

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) prohibits 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 January 8, 2014. We must receive requests for marine mammal permit public hearings, in writing, at the address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section by January 8, 2014.

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: Pamela Tupdale, Winder, GA; PRT-19139B

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for golden parakeet (*Guarouba guarouba*) to enhance the species’ propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Aysel Akturk, Wayne, NJ; PRT-19014B

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for golden parakeet (*Guarouba guarouba*) to enhance the species’ propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Larry Gaugler, Elmhurst, NY; PRT-168307

The applicant requests renewal of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for radiated tortoise (*Astrochelys radiata*) to enhance the species’ propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Jacksonville Zoological Society, Jacksonville, FL; PRT-676034

The applicant requests renewal and amendment of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the following families and species, to enhance the species’ propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Family:

Cercopithecidae

Hylobatidae

Lemuridae

Macropodidae

Sturnidae (*does not include Aplonis pelzelni*)

Boidae (*does not include Mona or Puerto Rico boas*)

Species:

Koala (*Phascolarctos cinereus*)

Applicant: Florida Tortoise and Iguana Breeders, S.W. Ranches, FL; PRT-19831B

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the Galapagos tortoise (*Chelonoidis nigra*), radiated tortoise

(*Astrochelys radiata*), Cuban ground iguana (*Cyclura nubila nubila*), Grand Cayman blue iguana (*Cyclura lewisi*), and Cayman Brac ground iguana (*Cyclura nubila caymanensis*) to enhance the species' propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: William Zovickian, Dacula, GA; PRT-721023

The applicant requests renewal of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the family Testudinidae, to enhance the species' propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Charles Franz, Copperas Cove, TX; PRT-20028B

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for barasingha (*Rucervus duvaucelii*), Eld's deer (*Rucervus eldii*), scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*), Arabian oryx (*Oryx leucoryx*), addax (*Addax nasomaculatus*), dama gazelle (*Nanger dama*), and red lechwe (*Kobus leche*) to enhance the species' propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Charles Franz, Copperas Cove, TX; PRT-20032B

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 over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Heaven on Earth Avian Acre, Loxahatchee Groves, FL; PRT-94164A

The applicant requests amendment of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) to include blue-throated macaw (*Ara glaucogularis*) to enhance the species' propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Detroit Zoological Society, Royal Oak, MI; PRT-672017

The applicant requests renewal and amendment of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the following families, to enhance the species' propagation or survival. This notification covers

activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Family:

Bovidae
Canidae
Cercopithecidae
Cervidae
Equidae
Felidae (does not include jaguar, margay or ocelot)
Hominidae
Hylobatidae
Lemuridae
Macropodidae
Rhinocerotidae
Tapiridae
Ursidae
Anatidae (does not include Hawaiian goose or Hawaiian duck)
Cathartidae
Gruidae
Sturnidae (does not include *Aplonis pelzelni*)
Boidae (does not include Mona boa or Puerto Rico boa)
Crocodylidae (does not include American crocodile)
Pelomedusidae
Testudinidae

Applicant: Milwaukee County Zoo, Milwaukee, WI; PRT-683685

The applicant requests renewal of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the following families and species, to enhance the species' propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Family:

Cebidae
Cercopithecidae
Felidae (does not include jaguar, margay or ocelot)
Hominidae
Hylobatidae
Lemuridae
Macropodidae
Rhinocerotidae
Tapiridae
Fringillidae
Sturnidae (does not include *Aplonis pelzelni*, *Threskiornithidae*, *Iguanidae*, and *Pelomedusidae*)

Species:

Koala (*Phascolarctos cinereus*)

Applicant: Chris Hedrick, Houston, TX; PRT-809377

The applicant requests renewal of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for radiated tortoise (*Astrochelys radiata*) to enhance the species' propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Tuan Pham, Hicksville, NY; PRT-20213B

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for radiated tortoise (*Astrochelys radiata*) and spotted pond turtle (*Geoclemys hamiltonii*) to enhance the species' propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Steven Cheng, San Jose, CA; PRT-20549B

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for radiated tortoise (*Astrochelys radiata*) to enhance the species' propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Jonathan Rosenstrach, White Plains, NY; PRT-20889B

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for radiated tortoise (*Astrochelys radiata*) to enhance the species' propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Wildwood Wildlife Park, Minocqua, WI; PRT-66306A

The applicant requests amendment of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) to include the following species, to enhance the species' propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Species:

Black and white ruffed lemur (*Varecia variegata*)
Red ruffed lemur (*Varecia rubra*)
Mandrill (*Mandrillus sphinx*)
Japanese macaque (*Macaca fuscata*)
Lar gibbon (*Hylobates lar*)
Snow leopard (*Uncia uncia*)
Bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*)
Addax (*Addax nasomaculatus*)
Red lechwe (*Kobus leche*)
Scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*)
Dama gazelle (*Nanger dama*)
Blyth's tragopan (*Tragopan blythii*)
Cabot's tragopan (*Tragopan caboti*)
Spotted pond turtle (*Geoclemys hamiltonii*)

Applicant: Sean Meyer, Palm Coast, FL; PRT-20053B

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for radiated tortoise

(*Astrochelys radiata*) to enhance the species' propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Gulf Breeze Zoo, Gulf Breeze, FL; PRT-690136

The applicant requests renewal and amendment of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the following families and species, to enhance the species' propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Family:

Bovidae
Cebidae
Canidae
Cercopithecidae
Equidae
Felidae (does not include jaguar, margay or ocelot)
Hominidae
Hylobatidae
Lemuridae
Columbidae
Gruidae
Psittacidae (does not include thick-billed parrot).

Species:

Barasingha (*Rucervus duvaucelii*)
Galapagos tortoise (*Chelonoidis nigra*)
Radiated tortoise (*Astrochelys radiata*)

Applicant: Craig Stanford, South Pasadena, CA; PRT-170346

The applicant requests renewal of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the radiated tortoise (*Astrochelys radiata*), to enhance the species' propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Allen Rogers, Sargent, TX; PRT-21564B

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

Applicant: Allen Rogers, Sargent, TX; PRT-21559B

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 over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Los Angeles Zoo, Los Angeles, CA; PRT-687498

The applicant requests renewal of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the following families and species, to enhance the species' propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Family:

Bovidae
Camelidae
Canidae
Cebidae
Cercopithecidae
Cervidae
Equidae
Felidae
Hominidae
Hylobatidae
Lemuridae
Macropodidae
Mustelidae
Rhinocerotidae
Tapiridae
Viverridae
Cathartidae
Boidae
Viperidae
Varanidae
Testudinidae
Crocodylidae

Species:

Koala (*Phascolarctos cinereus*)
Babirusa (*Babirusa babirusa*)
Brush-tailed bettong (*Bettongia penicillata*)
Cabot's tragopan (*Tragopan caboti*)
Blyth's tragopan (*Tragopan blythii*)
Harpy eagle (*Harpia harpyja*)
Bali mynah (*Leucopsar rothschildi*)

Applicant: The Living Desert, Palm Desert, CA; PRT-738164

The applicant requests renewal of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the following families and species, to enhance the species' propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Family:

Canidae
Equidae
Felidae [includes cheetah (*Acinonyx jubatus*); but does not include the genus *Panthera* or margay (*Leopardus wiedii*), ocelot (*L. pardalis*) or the following subspecies of jaguarundi: *Herpailurus yaguarondi cacomitli* or *H. y. tolteca*]
Iguanidae
Testudinidae
Viperidae (including *Crotalus unicolor* but does not include *Crotalus willardi*)

Species:

Bactrian wapiti (*Cervus elaphus bactrianus*)
Amur leopard (*Panthera pardus orientalis*)

Applicant: Fort Wayne Zoological Society, Fort Wayne, IN; PRT-671564

The applicant requests renewal and amendment of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the following families and species, to enhance the species' propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Family:

Cebidae
Cercopithecidae
Felidae (does not include jaguar, margay or ocelot)
Hominidae
Lemuridae
Macropodidae
Ciconiidae (does not include wood stork)
Psittacidae (does not include thick-billed parrot)
Spheniscidae
Sturnidae (does not include *Aplonis pelzelni*)
Testudinidae
Varanidae

Species:

African Wild Dog (*Lycaon pictus*)
Cabot's tragopan (*Tragopan caboti*)

Applicant: Atlanta Fulton County Zoo, Atlanta, GA; PRT-740398

The applicant requests amendment of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) to include the following species, to enhance the species' propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Species:

Bali starling (*Leucopsar rothschildi*)
Aruba Island rattlesnake (*Crotalus durissus unicolor*)

Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Society, Bronx, NY; PRT-18975B

The applicant requests a permit to re-export biological samples from previously imported samples of five post mortem wild Amur tigers (*Panthera tigris altaica*) to the United Kingdom for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Geoffrey Ridder, Utopia, TX; PRT-00030B

The applicant requests a permit to export the sport-hunted trophy/trophies of scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*)

culled from a captive herd maintained in the state of Texas, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

B. Endangered Marine Mammals and Marine Mammals

Applicant: BBC Television, Bristol, England; PRT-14359B

On November 22, 2013, we published a **Federal Register** notice inviting the public to comment on an application for a permit to photograph polar bears (*Ursus maritimus*) (78 FR 70067). We cited the incorrect PRT number (PRT-05202B); the correct PRT number is above.

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

Geological Survey

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Proposal To Withdraw Spatial Data Transfer Standard, Parts 1-7

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of request for comments on proposal to withdraw Spatial Data Transfer Standard, Parts 1-7.

SUMMARY: The Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) proposes to withdraw the Spatial Data Transfer Standard (SDTS), Parts 1-7, <http://www.fgdc.gov/standards/projects/FGDC-standards-projects/SDTS/index.html>, as an FGDC-endorsed standard. FGDC maintenance authority agencies were asked to review the relevance of the SDTS, and they responded that the SDTS is no longer used by their agencies.

The SDTS had provided a common mechanism for transferring digital geospatial data among different systems and for sharing and integrating data from many diverse sources. For more information about the SDTS, refer to the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

The FGDC seeks comment from any organization that continues to provide data in the SDTS format and would prefer to retain the SDTS as an FGDC-

endorsed standard. Alternatively, it seeks comment from any organization that supports withdrawal of the SDTS Parts 1-7 as an FGDC-endorsed standard. FGDC Standards Directive #9, Maintenance, <http://www.fgdc.gov/standards/process/standards-directives/directive-09>, requires a 90-day public comment period for proposals to withdraw FGDC-endorsed standards.

DATES: Comments on the FGDC proposal to withdraw the Spatial Data Transfer Standard, Parts 1-7, shall be submitted to Ms. Julie Binder Maitra, FGDC Standards Coordinator, jmaitra@fgdc.gov, by Friday, February 21, 2014.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Julie Binder Maitra, U.S. Geological Survey, Federal Geographic Data Committee, jmaitra@fgdc.gov, 703-648-4627.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Part 1, Logical Specifications, consists of three main sections that explain the SDTS conceptual model and SDTS spatial object types, components of a data quality report, and the layout of all SDTS modules. The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) is the maintenance authority for Part 1.

Part 2, Spatial Features, contains a catalogue of spatial features and associated attributes. It addresses a need for definition of common spatial feature terms to ensure greater compatibility in data transfers. It is limited to small- and medium-scale spatial features commonly used on topographic quadrangle maps and hydrographic charts. The USGS is the maintenance authority for Part 2.

Part 3, ISO 8211 Encoding, explains the use of ISO/IEC 8211:1994, Information technology—Specification for a data descriptive file for information interchange, to create SDTS file sets (i.e., transfers). Geography Markup Language (GML), which the FGDC has endorsed, now satisfies the encoding requirements that SDTS once provided. The USGS is the maintenance authority for Part 3.

Part 4, Topological Vector Profile (TVP), is an SDTS profile that limits options and identifies specific requirements for SDTS transfers of data sets consisting of topologically structured area and linear spatial features. The USGS is the maintenance authority for Part 4.

For more information about Parts 1-4 and links to Parts 1-4, visit <http://mcmweb.er.usgs.gov/sdts/standard.html>.

Part 5, Raster Profile and Extensions, is a profile for 2-dimensional image and gridded raster data. It permits alternate image file formats using the ISO Basic

Image Interchange Format (BIIF) or Georeferenced Tagged Information File Format (GeoTIFF). The USGS is the maintenance authority for Part 5. For more information about and a link to SDTS Part 5, visit http://www.fgdc.gov/standards/projects/FGDC-standards-projects/SDTS/sdts_pt5/index.html.

Part 6, Point Profile, is designed to transfer and archive digital geospatial point data that can have very precise locations. High precision National Geodetic Survey (NGS) geodetic network control point data and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) survey point data can use this profile. The NGS is the maintenance authority for Part 6. The NGS no longer supports download of NGS datasheets in SDTS format. The NGS now offers users the ability to download geodetic control datasheets in plain ASCII text and Shapefiles instead. For more information about and a link to SDTS Part 6, visit http://www.fgdc.gov/standards/projects/FGDC-standards-projects/SDTS/sdts_point/index.html.

Part 7, Computer Aided Design and Drafting (CADD) Profile, contains specifications for an SDTS profile for use with vector-based geographic data as represented in CADD software. This profile facilitates the translation of data between CADD packages without loss of data and between CADD and mainstream GIS packages. CADD software allows for several types of elements, in particular, three-dimensional elements and complex curves that are not commonly used by GIS. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is the maintenance authority for Part 7. It is no longer using the standard. For more information about and a link to SDTS Part 7, visit http://www.fgdc.gov/standards/projects/FGDC-standards-projects/SDTS/sdts_cadd/index.html.

Following the 90-day public comment period, the FGDC Standards Coordinator will collate comments into a report. The report and a recommendation based on the report will be forwarded to the FGDC Coordination Group (CG) for approval. The report and CG recommendation will then be forwarded to the FGDC Steering Committee for final decision. Following the FGDC Steering Committee decision, the decision will be announced on the FGDC Web site, <http://www.fgdc.gov>, and the **Federal Register**.

The FGDC coordinates the development of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI), which encompasses the policies, standards, and procedures for organizations to cooperatively produce and share geospatial data. Federal agencies that make up the FGDC develop the NSDI in