

available documentation did not demonstrate any American Indian descent, regardless of tribal affiliation. Even if Paugussett or other Indian ancestry could be determined for William Sherman, descent through one person with Indian ancestry does not meet the requirements of criterion 83.7(e) for tribal descent.

The Golden Hill Paugussett Tribe has not demonstrated that its membership is descended from a historic tribe, or tribes that combined and functioned as a single autonomous political entity. Therefore, the Golden Hill Paugussett Tribe does not meet criterion 83.7(e).

This determination is final and will become effective 90 days from the date of publication, unless a request for reconsideration is filed pursuant to § 83.11. The petitioner or any interested party may file a request for reconsideration of this determination with the Interior Board of Appeals (§ 83.11(a)(1)). The petitioner's or interested party's request must be received no later than 90 days after publication of the Assistant Secretary's determination in the Federal Register (§ 83.11(a)(2)).

Dated: September 16, 1996.

Ada E. Deer,

*Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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## Fish and Wildlife Service

### Notice of Receipt of Applications for Permit

The following applicants have applied 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.*):

PRT-819943

*Applicant:* Jack Sites, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT.

The applicant request a permit to import and re-export tartaruga (*Podocnemis expansa*) liver tissue samples collected by the Centro Nacional dos Quelonios da Amazonia, Brazil for scientific research.

PRT-819813

*Applicant:* Gary Dean Willis, Mesa, AZ.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) 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.

PRT-819755

*Applicant:* Michael Kiedrowski, Phoenix, AZ.

The applicant requests a permit to acquire through interstate commerce one male and one female San Esteban Island chuckwalla (*Sauromalus varius*) for enhancement of the species through captive propagation.

PRT-817945

*Applicant:* Zoological Society of San Diego, San Diego, CA.

The applicant request a permit to export one female Pygmy chimpanzee (*Pan paniscus*) born in captivity from Zoological Society of San Diego to Apenheul Primate Park, The Netherlands, for enhancement of the species through captive propagation.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 430, Arlington, Virginia 22203 and must be received by the Director within 30 days of the date of this publication.

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 the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 430, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone: (703/358-2104); FAX: (703/358-2281).

Dated: September 20, 1996.

Caroline Anderson,

*Acting Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority.*

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### Emergency Exemption: Issuance

On September 13, 1996, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) issued a permit (PRT-819183) to Denver Zoological Gardens, City Park, Denver, to import a captive born black rhinoceros (*Diceros bicornis*) from the Tennoji Zoological Garden, Osaka, Japan. The 30-day public comment period required by section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act was waived. The Service determined that an emergency affecting the survival of the rhino existed and that no reasonable alternative was available to the

applicant. Due to limited space, the juvenile rhino was at risk of potentially fatal injury from attacks by the adult rhinos brought on by the recent birth of another offspring.

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### Notice of Decision and Availability of Decision Documents on the Issuance of Permits for Incidental Take of Threatened and Endangered Species

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises the public that a decision has been made, incidental take permits have been issued, and decision documents are available, upon request, for 11 applications for permits to incidentally take threatened and endangered species, pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. Take would occur incidental to otherwise lawful land use activities (planned urban growth and associated infrastructure) within the planning area of the Natural Community Conservation Plan/Habitat Conservation Plan for the Central and Coastal Subregion of Orange County, California. **ADDRESSES:** Individuals wishing copies of the Record of Decision, Biological/Conference Opinion, or Findings and Recommendations should contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Carlsbad Field Office, 2730 Loker Avenue West, Carlsbad, California 92008.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Gail Kobetich, Field Supervisor, at the