

enveloped RNA virus-like particles in vitro in insect cells using a recombinant baculovirus vector containing a cDNA coding for viral structural proteins. In vitro production and purification of hepatitis C virus (HCV)-like particles containing HCV core protein, E1 protein and E2 protein is described. Sucrose gradient purified HCV-like particles exhibited similar biophysical properties as putative HCV virions. Mice injected with HCV-like particles developed HCV-specific antibodies indicating that the particles are immunogenic. HCV-like particles, purified in large quantities, may be useful in HCV vaccine development or in diagnostic kits.

The prospective exclusive license will be royalty bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within 60 days from the date of this published Notice, NIH receives written evidence and argument that establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

The field of use may be limited to vaccine products for prevention and treatment of chronic hepatitis C (HCV) infections.

Properly filed competing applications for a license filed in response to this notice will be treated as objections to the contemplated license. Comments and objections submitted in response to this notice will not be made available for public inspection, and, to the extent permitted by law, will not be released under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.

Dated: July 2, 2003.

Steven M. Ferguson,

Acting Director, Division of Technology Development and Transfer, Office of Technology Transfer.

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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 11, 2003.

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-073579

Applicant: Ron D. Stoller, Raymond, 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-073581

Applicant: Darrel D. Stoller, Raymond, 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-073774

Applicant: Gerald A. Beathard, Jr., Austin, 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-069323

Applicant: Zoological Society of San Diego, San Diego, CA

The applicant requests a permit to export and re-export live captive-bred/captive hatched specimens of California condors (*Gymnogyps californianus*) to La Secretaria de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (SEMARNAT), San Angel, Mexico, for re-introduction into the wild to enhance the survival of the species through the completion of identified tasks and objectives mandated under the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service California Condor Recovery Plan. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

PRT-057398

Applicant: Zoological Society of San Diego, San Diego, CA

This is a correction to the notice published March 31, 2003, (68 FR 15478), for the import of live wild specimens and biological samples of California condors (*Gymnogyps californianus*) from Mexico. The applicant is requesting an amendment and renewal of their permit to allow for the re-import of captive-bred/captive hatched live specimens, as well as biological samples and salvaged materials from specimens exported/re-exported to Mexico from the U.S. under PRT-069323, to enhance the survival of the species through completion of identified tasks and objectives mandated under the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service California Condor Recovery Plan. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

Endangered Marine Mammals and Marine Mammals

The public is invited to comment on the following applications for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered marine mammals and/or marine mammals. The applications were submitted to satisfy requirements of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*) and/or the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing endangered species (50 CFR part 17) and/or 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-770191

Applicant: Jacksonville Field Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Jacksonville, FL

The applicant requests renewal of their permit to salvage dead specimens and rescue, provide medical treatment (including routine sampling for diagnostic & treatment purposes), rehabilitate and, if feasible, release rehabilitated West Indian manatees (*Trichechus manatus*) to the wild for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

PRT-071799

Applicant: Jennifer L. Miksis, University of Rhode Island, Narragansett, RI

The applicant requests a permit to take by harassment up to 75 wild West Indian manatees (*Trichechus manatus*) by exposing them to the acoustic playback of boat noise and observing the behavioral responses for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

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-073841

Applicant: Ryan C. Hoerauf, Odessa, TX

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-072820

Applicant: Joe. P. Murphy, Santa Rosa, CA

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-073481

Applicant: Gerald E. Meyer, Sr., Waterford, WI

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

PRT-073526

Applicant: Robert E. Kastle, Denver, CO

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.

Applicant: Charles W. Walker, Gardena, CA

PRT-073605

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

PRT-073795

Applicant: Chuck L. Raleigh, Seagoville, TX

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.

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.

Dated: June 27, 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Issuance of Permits

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of permits for [Marine Mammals and/or Endangered Species].

SUMMARY: The following permits were issued.

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 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: Notice is hereby given that on the dates below, as authorized by the provisions of the [Endangered Species Act of 1973, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*), and/or the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*)] the Fish and Wildlife Service issued the requested permits subject to certain conditions set forth therein. [For each permit for an endangered species, the Service found that (1) the application was filed in good faith, (2) the granted permit would not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species, and (3) the granted permit would be consistent with the purposes and policy set forth in Section 2 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended.]

Endangered Species

Permit no.	Applicant	Receipt of application Federal Register notice	Permit issuance date
068965	Sea-El Carmen	68 FR 15478; March 31, 2003	June 24, 2003

Marine Mammals

Permit no.	Applicant	Receipt of application Federal Register notice	Permit issuance date
070875	Paul L. Van Dam	68 FR 25620; May 13, 2003	June 25, 2003
070876	Stanley D. Jager	68 FR 25620; May 13, 2003	June 23, 2003
070954	John J. Michelotti	68 FR 25620; May 13, 2003	June 24, 2003