to satisfy requirements of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing marine mammals (50 CFR 18).

PRT-838243

Applicant: Robert C. Senter, Sr., Plaistow, NH.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted prior to April 30, 1994 from the Viscount Melville polar bear

population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

Written data or comments, requests for copies of any of these complete applications, or requests for a public hearing on these applications should be sent to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203, telephone 703/358-2104 or fax 703/358-2281 and must be received on or before March 2, 1998. Anyone requesting a hearing should give specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate. The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Director.

Documents and other information submitted with the application 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 the above address on or before March 2, 1998.

Dated: January 23, 1998.

MaryEllen Amtower,

Acting Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of permit applications.

SUMMARY: The following applicants have applied for a scientific research permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 USC 1531 *et seq.*).

Permit No. 777965

LSA, Riverside, California

The applicant requests an amendment to his permit to take (harass by survey) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) in conjunction with presence or absence surveys throughout the species range in California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. 780566

Applicant: Ruben Ramirez, Diamond Bar, California

The applicant requests an amendment to his permit to take (harass by survey) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) in conjunction with presence or absence surveys throughout the species range in California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. 838741

Applicant: Larry Munsey, Tustin, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) in conjunction with presence or absence surveys throughout the species range in California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. 838739

Applicant: LMI, Irvine, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) in conjunction with presence or absence surveys throughout the species range in California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. 838743

Applicant: David K. Faulkner, San Diego, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) and the Laguna Mountain skipper (*Pyrgus ruralis lagunae*) in conjunction with presence or absence surveys throughout the species range in California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. 838742

Applicant: Michelle Dohran, Glendale, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) in conjunction with presence or absence surveys throughout the species range in California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

DATES: Written comments on these permit applications must be received on or before March 2, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the Chief, Division of Consultation and Conservation Planning, Ecological Services, Fish and Wildlife Service, 911 N.E. 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-4181; FAX: (503) 231-6243. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when submitting comments. All comments, including names and addresses, received will become part of the official

administrative record and may be made available to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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 20 days of the date of publication of this notice to the address above; telephone: (503) 231-2063. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when requesting copies of documents.

Dated: January 23, 1998.

Thomas Dwyer,

Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Issuance of Permit for Marine Mammals

On July 18, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 136, Page 38575, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, Los Angeles, CA for renewal of a permit (FWS# 717015, NMFS# 375-1392) to import, export, re-import and re-export biological samples from all Cetacea, Pinnipedia, Sirenia, sea and marine otters for the purpose of scientific research.

Notice is hereby given that on January 6, 1998, 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 in cooperation with the National Marine Fisheries Service authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

Documents and other information submitted for these applications are available for review by any party who submits a written request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Rm 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone (703) 358-2104 or Fax (703) 358-2281.