

1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*).

PRT-838053

Applicant: Ohio Division of Wildlife, Columbus, Ohio; Michael J. Budzik, Chief.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and breed in captivity) Karner blue butterfly (*Lycaeides melissa samuelis*). Capture will occur in Allegan County, Michigan, and captive breeding will occur at The Toledo Zoological Gardens, Toledo, Ohio. Activities are proposed for the purpose of preparation for future reestablishment of populations in historical areas of the species' range for the purpose of survival and enhancement of the species in the wild.

PRT-838055

Applicant: Ecological Specialists, Inc., St. Peters, Missouri; Heidi L. Dunn, President.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and release; relocate) Higgins' eye pearlymussel (*Lampsilis higginsii*) and winged mapleleaf mussel (*Quadrula fragosa*) in Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin in the Mississippi River and all its tributary rivers. Activities are proposed for the purpose of presence/absence surveys and relocation aimed at survival and enhancement of the species in the wild.

PRT-838056

Applicant: Joseph R. Holomuzki, Ohio State University—Mansfield, Mansfield, Ohio.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and release) Hungerford's crawling water beetle (*Brychius hungerfordi*) in the Cheyobogan River watershed, Michigan. Activities are proposed for the purpose of scientific research aimed at survival and enhancement of the species in the wild.

PRT-838058

Applicant: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Environmental Analysis Branch, Memphis, Tennessee; Kristin J. Pelizza, principal investigator.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and release) fat pocketbook [*Potamilus (=Proptera) capax*], pink mucket pearlymussel [*Lampsilis abrupta (=orbiculata)*], and winged mapleleaf mussel (*Quadrula fragosa*) in the following counties in Missouri: Bollinger, Butler, Cape Girardeau, Mississippi, New Madrid, Ripley, Scott, Stoddard, and Wayne. Activities are proposed to document presence or absence of the species for the purpose of survival and enhancement of the species in the wild.

PRT-838059

Applicant: David E. Kamms, Parma, Ohio.

The applicant requests a permit to take (salvage dead shells) of the following species: clubshell (*Pleurobema clava*), cracking pearlymussel [*Hemistena (=Lastena) lata*], Curtis' pearlymussel [*Epioblasma (Dysnomia) florentina curtisii*], fanshell [*Cyprogenia stegaria (=irrorata)*], fat pocketbook [*Potamilus (=Proptera) plenum*], Higgins' eye pearlymussel (*Lampsilis higginsii*), northern riffleshell (*Epioblasma torulosa rangiana*), orange-foot pimple back pearlymussel (*Plethobasus cooperianus*), pink mucket pearlymussel [*Lampsilis abrupta (=orbiculata)*], purple cat's paw pearlymussel [*Epioblasma (=Dysnomia) obliquata obliquata (=sulcata sulcata)*], ring pink (=golf stick pearly) mussel (*Obovaria retusa*), rough pigtoe (*Pleurobema plenum*), tubercled-blossom pearlymussel [*Epioblasma (=Dysnomia) torulosa torulosa*], turgid-blossom pearlymussel [*Epioblasma (=Dysnomia) turgidula*], white cat's paw pearlymussel [*Epioblasma (=Dysnomia) obliquata perobliqua*], white wartyback pearlymussel (*Plethobasus cicatricosus*), and winged mapleleaf mussel (*Quadrula fragosa*) in the following states: Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin. Activities are proposed for the purpose of scientific research aimed at survival and enhancement of the species in the wild.

PRT-838062

Applicant: Paul R. Burton, Ephraim, Wisconsin.

The applicant requests a permit to take (salvage dead specimens; capture, harass by holding and examination, and release of live specimens) Hine's emerald dragonfly (*Somatochlora hineana*) in Door County, Wisconsin. Activities are proposed to document the morphology of the species for the purpose of survival and enhancement of the species in the wild.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Operations, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111-4056, and must be received within 30 days of the date of this publication.

Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review 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, Ecological Services Operations,

1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111-4056. Telephone: (612/725-3536 x224); FAX: (612/725-3526).

Dated: January 8, 1998.

Matthias A. Kerschbaum,

Acting Assistant Regional Director, IL, IN, MO (Ecological Services), Region 3, Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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.*):

Applicant: The Field Museum, Chicago, IL, PRT-838179.

The applicant requests a permit to import tissue samples from Cuban solenodon (*Solenodon cubanus*) and Haitian solenodon (*Solenodon paradoxus*) from the collection of the Academia de Ciencias de Cuba for the purpose of scientific research. This notice covers activities conducted by the applicant over a period of five years.

Applicant: The Field Museum, Chicago, IL, PRT-838206.

The applicant requests a permit to re-export scientific specimens of the red uakari (*Cacajao calvus*) borrowed from the Swedish Museum of Natural History for purpose of scientific research.

Applicant: College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, PRT-838219.

The applicant requests a permit to import plasma samples taken from captive-hatched Galapagos tortoise (*Geochelone nigra*) at the Charles Darwin Research Station, Galapagos Islands, Ecuador for the purpose of scientific research.

Applicant: Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, IL, PRT-838246.

The applicant requests a permit to import skin and skeletal material from eight mouse lemurs (*Microcebus sp.*) collected from the wild for the purpose of scientific research related to taxonomic studies.

Applicant: John M. La Sala, Seaford, NY PRT-838205.

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.

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 within 30 days of the date of this publication.

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: New College of the University of South Florida, Division of Social Sciences, Sarasota, FL, PRT-837923.

Permit Type: Take for scientific research.

Name and Number of Animals: manatee (*Trichechus manatus*), 2

Summary of Activity to be

Authorized: The applicant requests a permit to take two captive manatees for scientific research of manatee behavior including, visual acuity, concept formation, and motor imitation.

Source of Marine Mammals: The research involves two captive manatees housed at Mote Marine Laboratory, Sarasota, FL.

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

Applicant: University of Florida, Department of Chemistry, Gainesville, FL, PRT-837797.

Permit Type: Import for Scientific Research.

Name and Number of Animals: polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*), 5 samples.

Summary of Activity to be

Authorized: The applicant requests a permit to import ear punch samples surplus to Canadian researchers' studies for the purpose of scientific research related to the genetic evolution of polar bear.

Source of Marine Mammals: Canada, as described above.

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 forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and the Committee of Scientific Advisors for their review.

Applicant: Dean Palmer, Williamsport, PA, PRT-838172

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the Viscount Melville Sound polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada prior to April 30, 1994, for personal use.

Applicant: Thomas Cochran, New Castle, PA, PRT-838178

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the Gulf of Boothia polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada prior to April 30, 1994, for personal use.

Written data or comments, requests for copies of any of these complete applications, or requests for a public hearing on these applications should be sent to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203, telephone 703/358-2104 or fax 703/358-2281 and must be received within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice. Anyone requesting a hearing should give specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate. The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Director.

Documents and other information submitted with the 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 above address within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: January 9, 1998.

MaryEllen Amtower,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Issuance of Permit for Marine Mammals

On May 26, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 58, Page 14438, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by John Hoyer, Brillion, WI, for a permit (PRT-826773) to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy, taken from the Northern Beaufort Sea population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on December 23, 1997, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16

U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On October 10, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 197, Page 53016, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by the University of Alaska Museum, Fairbanks, AK for a permit (PRT-832903) to import biological specimens of polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*), walrus (*Odobenus rosmarus*), and sea otter (*Enhydra lutris*) for the purpose of scientific research.

Notice is hereby given that on December 22, 1997, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On October 21, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 203, Page 54648, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Lawrence Epping, Salem, OR, for a permit (PRT-835236) to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy, taken from the Lancaster Sound population, Northwest Territories, Canada prior to April 30, 1994, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on December 12, 1997, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On October 10, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 197, Page 53016, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Randy Deeter, Anchorage, AK, for a permit (PRT-834963) to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy, taken from the Lancaster Sound population, Northwest Territories, Canada. The bear Mr. Deeter hunted was taken from the Southern Beaufort Sea population. The original notice was incorrect.

Notice is hereby given that on December 16, 1997, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On October 10, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 197, Page 53016, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Frederick Steudler, Jr., Conestoga, PA, for a permit