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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).

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On the dates below, as authorized by the provisions of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), as amended, and/or the MMPA, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), we issued requested permits subject to certain conditions set forth therein. For each permit for an endangered species, we 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 ESA.

ENDANGERED SPECIES

Permit number	Applicant	Receipt of application Federal Register notice	Permit issuance date
24385B	University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine	79 FR 15768; March 21, 2014	August 13, 2014.
24407B	Connecticut Zoological Society	79 FR 24445; April 30, 2014	September 5, 2014.
30341B	Dallas World Aquarium	79 FR 26452; May 8, 2014	November 25, 2014.
34712B	Louisiana State University Museum of Natural Science.	79 FR 36090; June 25, 2014	November 5, 2014.
32491B	Southwick's Zoo	79 FR 36090; June 25, 2014	January 26, 2015.
24200B	Zoological Society of San Diego	79 FR 52038; September 2, 2014	October 20, 2014.
701789	Binder Park Zoo	79 FR 65980; November 6, 2014	June 23, 2015.
003005	Louisiana State University	79 FR 72007; December 4, 2014	June 23, 2015.
10866B	Ox Ranch	80 FR 255; January 5, 2015	June 15, 2015.
50631B	Minnesota Zoological Gardens	80 FR 3249; January 22, 2015	April 3, 2015.
18705B	Jordan Mercer	80 FR 3249; January 22, 2015	April 2, 2015.
751619	Charles Mercer dba NBJ Zoological Park	80 FR 3249; January 22, 2015	June 5, 2015.
53174B	Disney's Animal Kingdom	80 FR 16694; March 30, 2015	June 3, 2015.
19311B	Adrian Cieslak	80 FR 24961; May 1, 2015	June 24, 2015.
63973B	Jeffery Dobbins	80 FR 24961; May 1, 2015	June 30, 2015.
57198B	Alaska Department of Fish and Game	80 FR 28296; May 18, 2015	July 9, 2015.
52803B	North Carolina State University	80 FR 28296; May 18, 2015	July 8, 2015.
65614B	Terry Small	80 FR 30263; May 27, 2015	July 9, 2015.
52662B	Norton-Brown Herbarium, University of Maryland.	80 FR 30263; May 27, 2015	June 29, 2015.
177999	Lori Snook	80 FR 33541; June 12, 2015	July 15, 2015.
676511	Virginia Zoological Park	80 FR 33541; June 12, 2015	July 23, 2015.
801652	U.S. Geological Survey, Alaska Science Center.	80 FR 33541; June 12, 2015	July 15, 2015.
64739B	Andrew Gwynn	80 FR 33541; June 12, 2015	July, 27, 2015.
63962B	Disney's Animal Kingdom	80 FR 33541; June 12, 2015	July 30, 2015.
54288B	Stanford University	80 FR 33541; June 12, 2015	August 13, 2015.
60999B	Wildlife Conservation Society	80 FR 33541; June 12, 2015	July 21, 2015.
53974B	Kingsley Rodrigo	80 FR 36554; June 25, 2015	June 25, 2015.
64252B	University of Pennsylvania/School of Veterinary Medicine.	80 FR 36554; June 25, 2015	August 13, 2015.
61389B	Exotic Feline Breeding Compound, Inc.	80 FR 36554; June 25, 2015	August 31, 2015.
789828	Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium	80 FR 36554; June 25, 2015	August 11, 2015.
69019B	Kyle Witwer	80 FR 39795; July 10, 2015	August 17, 2015.
48384B	Hurricane Aviaries, Inc.	80 FR 39795; July 10, 2015	August 20, 2015.
58979B	California Academy of Sciences	80 FR 43791; July 23, 2015	August 24, 2015.
71117B	Mark Corry	80 FR 46042; August 3, 2015	September 4, 2015.

MARINE MAMMALS

Permit number	Applicant	Receipt of application Federal Register notice	Permit issuance date
59492B	British Broadcasting Corporation—Ocean	80 FR 30263; May 27, 2015	August 31, 2015.
59633B	Melissa McKinney	80 FR 43790; July 23, 2015	September 4, 2015.

Availability of Documents

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, Branch of Permits, MS: IA, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041; fax (703) 358-2281.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered Species; 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. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (ESA) 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 October 19, 2015.

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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.*) 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.

III. Permit Applications

Endangered Species

Applicant: Michael Braun, Smithsonian Institute of Natural History, Washington, DC; PRT-70015B

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples from wild-caught red siskin (*Carduelis cucullata*) from Guyana for the purpose of scientific research.

Applicant: Houston Zoo, INC., Houston, TX; PRT-63550B

The applicant requests a permit to import three captive-bred African wild dog, (*Lycan pictus pictus*), for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 1-year period.

Applicant: Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Juneau, AK; PRT-43954A

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

Applicant: Rare Species Conservatory Foundation, Loxahatchee, FL; PRT-756101

The applicant requests amendment of a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) to add red siskin (*Carduelis cucullata*) to enhance the species propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Six Flags Discovery Kingdom, Vallejo, CA; PRT-676508

The applicant requests amendment of a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) to add the following species to enhance species propagation or survival: African penguin (*Spheniscus demersus*). This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Richard Papapietro, Saratoga, CA; PRT-74210B

The applicant requests a permit to import sport-hunted trophies of three