

recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys of loach minnow (*Tiaroga cobitis*) and spikedace (*Mega fulgida*) within Arizona.

Permit TE-054791

Applicant: Bryce Marshall, Flagstaff, Arizona.

Applicant requests an amendment to a current permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys of loach minnow (*Tiaroga cobitis*) and spikedace (*Mega fulgida*) within Arizona.

Permit TE-045236

Applicant: SWCA, Inc., Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Applicant requests an amendment to a current permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys of loach minnow (*Tiaroga cobitis*) and spikedace (*Mega fulgida*) within Arizona.

Permit TE-814829

Applicant: Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Applicant requests a renewal to a current permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys of the following species within Oklahoma:

- American burying beetle (*Nicrophorus americanus*)
- Interior least tern (*Sternula antillarum*)
- Red-cockaded woodpecker (*Picoides borealis*)
- Whooping crane (*Grus americana*)

Permit TE-094375

Applicant: Azimuth Forestry Services, Shelbyville, Texas.

Applicant requests an amendment to a current permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys and collect plant material (*leaves, flowers*) of white bladderpod (*Physaria pallida*) within Texas.

Permit TE-75972A

Applicant: Western New Mexico University, Silver City, New Mexico.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys and monitoring for repatriation of loach minnow (*Tiaroga cobitis*) and spikedace (*Mega fulgida*) within New Mexico.

Permit TE-012642

Applicant: Blue Earth Ecological Consultants, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Applicant requests an amendment to a current permit for research and

recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys of southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax trailii extimus*) in Arizona and spikedace (*Mega fulgida*) within New Mexico and Arizona.

Permit TE-77222A

Applicant: Clinton Moran, Flagstaff, Arizona.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to acquire 500 fertilized eggs from the Bubbling Ponds Native Fish Hatchery in Arizona, which will be reared to conduct feeding and swimming trials at Northern Arizona University, Arizona.

Permit TE-58781A

Applicant: University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.

Applicant requests an amendment to a current permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys using camera surveys, scat collection, possession of samples for DNA analysis, and genetic analysis for ocelot (*Leopardus pardalis*), jaguarundi (*Herpailurus yagouaroundi*), and jaguar (*Panthera onca*) within New Mexico.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

In compliance with NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), we have made an initial determination that the proposed activities in these permits are categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement (516 DM 6 Appendix 1, 1.4C(1)).

Public Availability of Comments

All comments and materials we receive in response to this request will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Authority

We provide this notice under section 10 of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*)

Dated: July 11, 2012.

Benjamin N. Tuggle,

Regional Director, Southwest Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered Species; Marine Mammals; 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 to conduct certain activities with endangered species, marine mammals, or both. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) prohibit activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is acquired that allows such activities.

DATES: We must receive comments or requests for documents on or before August 22, 2012. We must receive requests for marine mammal permit public hearings, in writing, at the address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section by August 22, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Brenda Tapia, Division of Management Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 212, Arlington, VA 22203; fax (703) 358-2280; or email DMAFR@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Brenda Tapia, (703) 358-2104 (telephone); (703) 358-2280 (fax); DMAFR@fws.gov (email).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Comment Procedures

A. How do I request copies of applications or comment on submitted applications?

Send your request for copies of applications or comments and materials concerning any of the applications to the contact listed under **ADDRESSES**. Please include the **Federal Register** notice publication date, the PRT-number, and the name of the applicant in your request or submission. We will not consider requests or comments sent to an email or address not listed under **ADDRESSES**. If you provide an email address in your request for copies of

applications, we will attempt to respond to your request electronically.

Please make your requests or comments as specific as possible. Please confine your comments to issues for which we seek comments in this notice, and explain the basis for your comments. Include sufficient information with your comments to allow us to authenticate any scientific or commercial data you include.

The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are: (1) Those supported by quantitative information or studies; and (2) Those that include citations to, and analyses of, the applicable laws and regulations. We will not consider or include in our administrative record comments we receive after the close of the comment period (see **DATES**) or comments delivered to an address other than those listed above (see **ADDRESSES**).

B. May I review comments submitted by others?

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the street address listed under **ADDRESSES**. The public may review documents and other information applicants have sent in support of the application unless our allowing viewing would violate the Privacy Act or Freedom of Information Act. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

II. Background

To help us carry out our conservation responsibilities for affected species, and in consideration of section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), along with Executive Order 13576, “Delivering an Efficient, Effective, and Accountable Government,” and the President’s Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies of January 21, 2009—Transparency and Open Government (74 FR 4685; January 26, 2009), which call on all Federal agencies to promote openness and transparency in Government by disclosing information to the public, we invite public comment on these permit

applications before final action is taken. Under the MMPA, you may request a hearing on any MMPA application received. If you request a hearing, give specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate. The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Service Director.

III. Permit Applications

A. Endangered Species

Applicant: Damuth Taxidermy, Brady, TX; PRT-75675A

The applicant requests a permit to export the sport-hunted trophy/trophies of one scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*) and one addax (*Addax nasomaculatus*) culled from a captive herd maintained in the state of Sonora, TX, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: University of Florida, Davie, FL; PRT-71355A

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples of American crocodile (*Crocodylus acutus*) from Belize for the purpose of enhancement of the species through scientific research. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Rosamond Gifford Zoo at Burnet Park, Syracuse, NY; PRT-79875A

The applicant requests a permit to export one male captive-born golden lion tamarin (*Leontopithecus rosalia*) to the Melbourne Zoo, Australia, for the purpose of enhancement of the species through captive breeding.

Applicant: Utah’s Hogle Zoo, Salt Lake City, UT; PRT-79305A

The applicant requests a permit to export one female captive-born golden lion tamarin (*Leontopithecus rosalia*) to the Melbourne Zoo, Australia, for the purpose of enhancement of the species through captive breeding.

Applicant: Dr. Muehlenbein, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN; PRT-77006A

The applicant requests a permit to import orangutan (*Pongo pygmaeus*) and proboscis monkey (*Nasalis larvatus*) biological samples from Malaysia for the purpose of enhancement to the survival of the species through scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 1-year period.

Multiple Applicants

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: Bruce Soik, Stevens Point, WI; PRT-73636A

Applicant: Carey Adams, Greenville, SC; PRT-72621A

B. Endangered Marine Mammals and Marine Mammals

Applicant: John Wise, Ph.D., University of Southern Maine, Portland, ME; PRT-100875

The applicant requests renewal of the permit to authorize import, export, and acquisition of biological samples from marine otter (*Lontra felina*), all sea otters (*Enhydra lutris*), walrus (*Odobenus rosmarus*), polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*), all manatee species (*Trichechus* spp.), and dugongs (*Dugong dugon*) to create cell lines for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Concurrent with publishing this notice in the **Federal Register**, we are forwarding copies of the above applications to the Marine Mammal Commission and the Committee of Scientific Advisors for their review.

Brenda Tapia,

Program Analyst/Data Administrator, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered Species; Marine Mammals; 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, marine mammals, or both. We issue these permits under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA).

ADDRESSES: Brenda Tapia, Division of Management Authority, U.S. Fish and