

(NEPA) [40 CFR 1506.6(b)] requirements. We completed a thorough analysis of impacts on the human environment, which we included in the draft comprehensive conservation plan and environmental assessment (Draft CCP/EA). The CCP will guide us in managing and administering Mandalay NWR for the next 15 years.

The compatibility determinations for boating, recreational fishing, recreational hunting, wildlife observation/photography, control of mammals (nutria) and alligators, and environmental education/interpretation are available in the CCP.

Background

The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd–668ee) (Administration Act), as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, requires us to develop a CCP for each national wildlife refuge. The purpose for developing a CCP is to provide refuge managers with a 15-year plan for achieving refuge purposes and contributing toward the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System, consistent with sound principles of fish and wildlife management, conservation, legal mandates, and our policies. In addition to outlining broad management direction on conserving wildlife and their habitats, CCPs identify wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities available to the public, including opportunities for hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, wildlife photography, and environmental education and interpretation. We will review and update the CCP at least every 15 years in accordance with the Administration Act.

Comments

Approximately 100 copies of the Draft CCP/EA were made available for a 30-day public review period as announced

in the **Federal Register** on May 28, 2009 (74 FR 25577). We received 11 comments from local citizens, the Safari Club, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, and the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources.

Selected Alternative

After considering the comments we received, and based on the professional judgment of the planning team, we selected Alternative B to implement the CCP. The primary focus of the CCP is to optimize migratory bird and resident wildlife habitats. We consider Alternative B to be the most effective for meeting the purposes of the refuge by maintaining and enhancing a diversity of habitats for a variety of fish and wildlife species, enhancing resident wildlife populations, restoring wetlands, and providing opportunities for a variety of compatible wildlife-dependent recreation, education, and interpretive activities.

Authority

This notice is published under the authority of the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, Public Law 105–57.

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Patrick Leonard,

Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R9-IA-2009-N258]

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Issuance of Permits

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of permits.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), have issued the following permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species and/or marine mammals.

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 212, 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

ENDANGERED SPECIES

| Permit number | Applicant | Receipt of application Federal Register notice | Permit issuance date |
|---------------|---|---|----------------------|
| 179638 | Samuel K. Wasser/University of Washington | 74 FR 41454; August 17, 2009 | October 9, 2009 |
| 206026 | Earl E. Wismer | 74 FR 37241; July 28, 2009 | November 5, 2009 |
| 207047 | Hidden Harbor Marine Environmental Project | 74 FR 28523; June 16, 2009 | November 6, 2009 |
| 213672 | James L. Scull, Jr. | 74 FR 32192; July 7, 2009 | August 28, 2009 |
| 216076 | William R. Morgan, III | 74 FR 32192; July 7, 2009 | August 28, 2009 |
| 216464 | Hidden Harbor Marine Environmental Project | 74 FR 37240; July 28, 2009 | November 6, 2009 |
| 216468 | Donald E. Coon | 74 FR 32192; July 7, 2009 | August 28, 2009 |
| 218607 | Philadelphia Zoo | 74 FR 37240; July 28, 2009 | November 4, 2009 |
| 219116 | Jon L. Blocker | 74 FR 37240; July 28, 2009 | August 28, 2009 |
| 220562 | Richard R. Arend | 74 FR 49017; September 25, 2009 | October 26, 2009 |
| 220718 | James R. Boyd | 74 FR 40230; August 11, 2009 | October 16, 2009 |
| 221391 | Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission | 74 FR 46222; September 8, 2009 | November 5, 2009 |
| 221404 | Ralph D. Miller | 74 FR 221404; September 8, 2009 | October 15, 2009 |
| 222050 | Mark Peterson | 74 FR 46222; September 8, 2009 | October 15, 2009 |
| 222864 | Joe B. Tinney | 74 FR 49017; September 25, 2009 | November 2, 2009 |

ENDANGERED SPECIES—Continued

| Permit number | Applicant | Receipt of application Federal Register notice | Permit issuance date |
|---------------|---|---|----------------------|
| 222865 | Leigh M. Barry | 74 FR 46222; September 8, 2009 | October 15, 2009 |
| 223348 | Wilson Walter Crook | 74 FR 55062; October 26, 2009 | November 27, 2009 |
| 223386 | Frank M. Cole | 74 FR 53297; October 16, 2009 | November 20, 2009 |
| 225797 | New York University, College of Dentistry | 74 FR 46222; September 8, 2009 | October 14, 2009 |
| 226642 | Vance S. Johnson | 74 FR 47821; September 17, 2009 | October 27, 2009 |
| 227930 | Sandra A. Summers | 74 FR 55062; October 26, 2009 | November 27, 2009 |
| 228076 | Bradford T. Black | 74 FR 55062; October 26, 2009 | November 25, 2009 |
| 215979 | Patrick D. McCown | 74 FR 37240; July 28, 2009 | November 25, 2009 |
| 227937 | Dennis F. Gaines | 74 FR 53297; October 16, 2009 | December 3, 2009 |

MARINE MAMMALS

| Permit number | Applicant | Receipt of application Federal Register notice | Permit issuance date |
|---------------|---|---|----------------------|
| 049136 | Charles Grossman, Xavier University | 74 FR 46222; September 8, 2009 | November 6, 2009 |
| 192878 | University of Illinois Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory | 74 FR 25767; May 29, 2009 | November 12, 2009 |
| 221257 | Emma K. Napper, The Natural World, BBC Natural History Unit. | 74 FR 46222; September 8, 2009 | November 6, 2009 |

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service**

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Receipt of Applications for Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following applications for permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species. The Endangered Species Act requires that we invite public comment on these permit applications.

DATES: Written data, comments or requests must be received by January 15, 2010.

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 212, 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.*). Submit your written data, comments, or requests for copies of the complete applications to the address shown in **ADDRESSES**.

Applicant: The Phoenix Zoo, Phoenix, AZ, PRT-230742

The applicant requests a permit to re-export one captive-born male jaguar (*Panthera onca*) to Centro Ecologico de Sonora, Mexico, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Virginia Safari Park and Preservation Center, Inc., Natural Bridge, VA, PRT-228648

The applicant requests a permit to import two female cheetahs (*Acinonyx jubatus*) captive-born at De Wildt Cheetah Breeding Centre, De Wildt, South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: National Zoological Park, Washington, DC, PRT-233622

The application requests a permit to export one male captive-bred giant

panda (*Ailuropoda melanoleuca*) born at the zoo in 2005 and owned by the Government of China, to the China Wildlife Conservation Association under the terms of their loan agreement with China. This export is part of the approved loan program for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through scientific research as outlined in National Zoo's original permit (MA 007870).

The following applicants each request 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: John Meldrum, Metamora, MI, PRT-233599

Applicant: Carl Wagner, Harwood, MD, PRT-234069

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