

as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* December 14, 1998.

*Time:* 11:30 am to 12:30 pm.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* NIH, RockledgeII, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* J. Terrell Hoffeld, PhD, DDS, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4116, MSC 7816, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1781.

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*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* December 16, 1998.

*Time:* 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* J. Terrell Hoffeld, PhD, DDS, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4116, MSC 7816, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1781.

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*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* December 18, 1998.

*Time:* 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Garrett V. Keefer, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4190, MSC 7808, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1152.

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*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* December 21, 1998.

*Time:* 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Marcelina B. Powers, DVM, MS, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive,

Room 4152, MSC 7804, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1720.

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*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* December 21, 1998.

*Time:* 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Marcia Litwack, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4150, MSC 7804, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1719.

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*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* December 21, 1998.

*Time:* 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Edmund Copeland, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4142, MSC 7804, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1715.

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*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* December 22, 1998.

*Time:* 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Marcia Litwack, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4150, MSC 7804, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1719.

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*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* December 22, 1998.

*Time:* 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Marcelina B. Powers, DVM, MS, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4152, MSC 7804, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1720.

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Dated: December 10, 1998.

**LaVerne Y. Stringfield,**

*Committee Management Officer, NIH.*

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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.*):

PRT-005724

*Applicant:* American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY.

The applicant requests a permit to import black lemur (*Eulemur macaco*) blood samples from France for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

PRT-786600

*Applicant:* National Marine Fisheries Service, La Jolla, CA.

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples collected as salvage or from live animals in a non-invasive manner of green (*Chelonia mydas*), hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), leatherback (*Demochelys coriacea*), loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*), and olive ridley (*Lepidochelys olivacea*) sea turtles for enhancement of survival of the species through scientific research. The permit, if issued, will cover the authorized activities for a period of up to five years.

PRT-005834

*Applicant:* Texas Memorial Museum (University of Texas at Austin), Austin, TX.

The applicant requests a permit to export and re-import non-living museum specimens of endangered and threatened species of animals previously accessioned into the permittee's collection for scientific research. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant for a five year period.

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.

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 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone: (703/358-2104); FAX: (703/358-2281).

Dated: December 11, 1998.

**MaryEllen Amtower,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Geological Survey

#### **Request for Public Comments on Proposed Three Year Program of Customer Satisfaction Information Collection—To Be Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act**

A plan for the three-year proposed information collection program described herein has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of the proposed information collection plan may be obtained by contacting the USGS's Clearance Officer at the phone number listed below or e-mail [customer@www.usgs.gov](mailto:customer@www.usgs.gov). OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection, but may respond after 30 days; therefore, public comments should be submitted directly to the Desk Officer for the Interior Department, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 and to the Bureau Clearance Officer, USGS, National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, M.S. 208, Reston, Virginia 20192. Telephone 703/648-7313.

Specific public comments are requested as to:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper

performance of the functions of the USGS, including whether the information will have practical utility;

2. The accuracy of the USGS estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

3. The quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

4. How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

*Title:* USGS Customer Surveys—Generic Clearance.

*OMB approval number:* New collection.

*Abstract:* The USGS provides science for a changing world by delivering reliable and impartial information that describes the Earth, its natural processes, and its natural species. Much of this information is used to minimize the loss of life and property from natural disasters; manage water, biological, energy, and mineral resources; enhance and protect quality of life; and to contribute to wise societal, economic, and physical development. The USGS recognizes that excellent customer service is a key component of good government and that its interface with customers reflects the effectiveness of its organization. USGS is committed to engaging customers in a dialog to identify customer needs and satisfaction levels, and to deliver USGS products, information and services to customers in a timely and accurate manner.

Under the proposed three year information collection program, voluntary customer surveys will be conducted to ascertain customer satisfaction with the products, information and services of the USGS. Measures such as timeliness, accessibility, accuracy, availability, product and service quality, service responsiveness, and courtesy of service will serve as the focus of these surveys. The surveys will involve individuals who interact directly with the USGS to use or to request its products, information and/or services. Over the three-year period, the USGS will focus on encouraging and obtaining satisfaction feedback from customers involved in three areas of effort: partnerships and cooperative agreements, technical assistance, and public inquiries and requests for publications, information, services, maps, and/or other products. This last area will also include a survey of our web-page customers to ensure that our web pages are useful and easy to access and read. For the partnerships and

cooperative agreements area, the USGS will ask its partners and cooperators (many of whom work for State government agencies) for feedback about our service and whether or not we are meeting their needs. For the technical assistance area, USGS will ask customers who have requested scientific technical assistance if this assistance has been provided in a timely manner, with courtesy, and whether or not the assistance met the customer's expectations. In the public inquiries and requests for information, products, and services area, customers of USGS web pages, Information Centers, and map sales centers will be asked if the service was satisfactory and if the product was delivered in a timely manner.

To minimize burden on respondents, the surveys will be conducted using a variety of mechanisms ranging from questionnaires, comment cards, electronic queries and web-based feedback systems to focus groups. Customer information gathered from the surveys will be used to evaluate and improve satisfaction levels and to better meet customer needs. The average burden per response for these activities is estimated to range from 5 minutes for a simple comment card to 1 hour for a focus group. Summarized results of customer satisfaction surveys will be published annually by the USGS in a *Report to Customers*, which will be made available to customers through USGS information centers and through its web pages.

*Bureau form number:* None.

*Frequency:* An estimated 10-20 surveys (ranging from comment cards, web-based and electronic surveys, and mail-out questionnaires) and 5-10 focus groups per year to evaluate customer satisfaction with specific products, information and services.

*Description of respondents:*

Representatives of state, local, and tribal government agencies; universities and schools; non-government and nonprofit natural resource organizations; and some private citizens.

*Estimated completion time:* Varies depending upon the mechanism used: approximately 5 minutes for a comment card to one hour for a focus group session.

*Annual responses:* Approximately 20 survey each with 500 responses and 10 focus groups each with 25 responses.

*Annual burden hours:* 2250 hours. (20 surveys) (500 responses) (0.2 hours)+(10 focus groups) (25 responses) (1 hour)

*Bureau clearance officer:* John Cordyack, 703/648-7313.