

*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: Edward J. Beattie, Chappell, NE, PRT-113932*

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: Hollywood Animals, Los Angeles, CA, PRT-060470, 060471, 060472, 060473, and 060474*

The applicant requests permits to export and re-import five captive-born leopards (*Panthera pardus*) to worldwide locations for the purpose of enhancement of the species through conservation education. The permit numbers and animals are: 060470, Sheena; 060471, Flynn; 060472, Whoopi; 060473, Satchmo; and 060474, Athari. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a three-year period and the import of any potential progeny born while overseas.

#### 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.

#### PRT-112072

*Applicant: Rodney M. Brush, Byron Center, MI,*

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, noncommercial use.

#### PRT-111562

*Applicant: Marshall G. Varner, Jr., Fountain Hills, AZ,*

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, noncommercial use.

Dated: November 25, 2005.

**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

#### Notice of Availability for the Renewal of an Expired Section 10(a)(1)(B) Permit for Incidental Take of the Golden-Cheeked Warbler in Travis County, TX (Lake)

**SUMMARY:** On February 26, 1999, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) issued a section 10(a)(1)(B) permit, pursuant to Section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act (Act), for incidental take of the golden-cheeked warbler (GCW) (*Dendroica chrysoparia*) to Mark and Brenda Hogan. This permit was subsequently transferred to Ralph Lake, Jr. on January 12, 2001. The permit (TE-005497) was for a period of five years and expired on February 26, 2004. The requested permit renewal by Ralph Lake will extend the permit expiration by five years from the date the permit is reissued.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, written comments must be received on or before January 18, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Persons wishing to review the request for extension, former incidental take permit, or other related documents may obtain a copy by written or telephone request to Scott Rowin, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78758, (512/490-0057 ext. 224). Documents will be available for public inspection by written request, or by appointment only, during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) at the Fish and Wildlife Service Austin Office. Comments concerning the request for renewal should be submitted in writing to the Field Supervisor at the above address. Please refer to permit number TE-005497-1 when submitting comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Scott Rowin at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Austin Office, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78758 (512/490-0057 ext. 224).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 9 of the Act prohibits the "taking" of endangered species such as the GCW. However, the Service, under limited circumstances, may issue permits to take endangered wildlife species incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Regulations governing permits for endangered species are at 50 CFR 17.22. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Act and National Environmental Policy Act regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

*Applicant:* Ralph Lake Jr. plans to construct a single family residence (SFR) on his 10-acre lot located adjacent to City Park Road in Austin, Travis County, Texas. The construction of a SFR on approximately one acre of the 10-acre lot will eliminate less than one acre of GCW habitat and indirectly impact less than four additional acres of habitat. The original permit included, and the Applicant continues to propose to compensate for incidental take of the GCW by providing \$1,500 to the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve, and placing a perpetual conservation easement on the remaining approximately nine acres to the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve. Since this property is located within the acquisition boundaries of the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve, it will add additional acreage to the preserve. The Applicant has agreed to follow all of the existing permit terms and conditions. If renewed, all of the permit terms and conditions will remain the same, and no additional take will be authorized.

**Larry G. Bell,**

*Acting Regional Director, Region 2, Albuquerque, New Mexico.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan and Receipt of Application for Construction and Operation of a Residential and Commercial Development on the 307.85-acre Shadow Canyon Property, Williamson County, TX

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** San Gabriel Harvard Limited Partnership (Applicant) has applied to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for an incidental take permit pursuant to section 10(a) of the

Endangered Species Act (Act). The requested permit, which is for a period of 30 years, would authorize incidental take of the endangered golden-cheeked warbler (*Dendroica chrysoparia*), Bone Cave harvestman (*Texella reyesi*), and Coffin Cave mold beetle (*Batrisodes texanus*). The proposed take would occur as a result of the construction and operation of a residential development on 307.85 acres (124.6 hectares) of the Shadow Canyon property, Williamson County, Texas.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, written comments must be received on or before February 17, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Persons wishing to review the application may obtain a copy by writing to the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1306, Room 4102, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. Persons wishing to review the Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan (EA/HCP) may obtain a copy by written or telephone request to Sybil Vosler, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Office, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78758 (512/490-0057, ext. 225). Documents will be available for public inspection by written request or by appointment only during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Office, Austin, Texas. Data or comments concerning the application and EA/HCP should be submitted in writing to the Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Office, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78758. Please refer to permit number TE-116313-0 when submitting comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sybil Vosler, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Office, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78758 (512/490-0057, ext. 225).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 9 of the Act prohibits the "taking" of endangered species such as the golden-cheeked warbler. However, the Service, under limited circumstances, may issue permits to take endangered wildlife species incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Regulations governing permits for endangered species are at 50 CFR 17.22. The Service has prepared an EA/HCP for the incidental take application. A determination of jeopardy or non-jeopardy to the species and a decision pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) will not be made until at least 60 days from the date of publication of this notice. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of

the Act and NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

**Applicant:** San Gabriel Harvard Limited Partnership plans to construct a residential and commercial development on 307.85 acres of the Shadow Canyon property, Williamson County, Texas. This action would adversely affect 43.35 acres (17.5 hectares) of oak-juniper woodland resulting in take of one to two pairs of golden-cheeked warblers. The Applicant proposes to compensate for this incidental take of the golden-cheeked warbler by purchasing 86 credits from a conservation bank approved by the Service to preserve 86 acres (35 hectares) of golden-cheeked warbler habitat in perpetuity within the acquisition area of the Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge. The development also has the potential to take the Bone Cave harvestman and/or the Coffin Cave mold beetle should previously unknown but occupied voids be discovered during construction. To compensate for this event, the Applicant proposes to establish a 43.84-acre (17.7-hectare) preserve on-site to be managed in perpetuity for the benefit of the endangered karst invertebrates.

**Geoffrey L. Haskett,**

*Acting Regional Director, Region 2,  
Albuquerque, New Mexico.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### **Draft Environmental Assessment/ Habitat Conservation Plan and Receipt of Applications for Incidental Take Permits for the Douglas County Board of Commissioners, the Town of Castle Rock and the Town of Parker for the Douglas County Habitat Conservation Plan, in Douglas County, CO**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and receipt of applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Board of Commissioners of the County of Douglas, the Town of Castle Rock and the Town of Parker (Applicants) have each separately applied for an incidental take permit pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973, as amended. The requested permits would authorize the incidental take of the federally threatened Preble's meadow jumping mouse, (*Zapus hudsonius preblei*) (Prebles), through the potential loss and modification of its

habitat associated with the otherwise legal construction, use, maintenance, and repair of new and existing public facilities and with habitat improvements, along the mainstem and tributaries to the South Platte River, Plum Creek, and Cherry Creek, in Douglas County, Colorado. The duration of the permit would be 10 years from the date of issuance.

We also announce the availability of a document combining the Service's Environmental Assessment (EA) and the Douglas County Habitat Conservation Plan (DCHCP) for public review and comment. The Service requests comments from the public on the permit applications and the EA. The permit applications include the proposed DCHCP and associated draft Implementing Agreement. The DCHCP describes the proposed action and the measures that the Applicants will undertake to minimize and mitigate to the maximum extent practicable the take of Prebles. All comments on the EA and permit applications will become part of the administrative record and will be available to the public. We provide this notice pursuant to section 10(a) of the ESA and National Environmental Policy Act regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

**DATES:** Written comments on the permit application and EA/DCHCP should be received on or before February 17, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments regarding the permit applications and EA/DCHCP should be addressed to Susan Linner, Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Colorado Field Office, 755 Parfet Street, Suite 361, Lakewood, Colorado 80215. Comments also may be submitted by facsimile to (303) 275-2371. Individuals wishing copies of the EA/DCHCP and associated documents for review or public inspection should immediately contact the above office during normal business hours. Documents also may be accessed through the following Web site <http://www.douglas.co.us>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Adam Misztal, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, Colorado Field Office (see **ADDRESSES**), telephone (303) 275-2370.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Background**

Section 9 of the ESA and Federal regulations prohibit the "take" of a species listed as endangered or threatened. Take is defined under the ESA, in part, as to kill, harm, or harass a federally listed species. However, the Service may issue permits to authorize "incidental take" of listed species under limited circumstances. Incidental take is