

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.

PRT-049772

Applicant: Henry Doorly Zoo, Omaha, Nebraska

The applicant requests a permit to import three female and three male Parma wallabies (*Macropus parma*) from a non-native population on an island in New Zealand, where it is considered to be a pest species, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

PRT-051207

Applicant: Gail A. Sanders, Prescott, WI

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-051210

Applicant: Donald G. Sebesta, Othello, WA

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-051213

Applicant: Thomas L. Martinetto, Shorewood, MN

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-045459

Applicant: Center for Environmental Research and Conservation, Columbia Univ., New York, NY

The applicant requests a permit to import biological tissue samples from Javan rhinoceros (*Rhinoceros sondaicus*), great Indian one-horned rhinoceros (*Rhinoceros unicornis*) and Sumatran rhinoceros (*Dicerorhinus sumatrensis*) from several countries in Asia for the purpose of scientific research on genetic markers for use in population analysis to enhance the

survival of the species. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

Marine Mammals and Endangered Species

The public is invited to comment on the following application for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered 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.*), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*), and the regulations governing marine mammals (50 CFR part 18) and endangered species (50 CFR part 17).

PRT-049136

Applicant: Xavier University, Cincinnati, OH

Permit Type: Take for Scientific Research.

Name and Number of Animals: West Indian Manatee, *Trichechus manatus*, 2.

Summary of Activity To Be

Authorized: The applicant requests a permit to conduct research associated with sound recognition on one captive-held animal and one captive-born animal, currently housed at the Cincinnati Zoo, Cincinnati, for the purpose of scientific research.

Source of Marine Mammals: Captive held and captive born.

Period of Activity: Up to 5 years if issued.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the Division of Management Authority is forwarding copies of the above application to the Marine Mammal Commission and the Committee of Scientific Advisors for their review.

The public is invited to comment on the following application(s) for a permit to conduct certain activities with marine mammals. The application(s) 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 part 18).

PRT-051276

Applicant: Trevor Davis, Rye, NY

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Norwegian Bay polar bear population in Canada for personal use.

Written data, comments, or requests for copies of these complete applications or requests for a public hearing on these applications should be submitted to the Director (address below) and must be received within 30

days of the date of this notice. 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.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has information collection approval from OMB through March 31, 2004, 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 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: December 21, 2001.

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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.

PRT-051416

Applicant: James L. Baker, Wichita, KS

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-051421

Applicant: Ronald L. Nunnery, Fairfax Station, VA

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-051423

Applicant: Jo Dean Peters, Graham, WA

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-037810

Applicant: Hawthorn Corporation, Grayslake, IL

The applicant requests a permit to re-export and re-import Asian elephants (*Elephas maximus*) and progeny of the animals currently held by the applicant and any animals acquired in the United States by the applicant to/from worldwide locations to enhance the survival of the species through conservation education. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a three year period.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has information collection approval from OMB through March 31, 2004, 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 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: December 28, 2001.

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****Mission View Estates Habitat Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment**

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Kennedy Development of California, LLC has applied to Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for an incidental take permit pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The proposed 10-year permit would authorize incidental take of the federally threatened coastal California gnatcatcher (*Poliophtila californica californica*) in connection with the construction of the 65-unit Mission View Estates residential development on 28.9 acres in the City of Oceanside, San Diego County, California. The permit application includes a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and an Implementation Agreement that serves as a legal contract. The Service has prepared an Environmental Assessment for our proposed action of issuing a permit to Kennedy Development. These documents are available for public review and comment.

DATES: We must receive your written comments on or before March 12, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Mr. Jim Bartel, Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2730 Loker Avenue West, Carlsbad, California 92008. You also may submit comments by facsimile to (760) 431-9618.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Janet Stuckrath, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, at the above address; telephone (760) 431-9440.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Availability of Documents**

You may request copies of the documents by contacting the office above. You may view the documents, by appointment, during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.), Monday through Friday at the Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office (see **ADDRESSES**). Copies are also available for viewing at two public libraries: Civic Center Library, 330 North Coast Highway, Oceanside, California; or Mission Branch Library, 3861-B Mission Avenue, Oceanside, California.

Background

Section 9 of the Act and Federal regulation prohibit the "take" of animal species listed as endangered or

threatened. That is, no one may harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture or collect listed animal species, or attempt to engage in such conduct (16 U.S.C. 1538). "Harm" is defined by regulation to include significant habitat modification or degradation that actually kills or injures wildlife by significantly impairing essential behavioral patterns, including breeding, feeding, or sheltering (50 CFR 17.3). Under certain circumstances, the Service may issue permits to authorize "incidental" take of listed animal species (defined by the Act as take that is incidental to, and not the purpose of, the carrying out of an otherwise lawful activity). Regulations governing permits for threatened and endangered species, respectively, are at 50 CFR 17.32 and 17.22.

Kennedy Development has submitted an application for a 10-year incidental take permit to the Service, proposing the take of coastal California gnatcatchers during the construction of a residential development on the 28.9-acre site. One threatened plant, thread-leaved brodiaea (*Brodiaea filifolia*), would be named on the permit. The taking prohibitions of the Act do not apply to listed plants on private land unless their destruction on private land is in violation of State law. Nevertheless, Kennedy Development has considered the plant in its HCP and requests a permit for this species to the extent that State law applies.

The proposed project is located in the City of Oceanside south of Mission Avenue, at the terminus of Mission Gate Drive. The proposed project consists of: (1) The construction of 65 single-family homes; (2) extension of Mission Gate Drive, and (3) implementation of the HCP over a 10-year period. The HCP would establish and provide for management of a 7.88-acre conservation area on the project site, containing 4.24 acres of coastal sage scrub habitat occupied by 2 pairs of gnatcatchers. In addition, the applicant will purchase 11.82 acres of an off-site habitat parcel within the City of Oceanside's "Wildlife Corridor Planning Zone" as described in the draft "Oceanside Subarea Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Communities Conservation Plan" (Ogden Environmental and Conservation Biology Institute, 2000) and 3.94 acres of off-site habitat within an approved conservation bank, for a total of 15.76 acres of off-site preservation.

The HCP and Environmental Assessment consider two alternatives to the proposed project: a reduced project alternative; and a no action alternative. Under the proposed project alternative, a permit would be issued for incidental take of the coastal California