

should be submitted to the Director (address above).

*Applicant:* Edward J. Moore, Live Oak, TX, PRT-083886.

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.

*Applicant:* Silvio Arguello, Miami, FL, PRT-084042.

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.

*Applicant:* Illinois Natural History Survey, Champaign, Illinois, PRT-840202.

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

Date: March 12, 2004.

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Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Emergency Exemption: Issuance of Permit for Endangered Species

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

**ACTION:** Notice of emergency issuance of a permit for endangered species.

**SUMMARY:** The following permit was issued.

**ADDRESSES:** Documents and other information submitted for this application are available for review by any party who submits a written request to the 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:** On March 9, 2004, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) issued a permit (PRT-084147) to Marc Chandler, Oranjestad, Aruba, for the temporary import of one captive born female Siberian tiger (*Panthera tigris altaica*) for treatment of an emergency veterinary condition. The 30-day comment period required under the U.S. Endangered Species Act was waived pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 1539(c). This action was authorized under Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*). The Service determined that a veterinary emergency existed effecting the life and welfare of the animal and no reasonable alternative was available. The tiger will remain in the United States for veterinary treatment and will then be re-exported.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has information collection approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) through March 31, 2004, OMB Control Number 1018-0093. On March 8, 2004, the Service published a notice in the **Federal Register** (69 FR 10738) notifying the public that it has submitted a request to OMB to renew approval of this information collection for three (3) years. 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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## 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 April 28, 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) 248-6922.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Permit No. TE-083049

*Applicant:* John R. Alexander, Fort Worth, Texas.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys and nest monitoring for interior least tern (*Sterna antillarum*) within Texas.

##### Permit No. TE-028986

*Applicant:* ASM Affiliates, Inc., Encinitas, California.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to receive and house dead specimens, which will be transferred from other institutions authorized to collect them, of the following species: bonytail chub (*Gila elegans*), Colorado pikeminnow (*Ptychocheilus lucius*), desert pupfish (*Cyprinodon macularius*), Gila topminnow (*Poeciliopsis occidentalis*), humpback chub (*Gila cypha*), razorback sucker (*Xyrauchen texanus*), and woundfin (*Plagopterus argentissimus*).

##### Permit No. TE-083342

*Applicant:* Anthony A. Echelle, Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to survey for and collect desert pupfish (*Cyprinodon macularius*) within Arizona, California, and New Mexico.

##### Permit No. TE-083036

*Applicant:* John S. Shackford, Edmond, Oklahoma.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys and nest monitoring for black-capped vireo (*Vireo atricapillus*) within Oklahoma.