

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 September 20, 2004.

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 applications 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: Yerkes National Primate Research Center, Atlanta, GA, PRT-837068.

The applicant requests renewal and amendment of a permit to take captive held white-collared mangabeys (*Cercocebus torquatus*) through limited invasive sampling including anesthetizing, collecting blood, skin, and bone marrow tissue samples, and MRI scanning, usually, but not always, during routine veterinary examinations for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

Applicant: Gibbon Conservation Center, Saugus, CA, PRT-089009.

The applicant requests a permit to import one live female captive-born silvery gibbon (*Hylobates moloch*) from the Howletts Wild Animal Park, Kent, England, for the purpose of enhancement of the species through captive propagation and conservation education.

Applicant: Sierra Endangered Cat Haven, Dunlap, CA, PRT-087545.

The applicant requests a permit to import two live female captive-born jaguars (*Panthera onca*) from the La Aurora Zoo, Guatemala, for the purpose of enhancement of the species through conservation education and captive propagation.

Applicant: Thomas A. McCoy, Riverside, CA, PRT-090236.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) 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.

Marine Mammals

The public is invited to comment on the following applications for a permit to conduct certain activities with marine mammals. The applications were 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.

Applicant: Tav D. Blankenship, Rockwall, TX, PRT-089778.

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.

Applicant: Arthur R. Schisler, Northampton, PA, PRT-090230.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Western Hudson

Bay polar bear population in Canada for personal use.

Dated: July 23, 2004.

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

Issuance of Permits

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of permits for endangered species and/or marine mammals.

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 permit(s) 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.

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Permit number	Applicant	Receipt of application Federal Register notice	Permit issuance date
087923	Louis T. Titus	69 FR 33931; June 17, 2004	July 27, 2004.
087946	Kurt D. Divan	69 FR 33931; June 17, 2004	July 22, 2004.
088013	Shane Clay Westcott	69 FR 33931; June 17, 2004	July 27, 2004.
088292	Ray M. Hagio	69 FR 36096; June 28, 2004	July 27, 2004.
088297	Gerry A. Scheidhauer	69 FR 36095; June 28, 2004	July 27, 2004.

Permit number	Applicant	Receipt of application Federal Register notice	Permit issuance date
088299	Gregg K. Hobbs	69 FR 36096; June 28, 2004	July 27, 2004.
088780	Thomas J. Merkley	69 FR 36095; June 28, 2004	July 27, 2004.

Marine Mammals

Permit number	Applicant	Receipt of application Federal Register notice	Permit issuance date
085164	William B. Scott, Sr.	69 FR 21858; April 22, 2004	July 20, 2004.
086824	Leon A. Naccarato	69 FR 27948; May 17, 2004	July 26, 2004.
086954	Robert J. Merkle	69 FR 31834; June 7, 2004	July 21, 2004.
086969	Kelly R. McBride	69 FR 30714; May 28, 2004	July 26, 2004.
087507	Kevin M. Libby	69 FR 31834; June 7, 2004	July 26, 2004.
087541	Calvin A. Speckman	69 FR 33931; June 17, 2004	July 26, 2004.
087563	Richard R. Childress	69 FR 31834; June 7, 2004	July 19, 2004.
087684	Walter O. Kirby	69 FR 31834; June 7, 2004	July 26, 2004.
088193	Roger A. Martin	69 FR 33651; June 16, 2004	July 26, 2004.
088271	Glenn E. Peterson	69 FR 33651; June 16, 2004	July 26, 2004.

Dated: July 30, 2004.

Monica Farris,

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 Species Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications.

SUMMARY: The following applicants have applied for scientific research permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended.

DATES: To ensure consideration, written comments must be received on or before September 20, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be submitted to the Chief, Endangered Species Division, Ecological Services, P.O. Box 1306, Room 4102, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. 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. Documents will be available for public inspection, by appointment only, during normal business hours at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 500 Gold Ave. SW., Room 4102, Albuquerque, New Mexico. 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:
Chief, Endangered Species Division,
(505) 248-6920.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Permit No. TE-837751

Applicant: Bureau of Reclamation,
Phoenix, Arizona.

Applicant requests an amendment to an existing permit to allow presence/absence surveys for the Yuma clapper rail (*Rallus longirostris yumanensis*) within Arizona.

Permit No. TE-829996

Applicant: Houston Zoo, Houston,
Texas.

Applicant requests an amendment to an existing permit to allow educational display and captive propagation of the following species, at appropriate Houston Zoo facilities: Big Bend gambusia (*Gambusia gaigei*), Comanche Springs pupfish (*Cyprinodon elegans*), and Leon Springs pupfish (*Cyprinodon bovinus*).

Permit No. TE-813088

Applicant: Bureau of Reclamation,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Applicant requests an amendment to an existing permit to allow presence/absence surveys and nest monitoring for the interior least tern (*Sterna antillarum*) within New Mexico.

Permit No. TE-022190

Applicant: Arizona-Sonora Desert
Museum, Tucson, Arizona.

Applicant requests an amendment to an existing permit to allow educational display and captive propagation of the

Mount Graham red squirrel
(*Tamiasciurus hudsonicus grahamensis*)
at appropriate Arizona-Sonora Desert
Museum facilities.

Permit No. TE-091673

Applicant: Madeline Terry, Denver,
Colorado.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) within Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah.

Permit No. TE-091552

Applicant: Zane Homesley, Kyle,
Texas.

Application requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for the following species within Texas: black-capped vireo (*Vireo atricapillus*), golden-cheeked warbler (*Dendroica chrysoparia*), southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*), and Houston toad (*Bufo houstonensis*).

Permit No. TE-091844

Applicant: Jeff Howard, Braggs,
Oklahoma.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for the American burying beetle (*Nicrophorus americanus*) within Oklahoma.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*