

**SUMMARY:** The proposed information collection requirement described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The department of soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

**DATES:** *Comment Due Date:* September 9, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Reports Liaison Officer, Office of Policy Development and Research, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 8228, Washington, DC 20410-6000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Barbara Haley, 202-708-5537, ext. 5708 (this is not a toll-free number), for copies of the proposed forms and other available documents.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Housing and Urban Development will submit the proposed extension of information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended).

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

This Notice also lists the following information:

*Title of Proposal:* Customer Survey of Households Living in Federally Assisted Units.

*OMB Control Number:* 2528-0170 (exp. 09/30/02).

*Description of the Need for the Information and Proposed Use:* HUD developed and tested a cost-effective mail survey instrument for assessing the condition of housing units assisted through HUD programs. The pilot survey, which elicited renters' ratings of their housing, provided high levels of

agreement with independent condition ratings by professional inspectors. HUD implements the survey as an ongoing tool to assess customer ratings of the condition of housing assisted through Federal programs, including the Section 8, FHA, and public housing programs. This survey helps HUD focus its monitoring and technical assistance resources on property owners and housing authorities whose performance most need improvement. It also provides policy and program managers with valid measures for tracking assisted housing conditions over time and across programs.

*Agency Form Numbers:* None.

*Members of the Affected Public:* Households residing in Federally-assisted housing, including FHA assisted-housing, public housing, or units receiving assistance from the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program.

*Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:* Information will be collected by an periodic mail survey of 267,000 of the 4.7 million households who live in housing units assisted through Federal programs. Based on the first year of data collection, a 62 percent response rate is expected. The survey will take approximately 15 minutes to complete. This means a total of 41,385 hours of response time annually for the information collection.

*Status of the proposed information collection:* Pending OMB approval.

**Authority:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: June 28, 2002.

**Lawrence L. Thompson,**

*General Deputy, Assistant Secretary for Policy Development Research.*

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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 August 8, 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).

#### PRT-057903

*Applicant:* R.M Bohart Museum of Entomology, University of California, Davis, CA.

The applicant request a permit to export and re-import non-living museum specimens of endangered and threatened species of animals previously accessioned into the applicant's collection for scientific research. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant for a five-year period.

#### PRT-056392

*Applicant:* Jerry Mills, Carrollton, 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-058598

*Applicant:* Lance Burrow, Georgetown, 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-037014**

*Applicant:* Duke University, Durham, NC.

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples and salvaged specimens from Brown hyena (*Parahyaena brunnea*) collected in the wild in Namibia, for scientific research. 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). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of the complete applications or requests for a public hearing on these applications should be submitted to the Director (address above). 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.

**PRT-038448**

*Applicant:* Iskande L.V. Larkin, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL.

*Permit Type:* scientific research.

*Name and Number of Animals:* Florida manatee (*Trichechus manatus*), 6 females.

*Summary of Activity to be*

*Authorized:* The applicant requests an amendment and extension to her permit to study the reproductive physiology and indicators of stress by taking and using urine, fecal, blood, and vaginal smear samples from 4 captive-held females to measure steroid and protein reproductive hormone concentrations and glucocorticosteroids. No animals from the wild will be used.

*Source of Marine Mammals:* 4 captive females as identified by the USFWS, Jacksonville, FL, Fish and Wildlife Office.

*Period of Activity:* Until 12/31/2003.

**PRT-051709**

*Applicant:* University of South Florida, College of Marine Science, St. Petersburg, FL.

*Permit Type:* Take for scientific research.

*Name and Number of Animals:* Florida manatee (*Trichechus manatus*), 250.

*Summary of Activity to be*

*Authorized:* The applicant requests a permit to conduct passive hydrophone listening to sounds made by manatees and playback vocalizations using a boat at idle speed in the waters of Florida (Sarasota Bay, Matlacha Canals, Crystal River area).

*Source of Marine Mammals:* wild animals in the waters of Florida.

*Period of Activity:* Up to 5 years, if issued.

**PRT-837923**

*Applicant:* New College of the University of South Florida, Division of Social Sciences, St. Petersburg, FL.

*Permit Type:* Take for scientific research.

*Name and Number of Animals:* Florida manatee (*Trichechus manatus*), 12.

*Summary of Activity to be*

*Authorized:* The applicant requests an amendment to permit to conduct studies evaluating the ability of manatees to detect chemical compounds (2 animals), and auditory responses ( up to 10 animals).

*Source of Marine Mammals:* Captive held animals.

*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 applications to the Marine Mammal Commission and the Committee of Scientific Advisors for their review.

**Marine Mammals**

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). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of the complete applications or requests for a public hearing on these applications should be submitted to the Director (address above). 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.

**PRT-672624**

*Applicant:* U.S.G.S., Biological Resources Division, Santa Cruz, CA.

*Permit Type:* scientific research.

*Name and Number of Animals:* Southern sea otter (*Enhydra lutris nereis*); 50.

*Summary of Activity to be*

*Authorized:* The applicant requests an amendment to the permit to increase the number of animals (from 30 to 50) to be implanted with time-depth recorders.

*Source of Marine Mammals:* entire range of Southern sea otters in California.

*Period of Activity:* Up to 2/2/2006.

**PRT-046081**

*Applicant:* U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Marine Mammal Management, Anchorage, AK.

*Permit Type:* scientific research.

*Name and Number of Animals:* polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*); Variable.

*Summary of Activity to be Authorized:*

The applicant requests an amendment to the permit to authorize the paint marking of individual animals for identification purposes to be used in the study of resource utilization.

*Source of Marine Mammals:* Free ranging.

*Period of Activity:* Up to five years if authorized.

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

**PRT-058909**

*Applicant:* K. James Malady, III, Bennington, VT.

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

**PRT-054887**

*Applicant:* William Jardel, Palmer, AK.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted prior to May 31, 2000, from the M'Clintock Channel polar bear population in Canada for personal use.

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.

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Division of Management Authority.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Second Extension of the Comment Period for the Draft Recovery Plan for Coastal Plants of the Northern San Francisco Peninsula

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

**ACTION:** Second extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, announce a second extension of the comment period for public review of the Draft Recovery Plan for Coastal Plants of the Northern San Francisco Peninsula for an additional 60 days. The first extended comment period closed on May 6, 2002. We are extending the comment period for a second time in response to a specific request from the National Park Service, Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA), to allow additional time for public review of this draft recovery plan that includes the endangered San Francisco lessingia (*Lessingia germanorum*; lessingia) and the Raven's manzanita (*Arctostaphylos hookeri* ssp. *ravenii*; manzanita). The portion of the plan dealing with the manzanita is a revision of the 1984 Raven's Manzanita Recovery Plan. Additional species of concern that will benefit from recovery actions taken for these plants are also discussed in the draft recovery plan. The draft plan includes recovery criteria and measures for the lessingia and manzanita.

**DATES:** Comments on the draft recovery plan must be received on or before September 9, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the draft recovery plan are available for inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the following location: Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, 2800 Cottage Way, W-2605, Sacramento, California (telephone 916-414-6600). Requests for copies of the draft recovery plan and written comments and materials regarding this plan should be addressed to Wayne S. White, Field Supervisor, Ecological Services, at the above Sacramento address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Chris Nagano or Kyle Merriam,

Endangered Species Division, at the above address.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The comment period for the public review of the Draft Recovery Plan for Coastal Plants of the Northern San Francisco Peninsula has previously been extended for 60 days to address public concern that the plan had been difficult to obtain as a result of the government-wide restriction of internet access. This extended comment period closed on May 6, 2002. On April 19, 2002, we received a request from the GGNRA, to extend the comment period for an additional 60 days. GGNRA asserted they required additional time to review the plan due to its complexity, and to the relevance of the plan to activities within the GGNRA. Based on this request, we determined to extend the comment period a second time for public review of the draft recovery plan.

Recovery of endangered or threatened animals and plants is a primary goal of our endangered species program. A species is considered recovered when the species' ecosystem is restored and/or threats to the species are removed so that self-sustaining and self-regulating populations of the species can be supported as persistent members of native biotic communities. Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for conservation of the species, establish recovery criteria for downlisting or delisting species, and estimate time and cost for implementing the measures needed for recovery.

The Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended in 1988 (Act) (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), requires the development of recovery plans for listed species unless such a plan would not promote the conservation of a particular species. Section 4(f) of the Act requires that public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment be provided during recovery plan development. We will consider all information presented during the public comment period prior to approval of each new or revised recovery plan. Substantive technical comments may result in changes to the plan. Substantive comments regarding recovery plan implementation may not necessarily result in changes to the recovery plan, but will be forwarded to appropriate Federal or other entities so that they can take these comments into account during the course of implementing recovery actions.

The lessingia and manzanita are restricted to the San Francisco peninsula in San Francisco County, California. The lessingia, an annual herb in the aster family, is restricted to

coastal sand deposits. The manzanita, a rare evergreen creeping shrub in the heath family, was historically restricted to a few scattered serpentine outcrops. Habitat loss, adverse alteration of ecological processes, and the invasion of non-native plant species threatens the lessingia. The manzanita has also been threatened by habitat loss, and the primary current threats include the invasion of non-native vegetation and fungal pathogens. The draft recovery plan also makes reference to several other federally listed species which are ecologically associated with the lessingia and manzanita, but which are treated comprehensively in other recovery plans. These species are the beach layia (*Layia carnosa*), the Presidio clarkia (*Clarkia franciscana*), the Marin dwarf-flax (*Hesperolinon congestum*), the Myrtle's silverspot butterfly (*Speyeria zerene myrtleae*), and the bay checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha bayensis*). In addition, 16 plant species of concern and 17 plant species of local or regional conservation significance are considered in this recovery plan.

The draft recovery plan stresses re-establishing dynamic persistent populations of the lessingia and manzanita within plant communities which have been restored to as "self-sustaining" as possible within urban wildland reserves. Specific recovery actions for the lessingia focus on the restoration and management of large dynamic mosaics of coastal dune areas supporting shifting populations within the species' narrow historic range. Recovery of the manzanita may include, but may not be limited to, the strategy of the 1984 Raven's Manzanita Recovery Plan, which emphasized the stabilization of the single remaining genetic individual. The draft plan also recommends re-establishing multiple sexually reproducing populations of manzanita in association with its historically associated species of local serpentine outcrops. The objectives of this recovery plan are to delist the lessingia and to downlist the manzanita through implementation of a variety of recovery measures including (1) protection and restoration of a series of ecological reserves (often with mixed recreational and conservation park land uses); (2) promotion of population increases of the lessingia and manzanita within these sites, or reintroduction of them to restored sites; (3) management of protected sites, especially the extensive eradication or suppression of invasive dominant non-native vegetation; (4) research; and (5) public participation, outreach, and education.