

migrate back to their natal area at sea to spawn. Diadromous fish are one of the Service's trust resources for which the Service has been given specific responsibilities under Federal law. The Service's trust resources include migratory birds, interjurisdictional fishes (fish species that may cross State lines and include diadromous fish), federally listed threatened or endangered species, some marine mammals, and lands owned by the Service such as National Wildlife Refuges. The PRRP is consistent with the Service's mission to conserve trust resources. Therefore, the Service intends to assist in funding the PRRP through a variety of administrative mechanisms.

The FEA evaluates five alternatives, including the no action alternative. Details of these alternatives and their environmental effects are described in the FEA. The Service intends to approve grants, cooperative agreements, memoranda of agreement or understanding, or other administrative mechanisms to assist with funding the PRRP. Those future Federal actions trigger the need for compliance with NEPA. Based on its review, the Service finds that the FEA adequately addresses appropriate alternatives and their environmental effects and accurately describes the future actions that the Service may fund. The Service finds, therefore, that the FEA meets the Department's and the Service's NEPA procedures and guidelines and is appropriate for adoption.

#### Public Comments

The Service invites the public to comment on the Service adopting the FEA in order to comply with NEPA in association with future decisions to fund the PRRP (see **DATES**). You may submit your comments and materials concerning the notice by one of the methods listed in **ADDRESSES**. We request that you send comments only by the methods described in **ADDRESSES**.

If you submit a comment via <http://www.regulations.gov>, your entire comment—including any personal identifying information—will be posted on the Web site. We will post all hardcopy comments on <http://www.regulations.gov> as well. If you submit a hardcopy comment that includes personal identifying information, you may request at the top of your document that we withhold this information from public review. However, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Comments and materials we receive, as well as documents associated with the notice, will be available for public inspection on <http://www.regulations.gov>

at Docket No. FWS-R5-ES-2012-0046, or by appointment, during normal business hours, at the Service's Maine Field Office (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). You may obtain copies of the notice on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> at Docket No. FWS-R5-ES-2012-0046, or by mail from the Service's Maine Field Office (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

#### Conclusion

Based on the information summarized above, the Service intends to adopt the Commission's FEA to fully comply with the regulations for implementing NEPA for Federal funding decisions the Service may make in the future. After the close of the comment period, the Service anticipates issuing a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) in conjunction with adopting the FEA. The FONSI will be available on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> at Docket Number FWS-R5-ES-2012-0046, and at <http://www.fws.gov/maineoffice/index.html> (Service's Maine Field Office Web site), or may be obtained by mail from the Service's Maine Field Office (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

#### Authority

This notice is provided pursuant to NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1506.3 and 1506.6).

Dated: July 17, 2012.

**Henry Chang,**

*Acting Regional Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-HQ-IA-2012-N189;  
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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 September 4, 2012. We must receive requests for marine mammal permit public hearings, in writing, at the address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section by September 4, 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](mailto:DMAFR@fws.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brenda Tapia, (703) 358-2104 (telephone); (703) 358-2280 (fax); [DMAFR@fws.gov](mailto: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: Miami-Dade Zoological Parks and Gardens (Zoo Miami), Miami, FL; PRT-75942A

The applicant requests a permit to import two male cheetahs (*Acinonyx jubatus*) that were bred in captivity in South Africa at the Ann van Dyk Cheetah Centre for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Riverbanks Zoo and Garden, Columbia, SC; PRT-74896A

The applicant requests a permit to import one male captive-born Amur tiger (*Panthera tigris altaica*) from Toronto Zoo, Ontario, CA, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Indianhead Ranch, Inc., Del Rio, TX; PRT-67596A

The applicant requests a permit to export the sport-hunted trophy of one male Addax (*Addax nasomaculatus*) culled from a captive herd maintained in the state of Texas, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Wildlife Artistry Taxidermy, Centreville, MD; PRT-77276A

The applicant requests a permit to export the sport-hunted trophy of one male Addax (*Addax nasomaculatus*) culled from a captive herd maintained in the state of Texas, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Monterey Bay Aquarium, Monterey, CA; PRT-186914

The applicant requests a permit to take up to 10 southern sea otters (*Enhydra lutris nereis*) annually from the wild (animals that are rescued for rehabilitation and release) for the purpose of scientific research on the pharmacokinetics of the antibiotic cefovecin. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over the remainder of the 5-year period for which the permit would be valid.

Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Society, Bronx, NY; PRT-033594

The applicant requests renewal of their permit to import biological samples collected from wild, captive-held, and/or captive-born specimens of endangered animal species from worldwide locations, for the purpose of scientific research. No animals may be intentionally killed for the purpose of collecting such samples. Any invasively collected samples can only be collected by trained personnel. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: A.C. Ranch, Sonora, TX; PRT-73894A

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the addax (*Addax nasomaculatus*), to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: A.C. Ranch, Sonora, TX; PRT-73893A

The applicant requests a permit authorizing interstate and foreign commerce, export, and cull of excess addax (*Addax nasomaculatus*) from the captive herd maintained at their facility,

for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Dub Wallace Ranch LLC, Sonora, TX; PRT-75592A

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*), to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Dub Wallace Ranch LLC, Sonora, TX; PRT-75535A

The applicant requests a permit authorizing interstate and foreign commerce, export, and cull of excess scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*), from the captive herd maintained at their facility, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

### B. Endangered Marine Mammals and Marine Mammals

Applicant: U.S. Geological Service, Alaska Science Center, Anchorage, AK; PRT-690038

The applicant requests to renew the permit for to take polar bears (*Ursus maritimus*) in Alaska and to import and export biological samples for the purpose of scientific research. The take activities include capture, recapture, and release; tag, mark, and radio collar; administer oxytocin to females, biopsy dart, conduct bio-electrical impedance analysis, administer doubly-labeled water; survey maternal dens; aerial survey; and collection of biometrics and biological samples from both live and dead animals. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Darlene Ketten, Ph.D., Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, Woods Hole, MA; PRT-130062

On July 27, 2012, (77 FR 44264), we published a notice receipt of permit applications for that contained incorrect information for the applicant. The correct information should read as follows:

The applicant requests renewal of the permit to authorize import, export, and acquisition of dead specimens, including whole carcasses, heads, and temporal bones 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*) for the purpose of scientific research on the hearing physiology of marine mammals. 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**

**Bureau of Land Management**

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**Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement, Including a Programmatic Agreement, for the Clark, Lincoln, and White Pine Counties Groundwater Development Project, Nevada**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, and the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA), as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and a Programmatic Agreement (PA), which is included as an Appendix to the EIS, for the Southern Nevada Water Authority's (SNWA) Clark, Lincoln, and White Pine Counties Groundwater Development Project (SNWA Project), and by this notice is announcing the availability of the Final EIS.

**DATES:** The Department of the Interior will not issue a final decision on the proposal for a minimum of 60 days after the date that the Environmental Protection Agency publishes its Notice of Availability of the Final EIS in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** The Final EIS will be mailed to those parties who participated in the process. Written requests for a copy of the Final EIS or the PA for the SNWA Project may be submitted to the BLM at the address below or by any of the following methods:

- *Email:* [nvgwprojects@blm.gov](mailto:nvgwprojects@blm.gov).
- Download the document from the BLM's Web site at [www.blm.gov/5w5c](http://www.blm.gov/5w5c).
- *Fax:* 775-861-6689.
- *Mail:* SNWA Project, Bureau of Land Management, Attn: Penny Woods, 1340 Financial Blvd., Reno NV 89502.

Review copies are available in the following locations:

*BLM Offices in Nevada:*

Nevada State Office, 1340 Financial Blvd., Reno  
Ely District Office, 702 N. Industrial Way, Ely  
Caliente Field Office, U.S. Hwy. 93, Building #1, Caliente  
Southern Nevada District Office, 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas

*Libraries in Nevada:*

Nevada State Library, 100 N. Stewart St., Carson City  
White Pine County Library, 950 Campton St., Ely  
Lincoln County Library, 100 Depot Ave., Caliente  
Lincoln County Library, 100 N. First St. E., Alamo  
Mesquite Library, 121 W. First N. St., Mesquite  
Clark County Library, 1401 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas

*BLM Offices in Utah:*

Utah State Office, 440 W. 200 S., Salt Lake City  
West Desert District Office, 2370 S. 2300 W., Salt Lake City  
Color Country District Office, 1760 East DL Sargent Drive, Cedar City  
Fillmore Field Office, 35 E. 500 N., Fillmore  
St George Field Office, 345 E. Riverside Drive, St. George

*Libraries in Utah:*

Utah State Library, 250 N. 1950 W., Salt Lake City  
Delta City Library, 76 N. 200 W., Delta  
Cedar City Library, 303 N. 100 E., Cedar City  
Washington County Library, 88 W. 100 S., St. George  
Tooele City Library, 128 W. Vine St., Tooele  
Nephi Library, 21 E. 100 N., Nephi  
Beaver Library, 55 W. Center St., Beaver

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Penny Woods, Project Manager, telephone: 775-861-6466; address: 1340 Financial Blvd., Reno, NV 89502; email: [pwoods@blm.gov](mailto:pwoods@blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The BLM served as the lead agency for the preparation of this EIS. The BLM worked with 16 cooperating agencies including: Federal—Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Reclamation, Bureau of Indian Affairs, National Park Service, Forest Service, Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Air Force-Nellis Air Force Base; State—Nevada Department of Wildlife, State of Utah; Counties and County Organizations—Central Nevada Regional Water Authority, White Pine, Lincoln, and Clark counties (NV); and Juab, Millard, and Tooele counties (UT).

The Final EIS describes and analyzes the SNWA's rights-of-way (ROWs) on public land for the SNWA Project. Project components include a system of groundwater conveyance and treatment facilities in southeastern Nevada which would transport groundwater from Spring, Delamar, Dry Lake, and Cave valleys pursuant to water rights permits issued by the Nevada State Engineer (NSE) and from Snake Valley pursuant to water right applications that are currently pending before the NSE. The Final EIS addresses the ROW request as submitted by the SNWA; alternative alignments of pipelines, power lines, and other ancillary facilities; alternative pumping locations/scenarios; and a no action alternative. The Final EIS also analyzes, conceptually, future facilities such as placement of water wells, collector pipelines and groundwater pumping.

A PA has been prepared pursuant to the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) to comply with section 106 of the NHPA and the implementing regulations at 36 CFR part 800. The executed PA was signed by the BLM, the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), the ACHP and the SNWA, and negotiated with other consulting parties through consultation. The terms of the executed PA set forth the conditions for satisfying the SNWA's obligations for the proposed project under section 106 of the NHPA.

The exact amount of groundwater available to the proposed project is dependent upon future action by the NSE. The EIS and ROW application are not for the purpose of supporting the permitting of water rights or authorizing of such rights. The NSE is solely responsible for granting water rights.

Between the Draft EIS and the Final EIS one alternative—Alternative F—was developed in response to public comments, input from the applicant, and the agency's need to analyze a broader range of alternatives. Alternatives considered in the Final EIS include: