

collection and sharing once OMB approval is completed.

Federal agencies may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. OMB granted an emergency control number (1018-0097) for this collection of information, which expired in August 1998. The Service is currently in the process of preparing an Environmental Impact Statement and national management plan for the double-crested cormorant and would like to renew the control number so that it may collect relevant biological information from aquaculturists under the terms of the Depredation Order.

The Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703-711) and Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742d) designate the Department of the Interior as the key agency responsible for the management of migratory bird populations frequenting the United States. This responsibility dictates the gathering of accurate data on various characteristics of migratory bird populations. In 1998, we issued a standing Depredation Order that allows persons engaged in the production of commercial freshwater aquaculture stocks in 13 States to take depredating double-crested cormorants at aquacultural facilities. Under the conditions of the Depredation Order, any person exercising such privileges must keep and maintain a monthly log recording the date and number of all cormorants killed each month, maintain the log for a period of 3 years, and make the log available to Federal and State wildlife enforcement officers upon request. The mortality information that these logs provide is necessary for the development of population data and determination of program effectiveness to be used for management purposes.

Title: Depredation Order for the Double-crested Cormorant.

Approval Number: 1018-0097.

Service Form Number: None.

Frequency of Collection: Annually.

Description of Respondents:

Businesses, individuals, and State, local, or tribal governments

Total Annual Burden Hours: The total annual burden is estimated at 875 hours.

Total Annual Responses: About 2,200 individuals are expected to complete the required mortality logs and approximately 250 individuals will complete the annual survey (for a total of 2,450).

We invite comments concerning this renewal on: (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of our migratory bird management functions; (2) the

accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents.

Dated: November 3, 2000.

Rebecca A. Mullin,

Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Receipt of Applications for Permit

Endangered Species

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.*):

Applicant: Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo, Omaha, NE, PRT-032757

The applicant has amended a permit request. The original request for a permit to import 1 captive-born female Sumatran tiger (*Panthera tigris sumatrae*) from the Surabaya Zoo, Indonesia for the purpose of propagation for the enhancement of the survival of the species was published in the **Federal Register** on September 21, 2000. The applicant now requests a permit to import 1 captive-born male and 2 captive-born female Sumatran tigers (*Panthera tigris sumatrae*) from the Surabaya Zoo, Indonesia for the purpose of propagation for the enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Paul L. Snider, Lewiston, ID, PRT-035504

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.

Applicant: White Oak Conservation Center, Yulee, FL, PRT-843877

The applicant requests a permit to import up to fifteen captive-held and/or captive-born Visayan deer (*Cervus alfredi*) originating from the Mari-ti Center, Panay, Philippines, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through captive

propagation. The specimens will be shipped to Zoo Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland, for quarantine prior to being imported into the United States.

Applicant: University of Illinois, Chicago, IL PRT-009695

The applicant requests re-issuance of their permit to import samples obtained from Cuban sandhill cranes (*Grus canadensis nesiototes*) in Cuba for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a five year period.

Marine Mammals

The public is invited to comment on the following application for a permit 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).

Applicant: Joe Klutsch, King Salmon, AK, PRT-035705

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203 and must be received by the Director within 30 days of the date of this publication.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has information collection approval from OMB through February 28, 2001. OMB Control Number 1018-0093. Federal Agencies may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a current valid OMB control number.

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 the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone: (703/358-2104); FAX: (703/358-2281).

Dated: November 6, 2000.

Charlie Chandler,

Chief, Branch of Permits, Division of
Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Availability of a Draft Revised Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan Related to Application for an Incidental Take Permit for the Magic Carpet Woods Association Project, Leelanau Township, Leelanau County, Michigan

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public and other agencies of the availability for review and comment of a Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan (EA/HCP) and Implementing Agreement. On March 29, 2000 Magic Carpet Woods Association (Applicant) applied for an Incidental Take Permit pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act, 16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*) from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service). This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Act and National Environmental Policy Act regulations (40 CFR 1506.6). An April 20, 2000 Notice made available for a permit to authorize the incidental take associated with harassment (*i.e.*, harm) of the piping plover (*Charadrius melodus*; bird) which is federally listed as endangered. The take would occur as a result of residential construction adjacent to Lake Michigan beachfront in Leelanau Township, Leelanau County, Michigan. That application has been assigned permit number TE-025433.

Copies of the revised EA/HCP and Implementing Agreement may be obtained by making a request to the Regional Office address below. Comments on the EA/HCP must be submitted in writing. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the public record and will be available for review pursuant to section 10(c) of the Act. The comment period is 30 days because the application was received prior to issuance of the "Five-Point Policy" (June 1, 2000; 65 FR 35242).

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before COB December 13, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the documents may obtain copies by writing, telephoning, fax, or e-mail to either of the two Service positions listed in the following paragraphs. The EA/HCP is also available at the following Internet address: www/midwest.fws.gov/nepa/

Documents will be available for public inspection during normal business hours (8:00-4:30), at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Regional Office in Fort Snelling, Minnesota, and at the East Lansing Field Office in East Lansing, Michigan. Written comments should be submitted to the Regional HCP Coordinator at the address or via FAX listed below. All comments received will become part of the administrative record and may be released to the public. Please refer to permit number TE-025433 when submitting comments.

Regional HCP Coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, MN 55111-4056, Telephone: 612/713-5343, Fax: 612/713-5292

Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, East Lansing Field Office, 2651 Coolidge Rd., Suite 101, East Lansing, Michigan 48823-6316, Telephone: 517/351-2555

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Peter Fasbender, Regional HCP Coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Fort Snelling, Minnesota, telephone (612) 713-5343, or email peter_fasbender@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 9 of the Act and federal regulations prohibit "take" of fish or wildlife species listed as endangered or threatened. Take of listed fish or wildlife is defined under the Act to mean harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct. However, the Service, under limited circumstances, may issue permits to take listed species, provided such take is incidental to, and not the purpose of, an otherwise lawful activity. Regulations governing permits for threatened species are found in 50 CFR 17.32.

Background

The proposed Magic Carpet Woods Association residential construction is located on approximately 91 acres at the north end of Kehl Road in Leelanau Township, Leelanau County, Michigan. The beachfront of the property is part of the Lake Michigan Cathead Bay shoreline. Magic Carpet Woods Association is requesting a 25-year incidental take

permit for potential take (harassment) of the piping plover on the beach of the Association property. The beach/dune portion of the property is the only part potentially containing piping plover habitat. This area consists of open, unvegetated beach and grassy low dunes that abuts a forested portion. The beach/dune is narrow and averages about 85 feet wide.

Piping plovers have nested in recent years at the adjacent Leelanau State Park, although none nested there or elsewhere in Cathead Bay in 2000. No plovers have been known to nest on or as near as one-half mile of the Association beach, nor have they ever been recorded using the Association beach. The beach currently does not have characteristics of good nesting habitat. There may be potential for plovers to nest on the property in the future if an expanded plover population exhibits variation in acceptable breeding habitat characteristics or natural forces alter current beach characteristics. On July 6, 2000, the Service published a proposal to designate critical habitat for the piping plover. All of the Cathead Bay shoreline is included in a proposed 3.7 mile long unit potentially containing primary constituent elements of critical habitat. The open dune portion of the project site contains several hundred individual Pitcher's thistle (*Cirsium pitcheri*) plants, a threatened species.

Piping plovers are known to be extremely sensitive to disturbance by human activity. Direct and indirect effects of human activity throughout the Great lakes and Atlantic coast breeding range is strongly implicated in the species decline that led to its listing as an endangered species in 1985. The project involves construction of 13 single family residences within the forested portion of the property adjacent to and parallel with the one-half mile long beach. Broadwalk may be constructed through the vegetated dunes, but otherwise the project will not result in any construction on, or other physical alteration of the beach portion of the property. Construction of the proposed project would result in human activity along a section of beach presently associated with undeveloped land.

Potential take of piping plovers would occur through harassment of adults and chicks. The HCP provides conservation and protective measures to minimize and mitigate such take to a level that will not reduce productivity to slow progress toward recovery. The HCP provides for seasonally restructions of human presence on the beach, control of all pets during the critical nesting and rearing period, control of garbage,