

**Permit No. TE-051250**

*Applicant:* Kamarul Muri, Encinitas, California.

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

**Permit No. TE-051230**

*Applicant:* Michele Balk, Encinitas, California.

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

**Permit No. TE-053020**

*Applicant:* Andrew Pignuolo, San Diego, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (survey by pursuit) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) in San Diego and Riverside Counties, California, in conjunction with surveys for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

**Permit No. TE-053018**

*Applicant:* Environmental Science & Assessment, Portland, Oregon.

The applicant requests a permit to take (survey, mark, recapture) the Oregon chub (*Oregonichthys crameri*) in Marion and Linn Counties, Oregon, in conjunction with surveys for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

**DATES:** Written comments on these permit applications must be received within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice.

**ADDRESSES:** Written data or comments should be submitted to the Chief, Endangered Species, Ecological Services, Fish and Wildlife Service, 911 NE, 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 received, including names and addresses, 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: March 24, 2002.

**Rowan W. Gould,**

*Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Fish and Wildlife Service****Notice of Receipt of Applications for Permit****Endangered Species**

The public is invited to comment on the following application(s) 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.*). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of these complete applications should be submitted to the Director (address below) and must be received within 30 days of the date of this notice.

*Applicant:* Jeanne A. Mortimer/ University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, PRT-811272.

The applicant requests re-issuance of a permit to import biological samples obtained from green sea turtles (*Chelonia mydas*) and hawksbill sea turtles (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) located on beaches or in waters on/around the Republic of Seychelles and Chagos Island, British Indian Ocean Territory, for scientific research. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a five year period.

*Applicant:* Clifford G. McGehee, Jacksonville, FL, PRT-053223.

The applicant request 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:* Anthony Gioffre, Dublin, OH, PRT-053326.

The applicant request 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:* Savannah River Ecology Laboratory/University of Georgia, Aiken, SC, PRT-051521.

The applicant requests a permit to export biological samples from wood stork (*Mycteria americana*) collected in the wild in the United States, to the Universidade Federal de Sao Carlos, San Carlos, Brazil, for scientific research.

*Applicant:* Bonnie Ringo, Cave Junction, OR, PRT-049054.

The applicant requests a permit to export five captive-born white tigers (*Panthera tigris*) to the Zion Wildlife Gardens, Kerikeri, New Zealand, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

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 30 days of the date of publication of this notice to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203, telephone 703/358-2104 or fax 703/358-2281.

Dated: February 22, 2002.

**Michael S. Moore,**

*Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Fish and Wildlife Service****Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Status of the Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout**

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

**ACTION:** Re-opening of the comment period for the Rio Grande cutthroat trout candidate status review.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announce a re-opening of the comment period for the candidate status review for the Rio Grande cutthroat trout (*Oncorhynchus clarki virginalis*). We are re-opening the comment period to allow interested parties additional time to submit information to us for our consideration in determining whether the Rio Grande cutthroat trout should be a candidate for listing. On December 28, 2001 (66 FR 67289), we published a notice opening a comment period to obtain information on the status of the Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout. That comment period

closed on February 26, 2002. On or before June 4, 2002, we will make a determination concerning the results of this review for the Rio Grande cutthroat trout and, shortly thereafter, we will publish this determination in the **Federal Register**. We will accept information at any time on the status of the Rio Grande cutthroat trout; however, information must be received by March 29, 2002, in order for us to be able to consider it in our June 4, 2002, determination of candidate status.

**DATES:** Comments and information from all interested parties for our use in the status review will be accepted until March 29, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Questions and comments concerning this status review should be sent to Joy Nicholopoulos, Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2105 Osuna Rd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87113. Comments and materials received will be available on request for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joy Nicholopoulos, Field Supervisor, (see **ADDRESSES** section), telephone (505) 346-2525.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

On February 25, 1998, we received a petition from Kieran Suckling, of the Southwest Center for Biological Diversity requesting that the Service add the Rio Grande cutthroat trout (*Onchorynchus clarki virginalis*) to the list of threatened and endangered species. The petition addressed the range-wide distribution of the Rio Grande cutthroat trout that included populations in Colorado and New Mexico.

The Rio Grande cutthroat trout is the southernmost of 14 subspecies of cutthroat trout (Behnke 1967, 1972, 1992; Sublette *et al.* 1990). There are two phenotypic forms of the subspecies, one in the Rio Grande and one in the Pecos River (Behnke 1992). The species derives its name from the distinctive red or orange slashes beneath the lower jaw. The general body coloration is yellowish green to grayish brown; the abdomen is creamy white. Variably-sized black spots cover the upper body and are more numerous posteriorly; dorsal, adipose, and caudal fins carry black spots (Koster 1957, Behnke 1992, Sublette *et al.* 1990). Although the historical distribution of the Rio Grande cutthroat trout is not known with certainty, it is likely that the subspecies occurred not only in all waters in the upper Rio Grande, Pecos, and Canadian

River Basins that are currently capable of supporting trout, but also in other stream reaches within these watersheds that formerly provided the habitat requisites of coldwater species.

Section 4(b)(3)(B) of the Act requires that we make a finding on whether a petition to list, delist or reclassify a species presents substantial scientific or commercial information indicating that the petitioned action is—(a) not warranted; (b) warranted; or (c) warranted but precluded from immediate proposal by other pending listing proposals of higher priority. We subsequently published a notice of a 90-day finding in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 49062) on September 14, 1998. In the 90-day finding we concluded that the petition did not present substantial information indicating that listing of the Rio Grande cutthroat trout may be warranted.

Our finding recognized that livestock grazing, road construction, and logging were primary factors in the constriction of the Rio Grande cutthroat trout's historical range, and continue to impact streams and riparian habitats where measures to limit those impacts are lacking. The Service concluded that the management objectives of both States, set forth in respective management plans formulated for the Rio Grande cutthroat, would provide for the continued management, conservation, and stability of this subspecies and its habitats.

On June 9, 1999, a complaint was filed by the Southwest Center for Biological Diversity challenging the September 14, 1998, 90-day petition finding as violating the Act and the Administrative Procedures Act. Recently, while the litigation was pending, we received some information (particularly related to the presence of whirling disease in hatchery fish and in the wild) that led us to believe that further review of the status of the species was warranted.

On November 8, 2001, a settlement agreement executed by both parties (the Service and the Southwest Center for Biological Diversity) was filed with the court. The settlement stipulates that we will initiate a candidate status review for the Rio Grande cutthroat trout. The settlement also stipulates that on or before June 4, 2002, we will make a determination concerning the results of this review and, shortly thereafter, we will publish our determination in the **Federal Register**. The agreement also states that we will not vacate our previous determination in the interim.

**Request for Information**

Our determination of candidate status for the Rio Grande cutthroat trout shall be based upon the best available scientific and commercial data, as required under section 4(b)(1)(A) of the Act. We request you submit any further information on the Rio Grande cutthroat trout. We are particularly interested in any information concerning the following:

(1) Current population numbers and trends for each of the populations of the Rio Grande cutthroat trout;

(2) Whether there are documented increases in those populations or their habitat;

(3) The status of remaining habitat areas;

(4) The current threats and future threats to those populations and remaining habitat areas; and

(5) Other regulatory mechanisms that address those threats; and the success of those mechanisms to date.

**References Cited**

A complete list of all references cited is available upon request from the New Mexico Ecological Services Field Office (see **ADDRESSES** section).

**Author**

The primary author of this document is New Mexico Ecological Services Field Office staff (see **ADDRESSES** section).

**Authority**

The authority for this action is section 4(b)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533.

Dated: February 28, 2002.

**Pat A. Langley,**

*Acting Regional Director.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**Issuance of Permit for Marine Mammals**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of issuance of permit for marine mammals.

**SUMMARY:** The following permit was issued.

**ADDRESSES:** 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, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700,