

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

## Fish and Wildlife Service

## Notice of Receipt of Application for Endangered Species Permit

The following applicants have applied for permits 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-836697

*Applicant:* Bernice Constantin, U.S.

Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services, Gainesville, Florida

The applicant requests authorization to take (harass or translocate specimens to alleviate depredation of agricultural commodities and reduce hazards to human health or safety) the bald eagle, *Haliaeetus leucocephalus*, wood stork, *Mycteria americana*, peregrine falcon, *Falco peregrinus*, whooping crane, *Grus americana*, Puerto Rican plain pigeon, *Columba inornata wetmorei*, and roseate tern, *Sterna dougallii dougallii*, throughout the species ranges in Florida, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, for the purpose of enhancement of survival of the species.

PRT-837136

*Applicant:* Paul J. Marangelo, West Sand Lake, New York

The applicant requests authorization to take (salvage dead shells, and harass during surveys) the dwarf wedge mussel, *Alasmidonta heterodon*, throughout the species range in North Carolina, for the purpose of enhancement of survival of the species.

Written data or comments on these applications should be submitted to: Regional Permit Biologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia 30345. All data and comments must be received by January 12, 1998.

Documents and other information submitted with this application 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, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia 30345 (Attn: David Dell, Permit Biologist). Telephone: 404/679-7313; Fax: 404/679-7081.

Dated: November 26, 1997.

**Bill A. Grabill,**

*Acting Regional Director.*

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*Applicant:* James Meehan, Edgewater, MD, PRT-837140.

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.

*Applicant:* Linda Winkler, University of Pittsburgh, Titusville, PA, PRT-835441.

The applicant requests a permit to import mantled howler monkey (*Alouatta palliata*) blood and feces samples collected at LaSuerte, Costa Rica, for the purpose of scientific research.

*Applicant:* Carla Cicero, University of California, Berkeley, CA, PRT-836805.

The applicant requests a permit to export hair samples collected from museum specimens of cheetah (*Acononyx jubatus*), Southern sea otter (*Enhydra lutris nereis*), clouded leopard (*Neofelis nebulosa*), and leopard cat (*Felis Prionailurus bengalensis bengalensis*), to Yeong-Tyi Day, National Pingtung Polytechnic Institute, Taiwan, for the purpose of scientific research.

*Applicant:* Randy Miller, Acton, CA, PRT-835825.

The applicant requests a permit to export and reimport two captive born leopard (*Panthera pardus*) and progeny of the animals currently held by the applicant and any animals acquired in the United States by the applicant to/from worldwide locations to enhance the survival of the species through conservation education. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a three year period.

*Applicant:* Gentle Jungle, Lebec, CA, PRT-837241.

The applicant requests a permit to export and reimport one captive born tiger (*Panthera tigris*), and progeny of the animals currently held by the applicant and any animals acquired in the United States by the applicant to/from worldwide locations to enhance the survival of the species through conservation education. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a three year period.

*Applicant:* White River Bison Farm, Anderson, IN, PRT-836462.

The applicant requests a permit to import one male and one female captive born yearling wood bison (*Bison bison athabasca*) for the purpose of 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 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203 and must be received by the Director on or before January 12, 1998.

The public is invited to comment on the following application for permits to conduct certain activities with marine mammals. The application was submitted to satisfy requirements of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing marine mammals (50 CFR 18).

*Applicant:* Monterey Bay Aquarium, Monterey, CA, PRT-837131.

*Permit Type:* Take for enhancing the survival or recovery of the species [Sec 104(c)(4)(A) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act].

*Name and Number of Animals:* Southern sea otter (*Enhydra lutris nereis*). Opportunistic recovery of beached/stranded animals.

*Summary of Activity to be Authorized:* The applicant proposes to take (rescue, rehabilitate, and display) southern sea otters. Public display of these sea otters will be limited to specially constructed facilities which the applicant proposes allows the public to view normal rehabilitation procedures, while shielding otters undergoing rehabilitation from the sight and sounds of the viewing public. The applicants purpose for this exhibit is enhancement of the species through rehabilitation of stranded specimens and public education.

*Source of Marine Mammals:* Natural range of southern sea otters in California waters.

*Period of Activity:* Up to 5 years from issuance date of permit, if issued.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the Office of Management Authority is