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Charlie R. Chandler,
Chief, Branch of Permits, Division of
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Receipt of Applications for Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

SUMMARY: The public is invited to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species and/or marine mammals.

DATES: Written data, comments or requests must be received by April 26, 2002.

ADDRESSES: 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; fax 703/358-2281.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Division of Management Authority, telephone 703/358-2104.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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 above).

Applicant: Thomas J. Moore, III, Ingram, TX, PRT-803337.

The applicant requests renewal of a permit to authorize interstate and foreign commerce, export, and cull of excess male barasingha (*Cervus duvauceli*) from his captive herd for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a period of three years. Permittee must apply for renewal annually.

Applicant: University of New Mexico/ Dept. of Anthropology, Albuquerque, NM, PRT-013176.

The applicant requests renewal of a permit to authorize the import of biological samples from wild, captive-held, and captive-born chimpanzees (*Pan troglodytes*), pygmy chimpanzees (*Pan paniscus*), gorilla (*Gorilla gorilla*), and orangutan (*Pongo pygmaeus*) from various countries for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a period of five years.

Applicant: National Aviary, Pittsburgh, PA, PRT-053886.

The applicant requests a permit to export viable eggs of captive-bred Manchurian cranes (*Grus japonensis*) and white-naped cranes (*Grus vipio*) to the Khinganski Nature Reserve, Arkara, Russia for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through captive breeding and re-introduction to the wild. As this request for a permit is part of an ongoing program, this application file will be established as a master file from which a permit will be issued for this year's export, and as the basis for which permits can be issued for similar activities to be conducted by the applicant over the next 5 years.

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Michael S. Moore,

Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits,
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Emergency Exemption: Issuance; Endangered Species

On March 6, 2002, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) issued a permit (PRT-053151) to the Centers for

Disease Control/National Center for Infectious Diseases, Atlanta, Georgia, to import biological samples collected post-mortem from one captive-born female Sumatran orangutan (*Pongo pygmaeus abelii*), and two male and one female captive-held/captive-born Bornean orangutan (*Pongo pygmaeus pygmaeus*) from the Singapore Zoological Gardens, Singapore. The 30-day comment period required by Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act was waived. The Service determined that an emergency affecting the health and life of the remaining Singapore Zoo population of 26 orangutans existed, and that no reasonable alternative was available to the applicant for several reasons.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) received a request from the Agricultural and Veterinary Authority of Singapore for assistance in determining the cause of death of two Bornean orangutans that died unexpectedly at the Singapore Zoological Gardens on January 20th and 21st, 2002. The request asked for assistance in determining whether the cause of death of these specimens was infectious in nature. The Singapore Authorities wanted to rule out two possible viral infections, Coxsackievirus B and encephalomyelitis virus (EMCV). They do not have the capability to conduct these same tests in Singapore. The Singapore Zoo also experienced two deaths of orangutans at their facility prior to the recent loss of these specimens. Tissue samples from all four specimens are being imported to determine whether the cause of death may be from the same disease vector.

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